

Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)001

Question Serial No.

2788

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (700) General non-recurrent

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF), established in 2002, has been criticised for its complex application procedures. Will the procedures be simplified in 2013-14?

Would the Administration update this Committee on the utilisation of CIIF? Will details of the funded organisations and projects be made available for public inspection via, for example, the internet?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

In 2009 and 2010, the Secretariat revised the application form and assessment criteria to provide a clearer guidance on funding requirements. The Secretariat will review from time to time whether there is scope to further streamline administrative procedures.

By mid-March 2013, CIIF had allocated about \$270 million to implement 258 projects. The CIIF website (<http://www.ciif.gov.hk>) contains information on all funded projects including the name of grantees, approved amount and a brief project summary of each project.

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Date:

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary of Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the estimate for Director of Bureau's Office under this programme, would the Administration advise us of the following:

- (a) The revised estimate for 2012-13 is 23.5% less while the estimate for the coming year (2013-14) is 29.7% more. What are the reasons for that?
- (b) It was stated in the Estimates that the increased provision to this programme was reserved for filling the positions of Under Secretary and Political Assistant. What are the current details of the recruitment and vacancies? Why is the estimate for the coming year slightly different from the 2012-13 figure?
- (c) How will the provision be disposed of if the vacancies for Under Secretary and Political Assistant remain unfilled in the coming year (2013-14)? Will the Administration reassess whether these posts are required?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

- (a) Provision earmarked for filling the positions of Under Secretary and Political Assistant was included in the original estimate for 2012-13. Since the former has not yet been filled and the latter was filled in November 2012, the unused provision was not included in the revised estimate for 2012-13. The estimate for 2013-14 is 29.7% higher than the revised estimate for 2012-13, mainly owing to the provision reserved for filling the vacancy of Under Secretary in 2013-14.
- (b) and (c) The Political Assistant has assumed duty since November 2012, whereas the position of Under Secretary will be filled if and when a suitable candidate is identified. The provision for 2013-14 is revised to reflect the actual cash remuneration for the Political Assistant. Any unused provision will be dealt with in accordance with established procedures.

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

LWB(WW)003

Question Serial No.

0105

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) What is the reason for a significant reduction of 11.2% in the revised estimate for 2012-13 as compared to the original estimate? What is the breakdown of the reduced amount?
- (b) The Administration states that the increase of 17% in the provision for the coming year (2013-14) is due to increased support for the work of the Women's Commission (WoC). Please list the items added and give a breakdown of the expenditure involved.
- (c) Did the WoC and the Administration carry out any study and give any recommendations on the aspects of employment situation of women, women in poverty and family-friendly policies in the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? If yes, what were the details and the timing of such study/studies? What were the expenditure and manpower involved? If no, will related studies be considered in the coming year (2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The difference between the original and revised estimates for 2012-13 in Programme (3) under Head 141 was mainly due to the savings achieved in organising public education and publicity activities by WoC and in participating in regional and international conferences as well as savings in departmental expense and personal emoluments. The reduced expenditure did not involve any reduction in service or support to WoC.
- (b) In 2013-14, a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013" will be published to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. We will also follow up the production of a new corporate video on WoC and organise a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its application.

- (c) The Administration and WoC did not conduct any study on the employment situation of women and women in poverty from 2010-11 to 2012-13. In 2013-14, the Census and Statistics Department will be commissioned to conduct a survey on the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents. The Labour Department (LD) completed a study on legislating for paternity leave in Hong Kong in 2012. The study looked into the practices of other economies and the provision of paternity leave by local enterprises, the impact of legislating for paternity leave, as well as the various policy, legal and implementation issues that need to be addressed in legislating for paternity leave. The findings of the study were reported to the Labour Advisory Board and the Panel on Manpower of the Legislative Council. As the study was conducted by existing staff among their other duties, the manpower and staff costs involved were absorbed by LD and were not separately accounted for.

Name in block letters:	Miss Annie Tam
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

By 31 March 2013, our fiscal reserves are expected to be \$734 billion, equivalent to 36% of GDP or 23 months of government expenditure. Fiscal reserves are estimated at \$729.1 billion by end-March 2014, representing approximately 34% of GDP or equivalent to 20 months of government expenditure. Fiscal reserves are estimated at \$850.3 billion by end-March 2018, representing 31% of GDP or 21 months of government expenditure. In view of the huge fiscal reserves, will the Administration consider drawing part of the fiscal reserves for setting up an old age pension fund by making reference to the voluntary health protection scheme, so as to meet the challenges posed by the ageing population?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

Retirement protection is a very complicated and controversial subject, involving issues such as affordability and sustainability. There are also diverse views in the community, and we must consider the matter very carefully. While the Administration will continue to reinforce and enhance the existing three pillars under the retirement protection system and study retirement protection in depth in an open, pragmatic and prudent manner, it will work towards a consensus in the community on how we should take forward retirement protection in Hong Kong.

The Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force under CoP will focus on policy matters related to the social security and retirement protection system. The Task Force agreed at its second meeting of 18 March to invite Professor Nelson Chow Wing-sun to conduct a study on retirement protection so as to form a basis for future deliberations. The study is expected to be completed within one year.

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Date: 8.4.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)005

Question Serial No.

3223

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention, the Bureau will “contribute to the work of the Commission on Poverty in considering poverty alleviation policies and measures in the area of social welfare”. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Has the Administration provided information related to the studies and background of the poverty line to facilitate the Commission’s discussion? If yes, what are the details?
- (b) Is the work in support of the Commission to set the poverty line expected to be completed this year? If not, what is the timetable for completion?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The setting of the poverty line is being followed up by the the Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force of the Commission on Poverty. The Administration has been providing background information (including overseas experience, functions of poverty line and the major considerations of setting the poverty line), research support and analysis, and preliminary data for members’ discussion. The Administration is confident that the poverty line will be set within 2013.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)006

Question Serial No.

2041

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 108 of the Policy Address that “to enhance co-ordination among various policy bureaux and departments in implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, we will review the Commissioner for Rehabilitation's duties, responsibilities and ranking, as well as the establishment and manpower of his or her team”. Would the Administration please inform the Committee of the heading under which the expenditure is listed in the Budget, the details of the review and how the Convention will be implemented?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The post of Commissioner for Rehabilitation (C for R) is under the establishment of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and is responsible to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare for the formulation of the overall rehabilitation policy for persons with disabilities, and for co-ordinating and facilitating all government departments, public organisations and non-governmental organisations in the development and provision of rehabilitation services. Following the application of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) to Hong Kong in 2008, C for R has henceforth taken up the role as the focal point within the Government for matters relating to the implementation of the Convention while the relevant bureaux and departments assume the responsibility for ensuring that the policies and measures under their purview are in compliance with the spirit and provisions of the Convention.

LWB is at present conducting a review of the duties and responsibilities and ranking of C for R, as well as the establishment and manpower of his or her team. LWB will consult the relevant bureaux and departments in the process and will seek the necessary approval as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Chief Executive states in his Policy Address that the Government is studying the extension of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to eligible children with disabilities aged under 12. Would the Administration detail the budget, specific plans and timetable of the work in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Transport Department, Social Welfare Department, relevant transport operators and the Octopus Cards Limited are considering the technical and operational arrangements for extending the Scheme to children with 100% disabilities aged below 12 receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or Disability Allowance, enabling them to travel on the general MTR lines, franchised buses and ferries at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip.

We propose to implement the extension in early 2014 and the resources required in 2013-14 will be absorbed by LWB.

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

LWB(WW)008

Question Serial No.

2052

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government plans to adopt median income as a criterion for devising poverty line. Please set out in table form the numbers of households and persons whose income, excluding Higher Old Age Allowance (commonly known as “fruit money”), was below 40%, 50% and 60% of the median income and below the median income over the past five years (i.e.2008-2012).

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Income less than 40% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 50% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 60% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than overall median income for Hong Kong					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Monthly household income collected from the General Household Survey of the Census and Statistics Department refers to the total cash income (including earnings from all jobs and other cash incomes such as the Old Age Allowance(OAA)) received in the month before enumeration by all members of the household. The Administration has no readily available statistics on household income with OAA excluded.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)009

Question Serial No.

2053

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government plans to adopt median income as a criterion for devising poverty line. Please set out in table form the numbers of households and persons whose income, without counting housing benefits transfer, was below 40%, 50% and 60% of the median income and below the median income over the past five years (i.e. 2008-2012).

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Income less than 40% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 50% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 60% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than overall median income for Hong Kong					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Monthly household income collected from the General Household Survey (GHS) of the Census and Statistics Department does not include transfer value of housing benefits. The statistics on household income currently published are already without the transfer value of housing benefits.

Based on the data obtained from GHS, statistics on households and persons with monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than 40%, 50%, 60% and 100% of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs) for 2008 to 2011 have been compiled (except for those for 2012 which are not yet available) and are given below.

Monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than the respective percentage of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs)	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	No. of HH	No. of PP	No. of HH	No. of PP	No. of HH	No. of PP	No. of HH	No. of PP
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)
40%	266.8	681.8	270.0	697.7	260.7	656.6	259.8	655.0
50%	442.3	1 157.5	436.4	1 154.0	415.3	1 100.4	435.4	1 128.1
60%	597.5	1 605.6	621.8	1 644.7	602.7	1 609.7	618.0	1 626.6
100%	1 117.3	3 208.3	1 137.2	3 235.9	1 140.8	3 227.1	1 163.6	3 271.1

Note: HH = domestic households; PP = persons

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary of Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that “provision for 2013-14 is \$2.7 million (29.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2012-13. This is mainly due to full-year provision required for filling the positions of Under Secretary and Political Assistant”. In this regard, will the Administration inform this Committee of the progress of recruitment for the Under Secretary and the date the newly appointed Under Secretary is expected to assume duty, as well as the respective estimated remuneration expenses of the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The position of Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare will be filled if and when a suitable candidate is identified.

For budgetary purposes, the provisions for the salary in respect of the positions of Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau for 2013-14 are \$3.38 million, \$2.54 million and \$1.18 million respectively.

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

LWB(WW)011

Question Serial No.

3142

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Will the Administration advise this Committee on the following: regarding the studies undertaken by the Administration on relevant welfare policies, please set out in detail the studies undertaken in the past two years (2011-12 to 2012-13), the expenditure incurred in each study and the organisation engaged, as well as the studies to be conducted in the next two years (starting from 2013-14) and the estimated expenditure for each study.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The studies conducted under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the expenditure incurred for each study in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13) were as follows –

Scope of Study	Commencement and Completion Date of Study	Name of Consultant	Expenditure in 2011-13 (\$'000)
The Elderly Commission's Consultancy Study on Community Care Services for the Elderly	Commenced in April 2010 and completed in June 2011	Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong	978
Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	Commenced in October 2010 and completed in September 2012	The City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	846
Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	Commenced in 2008 and completed in end-2012	Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1,925

At the moment, the LWB does not have planned studies to be conducted in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)012

Question Serial No.

3143

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14, the Bureau will “contribute to the work of the Commission on Poverty in considering poverty alleviation policies and measures in the area of social welfare”. Would the Administration provide this Committee with: the estimated manpower and resources involved in the work in the next three financial years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16); a comparison with the manpower and resources in this area in the past three financial years (2010-11 to 2012-13); and the detailed plans of the above work in the coming year (2013-14). In view of the worsening of the wealth-gap problems, will the Administration make an overall review of Hong Kong’s development mode in all aspects so as to work out comprehensive and pragmatic measures to alleviate the wealth-gap problems? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

After the former Commission on Poverty (CoP) concluded its work in 2007, the Administration set up the Task Force on Poverty (TFP), headed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW) and comprising representatives from relevant bureaux/departments, to follow up the former CoP’s recommendations and coordinate the Government’s efforts in alleviating poverty. The Poverty Team in the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) provided secretariat support to TFP.

In December 2012, the Administration appointed a new CoP to review the effectiveness of existing poverty alleviation policies, formulate new policies to prevent and alleviate both poverty and social exclusion, as well as promote upward social mobility. SLW is an ex-officio member of the CoP and the vice-chairperson of the Social Security and Retirement Protection (SS&RP) Task Force of CoP. The Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare is an ex-officio member of all the six Task Forces of the CoP. LWB assists the CoP Secretariat in servicing three of the six Task Forces, namely the SS&RP Task Force, the Education, Employment and Training Task Force and the Special Needs Groups Task Force. In this regard, the Poverty Team of LWB provides policy input and coordinates contributions from other policy teams of the Bureau.

The Poverty Team in LWB now comprises two Administrative Officers, one Executive Officer and two secretarial and clerical support staff. The provision for the Team in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 was \$3.71 million, \$3.49 million and \$4.19 million respectively, whereas the estimated provision in 2013-14 is \$4.20 million. One of the Administrative Officer posts, namely the Principal Assistant Secretary (Poverty) (at D2 level), is a supernumerary post which is due to lapse in March 2014. We will keep in view the staffing requirement of the Poverty Team.

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

LWB(WW)013

Question Serial No.

3255

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will “oversee the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities” (the Scheme). In this regard, will the Administration inform this Committee of: the estimated expenditure on fare subsidies and estimated total number of beneficiaries over the next three financial years (i.e. from 2013-14 onwards); the daily average number of beneficiaries and daily average amount of reimbursement provided to the various public transport operators since the implementation of the Scheme, with a breakdown by mode of transport from Monday to Sunday; whether the Administration will extend the Scheme to cover more modes of transport (e.g. green mini-bus); and if so, the anticipated lead time required for applying the technologies and putting in place the data management and settlement platform involved, and the expected time for implementing the extended Scheme at the earliest?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

For 2013-14, the estimated amount for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is \$596,991,000. The estimated average daily passenger trips to be taken by beneficiaries under the Scheme in 2013 is 691 718. In the light of the further operating experience of the Scheme, we will be better placed to estimate the expenditure for 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Since the launch of the Scheme till end-January 2013, the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities under the Scheme were as follows :

Public transport operators	Average daily passenger trips (up to end-January 2013 ^(Notes 1 & 2))	
	Elderly ^(Notes 3)	Eligible persons ^(Note 4) with disabilities
MTR Corporation Limited	209 000	34 000
Franchised bus operators	358 000	42 000

^(Note1) We have no breakdown on the days of the week.

^(Note2) Figures for February and March 2013 are not yet available. The patronage for New Lantao Bus and ferry operators is excluded since they have only implemented the Scheme on 3 March 2013.

^(Note3) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

^(Note4) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

Since the launch of the Scheme till 20 March 2013, we have reimbursed the following amount of revenue forgone to the public transport operators concerned:

Public transport operators	Reimbursement made as at 20 March 2013 (\$ '000)
MTR Corporation Limited	86,001
Franchised bus operators	139,057
Ferry operators	344

There are a large number of green minibus operators. Many of them are of small-scale with different modes of operation and financial positions. It will take some time to study the issues involved in the suggestion of extending the Scheme to green minibuses before a view is taken on this issue.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)014

Question Serial No.

1340

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the reserved emolument expenditure for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant of the Bureau in 2013-14 respectively?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

For budgetary purposes, the provisions for the salary in respect of the positions of Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau for 2013-14 are \$3.38 million, \$2.54 million and \$1.18 million respectively.

Name in block letters:	Miss Annie Tam
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention that the skills centres managed by the Vocational Training Council (VTC) will develop new courses and modify existing ones to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities. Would the Administration advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) The details of the specific work of the skill centres in 2013-14 (including course information), and the expenditure involved.
- (b) Whether the modified courses will affect the existing trainees.
- (c) Whether the Administration will assess the effectiveness of the project. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) The placement rates of persons with disabilities trained in the skills centres over the past three years (2010-11 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided as follows:

The three Skills Centres run by VTC offer a range of market-driven vocational training courses and services for persons with disabilities aged 15 or above to enhance their employment prospects and facilitate their integration into society. These include training courses in commerce and retailing services, information technology, catering and hotel housekeeping services, personal and beauty care services, packaging, bakery and pastry, and event management services, etc. The Skills Centres also provide trainees with placement services which include sourcing career opportunities for them and providing follow-up career support services to help graduates better settle in their workplace and retain their jobs. The expenditure is estimated to be \$95.4 million in 2013-14.

- (b) Existing trainees will not be affected as modified courses will be introduced only after their graduation.

- (c) To ensure that the training provided meets the needs of the trainees and market demands, the Skills Centres regularly review and assess the effectiveness of their training programmes and develop new ones in consultation with the industries and the Committee on Vocational Training for People with Disabilities of VTC which comprises representatives from relevant Government departments and various sectors of the community.
- (d) The placement rates of economically active graduates of the Skills Centres from 2009-10 to 2011-12 ranged from 82% to 89%. The placement rate for 2012-13 is not yet available.

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

LWB(WW)016

Question Serial No.

1370

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14, it is stated that the Bureau will contribute to the work of the Commission on Poverty. Please advise on the extent of contribution by the Administration, as well as the estimated expenditure and staffing in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare is an ex-officio member of the Commission of Poverty (CoP) and the vice-chairperson of the Social Security and Retirement Protection (SS&RP) Task Force of CoP. The Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare is an ex-officio member of all the six Task Forces of the CoP. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) assists the CoP Secretariat in servicing three of the six Task Forces, namely the SS&RP Task Force, the Education, Employment and Training Task Force and the Special Needs Groups Task Force. In this regard, the Poverty Team of LWB provides policy input and coordinates contributions from other policy teams of the Bureau.

The Poverty Team comprises two Administrative Officers, one Executive Officer and two secretarial and clerical support staff. The provision for the Team in 2013-14 is estimated to be \$4.2 million.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)017

Question Serial No.

1371

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that it will continue to oversee the implementation of the enhanced planning mechanism made by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) in its study report on long-term social welfare planning. Please advise on the details of the plan, the actual expenditure involved and manpower required last year (2012-13), and the estimated expenditure and follow-up actions in the coming year (2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Administration has implemented the enhanced mechanism as proposed by SWAC since 2012. The mechanism provides an annual platform for consultation and planning for the future development and delivery of welfare services at district level, central level, and advisory committees level on a regular basis. We will continue to closely monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the enhanced mechanism.

The manpower and expenditure involved are absorbed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)018

Question Serial No.

3112

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the records management work over the past three years (to 2012):

- (a) 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;

- (b) 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

- (c) 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

- (d) 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:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Chief Management Services Officer (Welfare) is appointed as the Departmental Records Manager (DRM) and is responsible for establishing and implementing a comprehensive departmental records management programme. The DRM is assisted by Senior Executive Officer (Welfare) Administration, appointed as the Assistant DRM, in monitoring records management activities in the bureau. These two officers are also responsible for bureau administration.
- (b)&(c) From 2010 to 2012, LWB did not have closed records pending transfer to GRS for appraisal, nor were there records which had been transferred to GRS for retention.
- (d) Details of approval given by GRS from 2010 to 2012 for the LWB to destroy records are provided in the following table –

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
Administrative records	1964 to 2007	1,990 (99.5 linear metres)	Not applicable	Not applicable	No

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)019

Question Serial No.

1549

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information:

- (a) Why is there a substantial decrease of 13.8% in the 2012-13 revised estimate against the original estimate of \$325 million? Regarding the reduction in estimate, please provide the details of the items involved, the amount of money and the reasons.
- (b) Under this Programme, there is an increase of 22.5% (\$63.3 million) in the estimate for 2013-14. This is mainly due to increased provision for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients, financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others, departmental expenses as well as increased cash flow requirement for non-recurrent items. Please provide in details how the increased funding will be used on the above-mentioned programme and items.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows :

- (a) The revised estimate for 2012-13 is \$44.9 million or 13.8% lower than the original estimate. A breakdown of change in estimate is provided below.

Description	Amount (\$ million)
Increase in estimate for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients	3.7
Increase in personal emolument	2.0
Savings in departmental expenses and recurrent subvention	(26.8)
Reduction in cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, i.e. the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	(16.8)
Lower-than-expected expenditure for the financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others	(7.0)
Total :	(44.9)

- (b) The provision for 2013-14 is \$63.3 million or 22.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2012-13. A breakdown of the increase in provision is provided below.

Description	Amount (\$ million)
Increase in cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, i.e. the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	22.9
Additional provision for public education on rehabilitation, departmental expenses and recurrent subvention	17.3
Additional provision for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients	12.6
Additional provision for the financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others	7.0
Increase in personal emolument	3.5
Total :	63.3

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As regards the indicators of the Programme, please provide the following information:

- (a) In 2011-12, 166 comprehensive assessment programmes and 862 specific assessment programmes were conducted. However, the Administration sets the respective numbers to 150 and 800 in the Estimates of 2013-14. What are the reasons for the decrease in number?
- (b) As regards the number of trainees completed training, 401 trainees completed part-time training in 2011-12. However, the Administration sets the number to 330 in the Estimates of the coming year (2013-14). What are the reasons?
- (c) Among the trainees completed training in the previous year (2012-13), how many succeeded in securing employment after completion of training and their ratio? How long did it take on average for them to secure employment? Has the Administration compiled statistics on the unemployment rate of the trainees? Among the trainees who succeeded in securing employment, how many have completed the productivity assessment of persons with disabilities under the Statutory Minimum Wage regime?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) There was an increase in the number of vocational assessments made in the academic year 2011-12 which reflected the increased demand for applied learning courses from persons with disabilities leaving mainstream schools and for part-time courses launched to cater for the short-term training needs of the Skills Centres Alumni. The level of vocational assessments in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is expected to be broadly similar to that in previous years.
- (b) As a result of an exceptional increase in enrolment for part-time training in academic year 2011-12 as explained in (a) above, there was an increase in the number of trainees who completed training in the year.
- (c) According to the employment survey in 2012, 185 out of the 208 economically active graduates secured employment, representing a placement rate of about 89%. It took about three months on average for them to secure employment. Seven out of these 185 graduates have completed the productivity assessment for persons with disabilities under the Statutory Minimum Wage regime.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie Tam

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Date: 8.4.2013

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With respect to the skills centres under this Programme, would the Administration advise this Committee on:

- (a) the current waiting time for full-time and part-time courses provided by the skills centres;
- (b) the details of recent work of the skills centres in developing new courses and modifying existing ones to meet the needs of the open employment market as mentioned in the Programme;
- (c) whether the skills centres have collaborated with the private sector or employers to provide job opportunities for their graduates and if yes, the details of the number and nature of jobs offered last year (2012-13); and
- (d) in order to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities receiving training in the skills centres, whether the Administration will allocate additional resources to the skills centres so as to provide wage subsidy to employers who employ their graduates?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The three Skills Centres at Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Pokfulam respectively offer a range of market-driven vocational training courses and services for persons with disabilities aged 15 or above to enhance their employment prospects and facilitate their integration into society. In 2012-13, only the Skills Centre at Kwun Tong had eight trainees on the waiting list for full-time training courses. The waiting time ranged from two to five months. There was no waiting list for part-time training courses.
- (b) To ensure that the training provided meets the needs of the trainees and market demands, the Skills Centres regularly review and assess the effectiveness of their training programmes and develop new ones in consultation with the industries and the Committee on Vocational Training for People with Disabilities of the VTC comprising representatives from relevant government departments and various sectors of the community. In 2012-13, the Skills Centres developed three new certificate courses, namely, "Health & Beauty Care Service", "Catering & Housekeeping Service" and "Business & Computer Practices", and enriched the curriculum of the existing courses in order to strengthen the trainees' communication and problem-solving skills for enhancement of their employability.

- (c) The Skills Centres provide trainees with placement services which include sourcing career opportunities for the graduates in collaboration with the employers in the private sector and providing follow-up career support services to help graduates better settle in their workplace and retain their jobs. The number and nature of jobs of graduates secured through the placement services of the Skills Centres in 2012 were set out below-

Nature of Jobs	No. of Graduates
Manufacturing	13
Electricity, gas and water	1
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades	17
Restaurants and hotels	67
Transport, storage, and communications	4
Real estate and business services	7
Community, social and personal services	75
Others	1
Total	185

- (d) To enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities in the open market, the Labour Department (LD) has introduced a Work Orientation and Placement Scheme (the Scheme). Under the Scheme, participating employers will receive financial incentive for employing a job-seeker with disabilities referred by the Selective Placement Division of LD. The allowance provided is equivalent to two-thirds of the actual salary paid to each employee with disabilities during the employment period, with a ceiling of \$4,000 per month for a maximum of 6 months.

LD will further enhance the Scheme in 2013-14 by introducing a two-month work adaptation period. An employer who employs a person with disabilities having employment difficulties and provides vocational training/support to her/him during the work adaptation period will receive an additional allowance up to a maximum of \$5,500 per month for two months. The enhanced measure will incur an additional annual expenditure of \$7.1 million.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)022

Question Serial No.

1555

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that an additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million will be allocated to enhance vocational rehabilitation services and employment support. Please advise on the following:

- (a) Does the Administration have information on the current unemployment situation of persons with disabilities. If yes, please provide the numbers of unemployed persons with disabilities and the unemployment rates in the past three years (i.e., 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13). If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) What is the percentage of persons with disabilities employed in government departments at present? What is the figure for the private sector?
- (c) Of the additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million mentioned in the Budget, how much is used for Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway) and On-the-job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) respectively? What is the estimated number of persons with disabilities to be benefitted?
- (d) Although subsidy schemes are in place to encourage employers to employ persons with disabilities, it is still difficult for persons with disabilities to find a job. In this regard, will the Administration consider to increase the percentage of persons with disabilities employed in government departments and introduce a quota system for employing persons with disabilities so as to encourage employers to employ persons with disabilities. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) According to the last round of Survey on Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases (survey) conducted by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) in 2006-07, the unemployment rate of persons with disabilities (excluding persons with intellectual disability) in 2007 was about 10.5%, which was about 2.5 times of the unemployment rate of the general population at the time of survey. C&SD is conducting a new round of survey and the survey findings, including information on the employment situation of persons with disabilities, will be published in the last quarter of 2014.

- (b) The Administration compiles statistics on the number of persons with disabilities being employed in the civil service as at 31 March each year. As at 31 March 2012, the number of persons with disabilities in the civil service is 2% of the strength of civil servants. We do not have the figure for the private sector.
- (c) In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million to enhance the OJT and Sunnyway. The job attachment allowance under these two schemes will be raised from \$1,250 to \$2,000 per month for a maximum period of three months; and the job trial wage subsidy from the cap of \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month with the maximum subsidy period extended from three months to six months. The OJT and Sunnyway will be allocated with additional recurrent funding of \$3 million and \$1.8 million to cover over 400 and 300 persons with disabilities respectively.
- (d) According to studies by the European Commission in 2000 and the International Labour Organisation in 2003 on promotion of employment of persons with disabilities, a mandatory employment quota system has not been proven successful overseas in helping persons with disabilities to secure employment, and some countries have indeed abolished their quota system. The prevailing trend has moved away from employment quota system to anti-discrimination legislation and enhanced support measures for persons with disabilities.

Under a mandatory employment quota system, persons with disabilities could be perceived as a liability, making them difficult to be accepted by their peers at work. This is not conducive to their integration into the community. We consider that persons with disabilities should be assisted to find appropriate jobs on the basis of their abilities rather than disabilities. Apart from providing vocational training and employment support for persons with disabilities, we will continue to adopt positive encouragement measures to enhance job opportunities for persons with disabilities, such as giving due recognition to good employers, sharing good practices and providing incentive and assistance to employers, etc.

In the civil service context, we have been implementing suitable measures for promoting the employment of persons with disabilities through enabling government job applicants with disabilities to compete with other able-bodied applicants on equal grounds. Specifically, in the recruitment process, candidates with disabilities who meet the basic entry requirements for a post will not be subject to any shortlisting criteria and will be automatically invited to a selection interview/written examination. If any candidates with disabilities request special arrangements to attend an interview or a test in the recruitment exercise, departments concerned will consider their request and make appropriate arrangement. Candidates with disabilities may be given an appropriate degree of preference for appointment if they are found suitable for taking up the government posts.

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

LWB(WW)023

Question Serial No.

1064

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14, the Administration states that it will monitor the measures designed to promote accessibility, and continue to oversee the implementation of the retrofitting programme to upgrade barrier-free facilities in government and Housing Authority premises. Please advise on the specific details of the implementation of accessibility in Hong Kong in 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

To speed up the process of improving the accessibility of government premises, public housing and connecting road facilities, we have taken forward a comprehensive retrofitting programme at full steam to upgrade the barrier-free facilities for about 3 500 existing government premises and facilities, as well as about 240 public housing estates at a total cost of \$1.3 billion. The programme covered all government venues with frequent public interface. Retrofitting works for around 90% of these venues were completed as scheduled by end-June 2012. In 2013-14, we will continue to press ahead with the remaining works with a view to completing them by end-June 2014 as scheduled.

In tandem, the Administration announced in August 2012 a “Universal Accessibility Programme” whereby existing public walkways (i.e. footbridges, elevated walkways and subways maintained by the Highways Department) would be retrofitted with lifts where considered appropriate so as to enhance the accessibility of the public walkways. Following approval by the Legislative Council of the creation of a new block allocation for the project, the Administration has consulted the District Councils (DCs) on proposals suggested by the public (involving about 250 public walkways). The Administration will take forward the retrofitting works having regard to the views of DCs. Meanwhile, the Administration will also continue to pursue the existing programme (consisting of about 170 projects) for retrofitting barrier-free facilities for public walkways.

As an on-going public education initiative, the Labour and Welfare Bureau earmarked \$13.5 million in 2013-14 for organising territory-wide and local public education activities to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, 18 DCs, non-governmental organisations, public organisations, groups of persons with disabilities and other sectors in the community.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)024

Question Serial No.

1065

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration has indicated that it would facilitate and encourage the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community. In this connection, please advise on the details of this initiative, whether any review has been conducted to assess its effectiveness, the estimated number of persons with disabilities to be benefited in the coming year, as well as the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The rehabilitation policy of Hong Kong aims to promote the development of the capabilities of persons with disabilities and their full integration into the community. To this end, a wide range of diversified services and support from bureaux, departments and organisations has been provided to persons with disabilities and additional resources have been allocated for continuous enhancement of the rehabilitation services having regard to service demand and changing circumstances. A total provision of \$23.3 billion was provided for recurrent expenditure of rehabilitation services in 2012-13 and the provision will be increased to \$24.3 billion in 2013-14. We do not have the estimated number of persons with disabilities to be benefited.

As an ongoing measure, we will continue to monitor the demand and effectiveness of our rehabilitation services.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)025

Question Serial No.

1067

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On disability discrimination, could the Administration advise this Committee on:

- (a) the cases on disability discrimination received in the past three years (up to 2012-13);
- (b) how did the Administration handle the above cases;
- (c) the expenditure involved and specific details of the publicity and education work conducted against disability discrimination in the past three years (up to 2012-13);
- (d) the estimated expenditure and specific details of the publicity and education work in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

- (a) The numbers of new complaints received by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance in the three financial years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-2013 (up to end February)
461	426	362

- (b) EOC examined and investigated into all complaints lodged according to its established procedures. Follow-up action on some cases was suspended as a result of withdrawal by the complainant for various reasons or there was no information found in supporting the allegations. Where there was likelihood of discrimination, EOC encouraged parties to settle the disputes by way of conciliation. The current position of the complaints received in these three financial years is as follows-

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to end February)
Investigation discontinued due to lacking in substance or other reasons	319	311	184
Conciliation attempted	142	108	71
In progress	0	7	107

- (c) Most of EOC's public education and publicity programmes aim at promoting equal opportunities with emphasis on preventing sex, disability, family status and race discrimination. It is estimated that about 25% of the total expenditure on publicity and education programmes has been used to promote the messages of eliminating disability discrimination. The expenditure in eliminating disability discrimination in these three financial years were around \$1.58 million in 2010-11, \$1.9 million in 2011-12 and \$2.6 million in 2012-13.

The public education and publicity programmes in the past three financial years included weekly radio programmes, TV docudrama, outdoor advertisements, roving exhibitions, Community Participation Funding Programme on Equal Opportunities which subsidises non-profit making organisations to organise programmes to promote equal opportunities, TV and Radio Announcements of Public Interest (APIs), and youth mentorship programme, etc.

In addition, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has allocated about \$13 million each year from 2010-11 to 2012-13 for relevant public education activities so as to enhance public understanding of the rights and needs of persons with disabilities. LWB, in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC), has been making proactive efforts in mobilising cross-sectoral collaboration towards building an equal and inclusive society through launching territory-wide public education activities, including TV docudrama and programmes, TV and Radio APIs, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. LWB has also increased funding for subsidising the District Councils (DCs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities for organising public education activities in the local communities.

- (d) The estimated expenditure of EOC on conducting publicity and educational programmes on elimination of disability discrimination for 2013-14 is \$1.5 million. The major publicity programmes to be implemented in 2013-14 include Community Participation Funding Programme, radio programmes, outdoor advertisements, roving exhibitions, seminars and training courses for employers, employees, educational institutions, NGOs, and community groups, school drama performances, publicity on the internet, and youth mentorship programme, etc.

As an on-going public education initiative, LWB continues to earmark \$13.5 million in 2013-14 for organising territory-wide public education activities, including TV docudrama and programmes, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc., as well as subsidising the 18 DCs, NGOs, public organisations, and groups of persons with disabilities to organise public education programmes in local communities to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)026

Question Serial No.

1076

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that it will continue to promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC), the rehabilitation sector and the community at large. Please inform this Committee of the details of the efforts in promoting the Convention in 2012-13 and the expenditure involved, and advise whether any review has been conducted on its implementation in Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Administration continued to promote our policy to help persons with disabilities develop their abilities and to create a barrier-free environment with a view to ensuring that they could participate in full and enjoy equal opportunities both in terms of their social life and personal growth. This was in line with the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention.

As an on-going public education initiative, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) allocated about \$13 million in 2012-13 for organising territory-wide and local public education activities, in collaboration with RAC, to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society as well as the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention. The territory-wide public education activities launched in 2012-13 included television docudrama and programmes, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. In tandem, apart from provision of subsidies to 18 Districts Councils for holding relevant public education activities in local communities, LWB subsidised various non-governmental organisations, public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities in organising 28 publicity programmes under the theme: “All-round promotion of the spirit of the Convention and cross-sectoral collaboration towards building an equal and inclusive society” in order to spread the message of barrier-free and inclusiveness to the community at large. In addition, other government bureaux, departments and public organisations, including the Equal Opportunities Commission, also organised public education programmes for building an equal and inclusive society. The relevant expenditure was absorbed under the respective expenditure heads.

In 2012-13, LWB reminded all government bureaux and departments to critically review the policies and measures under their purview and take appropriate measures to ensure compliance with the Convention where necessary. RAC, acting as the principal advisory body of the Government on the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities, conscientiously monitored the implementation of the Convention in Hong Kong.

Subsequent to the hearing by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Committee) on the initial report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China under the Convention in September 2012, relevant bureaux and departments have been following up on the Committee's recommendations set out in the concluding observations. The findings will be presented in the second periodic report which is due for submission by September 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services, please provide the following information:

- (a) the amount of resources involved in the Pilot Scheme so far and the number of beneficiaries;
- (b) the effectiveness of the Scheme; and
- (c) whether the Administration will consider regularising the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply : The information requested is provided as follows –

- (a) The three-year Pilot Scheme was launched in 2010-11 to enhance the drug management capabilities of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and their staff. A sum of \$5 million has been earmarked for the Pilot Scheme. About 6 200 residents of RCHEs have benefited from it so far.
- (b) As at end-February 2013, the visiting pharmacists had paid 4 893 visits to a total of 70 RCHEs, provided 17 237 service hours, completed 7 293 medication reconciliations, 5 606 medication reviews and answered 148 calls via a telephone hotline.
- (c) We will conduct a review on the effectiveness of the Scheme upon the completion of the Scheme in mid-2013, and will consider the way forward in the light of the review findings.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)028

Question Serial No.

1788

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description under Programme (2) that the Bureau seeks to “improve the quality of life of our elders so that they can enjoy a sense of security, a sense of belonging, and a feeling of health and worthiness.”

- (a) What are the details of the support and services rendered to the retired elderly aged 60-64?
- (b) What are the details of the support and services given to the retired elderly who wish to be re-employed or involved in volunteer service?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) We strive to provide a convenient living environment for the elderly and encourage them to take part in community activities and lead a fulfilled life. There are 210 subvented elderly centres throughout the territory which provide various community support services for the elderly and their families. In 2012-13, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) secured \$900 million under the Lotteries Fund to enhance the facilities and safety of 237 elderly centres (including some self-financed ones) in phases over six years.

We also provide different types of financial assistance, concessions for facilities and services for people aged 60 or above. These include, for example: allowances for old persons under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme; allowances under the Portable CSSA Scheme; concessionary rates for admission to Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) museums and purchase of annual and half-yearly museum pass; concessionary rates for use of leisure facilities as well as recreation and sports programmes provided by LCSD; and concessionary tickets for cultural programmes presented by LCSD.

- (b) On employment support, the Labour Department (LD) has all along been providing a comprehensive range of employment services free of charge to help job seekers find work. Special counters are set up in all job centres of LD to provide priority registration and referral service for job seekers aged 50 or above. At the same time, LD implements the Employment Programme for the Middle-aged (EPM) to encourage employers to employ job seekers aged 40 or above. Participating employers will be paid an on-the-job training allowance at \$2,000 per month for a period of three to six months if they employ these job seekers and provide them with on-the-job training. To improve the attractiveness of EPM so that employers will offer middle-aged persons and elderly persons more job openings and provide them with on-the-job training, LD will increase the on-the-job training allowance in June 2013. If an employer employs a middle-aged person or an elderly person in a post with on-the-job training according to the requirements under EPM and pay him \$6,000 or above a month, the allowance payable to the employer will be increased to \$3,000 a month.

On volunteer service, the Labour and Welfare Bureau has been collaborating with the Elderly Commission to promote active ageing at the community level. Since its inception in 2008, the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP) has been encouraging people of different ages to serve as volunteers to care for the elderly. In addition to reaching out to hidden elderly persons and promoting the message of care and love for the elderly, the NAAP provides an opportunity for elderly persons to act as volunteers and use their talents to serve the community. A new phase of the NAAP was launched in April 2012 and 69 district projects are being carried out in different parts of the territory.

As at the end of February 2013, more than 136 000 persons aged 60 or above had registered as volunteers with SWD, accounting for 12.7% of the total number of volunteers so registered.

Since June 2012, we have, by phases, launched the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities. Beneficiaries can now travel at \$2 per trip anytime on the MTR, franchised buses and ferries. The aim of the Scheme is to encourage the beneficiaries to participate more in community activities. Since the launch of the Scheme till end-January 2013, it has attracted an average daily elderly passenger trips of 567 000.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)029

Question Serial No.

3065

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 under Programme (2), it is mentioned that the Bureau will “contribute to the work of the Commission on Poverty in considering poverty alleviation policies and measures in the area of social welfare”. What are the relevant details and expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare is an ex-officio member of the Commission of Poverty (CoP) and the vice-chairperson of the Social Security and Retirement Protection (SS&RP) Task Force of CoP. The Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare is an ex-officio member of all the six Task Forces of the CoP. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) assists the CoP Secretariat in servicing three of the six Task Forces, namely the SS&RP Task Force, the Education, Employment and Training Task Force and the Special Needs Groups Task Force. In this regard, the Poverty Team of LWB provides policy input and coordinates contributions from other policy teams of the Bureau.

The Poverty Team comprises two Administrative Officers, one Executive Officer and two secretarial and clerical support staff. The provision for the Team in 2013-14 is estimated to be \$4.2 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau Subhead (No. & title): 002 Allowances

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Working families with children are under greater financial pressure. If the income of these families can be raised to above the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) level to ease off their life stress, they will be encouraged to be self-reliant. In the long run, this can also help to reduce inter-generational poverty.

Under the future “low-income working family subsidy”, what arrangements does the Administration have for granting allowances to the children of these families?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

Children from families facing financial difficulties may have access to the social security payments provided under CSSA Scheme to meet their basic needs. To meet their special needs, the standard rates for children are higher than those for able-bodied adults and there are special grants to support children’s studies (e.g. grants for covering school fees, travelling expenses to/from school, school-related expenses, and meal allowance) as well as assistance on a discretionary basis (e.g. grant of up to \$500 for buying glasses).

As stated in the Policy Address, there are views that the Work Incentive Transport Subsidy could be turned into a subsidy for low income families. Such suggestion involves major policy considerations and may have far-reaching implications on our social security system and public finance. The Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force under the Commission on Poverty will study carefully the views from various sectors.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)031

Question Serial No.

1157

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As indicated in Matters Requiring Special Attention under this Programme, the Bureau will continue to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (Funding Scheme) to encourage the community in organising programmes and activities conducive to women's development.

- (a) Would the Bureau give details and number of participants of activities approved by the Funding Scheme for Women's Development and held by organisations and committees under the 18 District Councils (DCs) last year, as well as the number of these activities.
- (b) The Women's Commission (WoC) and a number of organisations have always wanted to promote a comprehensive breast screening programme. Has the Bureau increased resources under this Programme and planned to take forward work in this regard in the coming year? If not, what are the reasons?
- (c) On enhancing women's health, what are the plans and measures to be carried out by departments concerned in the coming year? What are the expenditures and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) In 2012-13, a total of \$2 million was set aside from the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen DCs were allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. Under the theme of "Women Wellness", 20 and 22 projects were approved by WoC and DCs respectively under the Funding Scheme. Projects approved included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. Around 20 000 and 15 000 people participated in projects and activities approved by WoC and DCs respectively. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them found the programmes satisfactory and useful. They also expressed their interests in joining similar programmes in the future.

- (b) The WoC attaches importance to promoting and enhancing women's health. As mentioned in part (a) above, women's groups and NGOs were invited in 2012-13 to submit applications under the Funding Scheme to organise programmes and activities in promoting women's health. In 2013-14, LWB will continue to provide a total of \$2 million to WoC in implementing the Funding Scheme and the theme will remain as "Women Wellness" as on-going effort to promote the physical and mental well-being of women. WoC has no plan to initiate a comprehensive breast screening programme in 2013-14.
- (c) The Family Health Service of the Department of Health (DH) provides a comprehensive range of health promotion and disease prevention services for babies and young children from birth to five years old and women at or below 64 years old, through 31 Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) and three Woman Health Centres (WHCs).

MCHCs operate a comprehensive shared-care programme, in collaboration with the Obstetric Department of public hospitals, to help pregnant women monitor their whole pregnancy and delivery process. Antenatal checkups are provided for pregnant women. Educational programmes on pregnancy and childcare related topics are also conducted in the centres. All women after delivery are provided with postnatal checkups and advice on family planning and contraception. The centres also help postnatal mothers to adapt to changes in life by setting up support groups and experience sharing sessions, as well as providing individual counselling.

The three WHCs of DH offer health promotion and disease prevention programmes for women at or below 64 years old. The aim is to promote the health of women and address their health needs at various stages of life. Health education, counselling, physical examination and appropriate screening tests are provided. Woman Health Service is also provided in 10 MCHCs on sessional basis.

In 2012-13, an additional allocation of \$32.2 million has been earmarked for the expansion of MCHCs. Half of this has been used by DH for expanding the Fanling MCHC in 2012 involving 25 civil service posts (three medical officers, 16 nurses, three allied health grades staff and three clerical staff). The remaining provisions, involving another 25 civil service posts (three medical officers, 16 nurses, three allied health grades staff, and three clerical staff), will be used by DH in 2013-14 for launching a new MCHC in the new Joint-user Complex in Bailey Street, Hung Hom in 2013. As at 1 March 2013, 42 Non-Civil Service Contract staff (including one medical officer, 28 nurses and 13 other supporting staff) have been recruited to MCHCs to cope with the increasing service needs for maternal and child health services arising from the Dragon Year Effect.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)032

Question Serial No.

1158

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention under the Programme that the Department will enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies in the coming year. Please advise on:

- (a) the female-to-male ratio of participants in various advisory and statutory bodies in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012);
- (b) the number of persons who have been in public service on an advisory or statutory body for more than six years and hold more than six public offices at the same time in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012), and the sex ratio among them;
- (c) how the Administration will enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies, and among others, whether it will consider setting a sex-ratio indicator to enable more women to participate in such work; and
- (d) the expenditure involved for enhancing women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

- (a) Among the non-official members of the advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) appointed by the Administration in their personal capacities, the women's participation rates as at December in 2010, 2011 and 2012 were about 29%, 31% and 33% respectively.
- (b) As at December in 2010, 2011 and 2012, among the non-official members appointed by the Administration in their personal capacities to serve on more than six ASBs, none had served on the ASBs concerned for more than six years at the same time.
- (c) A proactive approach has been taken by the Administration to promote women's participation in ASBs. Taking into account the advice of the Women's Commission (WoC), the Administration set in 2004 a gender benchmark of 25% as an initial working target for appointment to ASBs. To further encourage women's participation in ASBs, and also on the advice of WoC, the gender benchmark was raised from 25% to 30% with effect from June 2010. In July 2010, letters were issued to women's associations and professional organisations inviting their female members to provide their curricula vitae for inclusion in the Central Personality Index with a view to enhancing women's participation in

ASBs. In April 2012, the Home Affairs Bureau wrote to professional bodies and institutions responsible for nominating or recommending candidates for participation in ASBs, appealing to these organisations to nominate / recommend more women candidates to participate in ASBs. As at the end of 2012, about 33% of the appointed members were female. The Administration will continue to keep track of the progress in promoting women's participation in ASBs.

- (d) The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)033

Question Serial No.

1159

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As indicated in Matters Requiring Special Attention under this Programme, the Bureau will continue to review policies and services related to women.

- (a) Would the Bureau list the policies and services related to women which were reviewed by departments concerned in the past three years (from 2010-11 to 2012-13), as well as the results of the reviews and details of follow-up work.
- (b) What are the number of policies and services related to women to be reviewed in the coming year and their relevant details?
- (c) Regarding several policies and services related to women, which include the employment protection for women during pregnancy and postnatal period, paternity leave, social services for working mothers, etc, has the Bureau considered reviewing and improving them? If yes, what is the progress of the reviews? If not, what are the reasons for not reviewing them?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a)&(b) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working with the Women's Commission (WoC) to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. From 2010-11 to 2012-13, key policies and programmes discussed by WoC included promotion of breast cancer awareness and other women health services, integrated welfare services for family, healthcare reform, Capacity Building Mileage Programme, protection for part-time employees, services for new arrival women, tackling of municipal solid waste, correctional services for female offenders, promotion of breast feeding, women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies, childcare and after-school care services, primary care development strategy in Hong Kong, review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance, joint parental responsibility model, as well as legislation against stalking, etc. Representatives of the concerned bureaux and departments were invited to brief WoC on their policies and programmes, and members provided advice and recommendations to them from the gender perspective. Bureaux and departments followed up on the advice and recommendations as appropriate and updated WoC on progress from time to time. In 2013-14, LWB will keep up its efforts and continue to work with WoC in providing advice to bureaux and departments on policies and programmes which are of concern to women.

- (c) Under the Employment Ordinance, an eligible female employee is entitled to a continuous period of 10 weeks' maternity leave straddling the pre- and post-natal period. It is a prosecutable offence for an employer to dismiss an employee who is pregnant or on maternity leave. Dismissal of an employee when she resumes duty after her maternity leave may amount to pregnancy discrimination and is also unlawful under the Sex Discrimination Ordinance. The existing legislation has provided pregnant employees with appropriate protection during pregnancy and the postnatal period, and has struck a reasonable balance between the interests of employees and employers. The Administration has no plan to amend the law in this regard.

The Labour Department consulted the Panel on Manpower of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in January 2013 on the proposal to legislate for paternity leave, and is drawing up the details of the proposal with a view to taking forward the drafting of the relevant Bill. The target is to introduce the Bill into LegCo in the 2013-14 legislative session.

To support parents who are unable to take care of their children temporarily because of work or other reasons, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has all along been providing subvention to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to run a variety of child care services for children of different ages. Since October 2011, SWD has launched the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project through NGOs on a territory-wide basis to enhance the flexibility and accessibility of the services.

We have been providing support services to carers of the elderly in the community (including carers who are working mothers), including respite service at subsidised residential care homes for elderly and operating subvented day care centres/units to offer temporary relief to caretakers. In 2013-14, the Administration will continue to allocate additional resources to strengthen subsidised community care services (CCS) for the elderly, which include the implementation of the Pilot Scheme on CCS Voucher for the Elderly, the provision of 100 additional day care places, and extension of the service hours of the new day care centres and units for the elderly.

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Date:	8.4.2013

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Chief Executive has mentioned in his Policy Address that the Government is studying the extension of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to eligible children with disabilities aged under 12. What are the details of this policy? Please elaborate on the resources required for, the policy bureaux and organisations to be engaged in and the expected completion date of the study.

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Transport Department, Social Welfare Department, relevant transport operators and the Octopus Cards Limited are considering the technical and operational arrangements for extending the Scheme to children with 100% disabilities aged below 12 receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or Disability Allowance, enabling them to travel on the general MTR lines, franchised buses and ferries at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip.

We propose to implement the extension in early 2014 and the resources required in 2013-14 will be absorbed by LWB.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)035

Question Serial No.

2630

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned by the Chief Executive in the Policy Address that an inter-departmental working group will be established to study the issue of allowing people with loss of one limb to apply for the Disability Allowance. Will any financial provision be incurred by the study in the financial year 2013-14? If yes, how much is being allocated for the study in the financial year 2013-14 and for what specific purposes?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

The Inter-departmental Working Group comprises representatives of the bureaux and departments concerned and the Hospital Authority. No additional provision is made for this purpose in 2013-14

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)036

Question Serial No.

2631

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The estimate for “public education on rehabilitation” increases significantly by \$11,000,000 from \$2,500,000 in the financial year 2012-2013 to \$13,500,000 in the financial year 2013-2014. Would the Administration please explain the reasons for the significant increase in provision and the uses in detail?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

It has all along been the objectives of the Administration's policy to help persons with disabilities develop their abilities and to create a barrier-free environment with a view to ensuring that they can participate in full and enjoy equal opportunities both in terms of their social life and personal growth. This is in line with the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention).

To tie in with the implementation of the Convention in Hong Kong since August 2008, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has from 2009-10 onwards substantially increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from \$2.5 million in the past years to about \$13 million, so as to enhance public understanding of the rights and needs of persons with disabilities. In the initial years of implementing the enhanced public education activities, the additional allocation was provided under LWB's general departmental expenses on a year-by-year basis.

Given that promotion of the Convention is an on-going public education initiative, LWB will regularise the arrangement by increasing the annual recurrent allocation from \$2.5 million by \$11 million to \$13.5 million from 2013-14 onwards for organising territory-wide and local public education activities, in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society as well as the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention. The territory-wide public education activities to be launched in 2013-14 include television docudrama and programmes, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. In tandem, apart from provision of subsidies to 18 Districts Councils for holding relevant public education activities in local communities, LWB subsidises various non-governmental organisations, public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities in organising publicity programmes in order to promote the message of barrier-free and inclusiveness to the community at large.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)037

Question Serial No.

2119

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The revised estimate for 2012-13 for the programme of Women's Interests under the Labour and Welfare Bureau is \$25.3 million, 11.2% lower than the original estimate of \$28.5 million. However, the Administration will allocate to Women's Interests the estimated provision of \$29.6 million in 2013-14, which is \$4.3 million (17%) higher than the revised estimate for 2012-13. In view of the substantial change, please provide the following information:

- (a) Can the Administration explain in details why the revised estimate for 2012-13 is 11.2% lower than the original estimate and list the items, manpower and allocation of actual expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (b) Although the Bureau has given a reason for the additional provision in 2013-14 (increased support for the work of the Women's Commission), can the Bureau list the items, manpower and financial arrangement involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (a) The difference between the original and revised estimates for 2012-13 in Programme (3) under Head 141 was mainly due to the savings achieved in organising public education and publicity activities by the Women's Commission (WoC) and in participating in regional and international conferences as well as savings in departmental expense and personal emoluments. The reduced expenditure did not involve any reduction in service or support to WoC.
- (b) In 2013-14, a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013" will be published to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. We will also follow up the production of a new corporate video on WoC, conduct a survey on the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents and organise a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its application.

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Currently, there are three skills centres run by the Vocational Training Council (VTC) to provide vocational training to persons with disabilities aged 15 or above for the purpose of improving their employment prospects. What are the details of the training provided? To facilitate my further understanding of how these courses could improve the trainees' employment prospects, please provide the following information:

- (a) How many trainees are on the waiting list for each of these centres? What are the respective types of disability involved and the duration of waiting time?
- (b) Has any trainee enrolled for similar training courses more than once? If yes, please set out the numbers of their enrolments.
- (c) What is the employment rate of the trainees who have completed training? Please set out the employment rates by occupation, type of disability and nature of course (full time or part time).
- (d) If training courses are proved effective, will the number of training places be increased in the future? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- (a) The three Skills Centres at Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Pokfulam respectively offer a range of market-driven vocational training courses and services for persons with disabilities aged 15 or above to enhance their employment prospects and prepare them for open employment. These include courses in commerce and retailing services, information technology, catering and hotel housekeeping services, personal and beauty care services, packaging, bakery and pastry, and event management services, etc. In 2012-13, only the Skills Centre at Kwun Tong had 8 trainees on the waiting list. Details of these trainees by type of disability and duration of waiting time are tabulated below -

Types of Disabilities	No. of Applicant	Waiting Time
Autism	2	1 applicant – 2 months 1 applicant – 5 months
Intellectual Disability	1	2 months
Physical Disability	2	1 applicant – 3 months 1 applicant – 5 months
Mental Illness	2	3 months
Speech Impairment	1	3 months

- (b) In the past three years, no trainee enrolled for similar training courses more than once.
- (c) In the past three years, the placement rates of the economically active graduates of full-time training courses ranged from 82% to 89%. A breakdown of the number of graduates joining the employment market by occupation and type of disability is set out at Annex. Placement rate for graduates of part-time training courses is not available as there is no employment survey for these graduates.
- (d) Taking into account the employment market demand and aspiration of the persons with disabilities, the number of full-time training places will increase from 600 in 2012-13 to 660 by 60(10%) in 2013-14. The estimated expenditure of the Skills Centres in 2013-14 is estimated to be \$95.4 million.

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Number of Graduates joining the Employment Market by Occupation and Type of Disability

		Intellectual Disability	Mental Illness	Speech Impairment	Autism	Physical Disability	Hearing Impairment	Visual Impairment	Visceral Disability / Chronic Illness	Specific Learning Difficulties	Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder
2010	Manufacturing	3	2								
	Electricity, Gas and Water										
	Construction										
	Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades	5	3		2	2	2	1			
	Restaurants and Hotels	31	2		7	2	6		1		
	Transport, Storage and Communications	1	1								
	Finance and Insurance	1									
	Real Estate and Business Services	8	2		4	1	1				
	Community, Social and Personal Services	26	5		11	6	2	11	2		
	Government	1									
	Others (e.g. Agriculture and mining, etc.)	2			1						
Total	78	15	0	25	11	11	12	3	0	0	
2011	Manufacturing	4					2	1			
	Electricity, Gas and Water	1									
	Construction										
	Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades	4	2		1		1	1	2		
	Restaurants and Hotels	47	3		7	2	3		1		
	Transport, Storage and Communications		1								

		Intellectual Disability	Mental Illness	Speech Impairment	Autism	Physical Disability	Hearing Impairment	Visual Impairment	Visceral Disability / Chronic Illness	Specific Learning Difficulties	Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder
2011	Finance and Insurance										
	Real Estate and Business Services	5	2			1					
	Community, Social and Personal Services	29	6		9	3	1	4	4		
	Government	4				1					
	Others (e.g. Agriculture and mining, etc.)										
	Total	94	14	0	17	7	7	6	7	0	0
2012 *	Manufacturing	5	1		5		1	1			
	Electricity, Gas and Water						1				
	Construction										
	Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades	9	2	1	1		4				
	Restaurants and Hotels	46	8		4		5		1	2	1
	Transport, Storage and Communications	1			1	1	1				
	Finance and Insurance										
	Real Estate and Business Services	3	4								
	Community, Social and Personal Services	47	11		6	2		7			2
	Government										
	Others (e.g. Agriculture and mining, etc.)		1								
Total	111	27	1	17	3	12	8	1	2	3	

* Provisional figures for 2012

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the post of Under Secretary, the Labour and Welfare Bureau has earmarked provision for filling the vacancy since 2008. Why has the Administration not conducted any recruitment? Has this adversely affected the work of the Secretary? If not, can there be a proposal for not including this post in the permanent post in the review in the coming year? Will the Administration consider recruiting the Under Secretary as soon as possible in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The post of Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare will be filled if and when a suitable candidate is identified.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)040

Question Serial No.

0694

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) The additional amount of \$4.3 million in provision for 2013-14 is used to increase support for the work of the Women's Commission (WoC). What are the manpower and the operational expenditure allocated? What are the main expenditure items involved in the additional expenses?
- (b) The Administration has indicated in matters in 2013-14 that it will continue to promote the implementation of "gender mainstreaming" to more policy areas and its related work. What is the outcome after years of implementation? What are the manpower and the operational expenditure involved? Is there any deadline set for the whole promotion and education work? Has the Administration considered any investigation method to review the performance outcome?
- (c) Under "Development of Women" in the Chief Executive's Policy Address, it states that "To encourage women to pursue lifelong learning, the Government will turn the Capacity Building Mileage Programme into a recurrent project from this year onwards. Courses conducted in English and Putonghua will be introduced for ethnic minority and new arrival women. The WoC has also launched this year the Funding Scheme for Women's Development..." (para. 128). How do these two initiatives tie in with the Policy Address? What are their programme details, the expenditure and the manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows :

- (a) In 2013-14, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will assist WoC in publishing a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013" to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. We will also follow up the production of a new corporate video to publicise the work of WoC, conduct a survey on the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents, and organise a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its application.
- (b) The Administration has been implementing gender mainstreaming (GM) since 2002. WoC first developed in 2002 the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) to provide an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic manner, so that women and men could have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. Taking into account comments received from stakeholders and the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009.

The Administration has applied the Checklist to over 45 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby care facilities, as well as the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, etc. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of GM to their daily work, including the provision of first aid services to the public, the provision of family changing rooms in public swimming pools, the procurement of uniforms for disciplinary forces, etc.

With the assistance of WoC, LWB has enhanced the promotion of GM within the Government with a view to providing incentives for bureaux and departments to apply GM to their work. WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award in 2012-2013 to recognise the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting GM and to encourage them to further apply the Checklist to their work. An award presentation ceremony cum exhibition on GM was held in March 2013 with the participation of the Gender Focal Points (GFPs) to showcase successful applications of GM.

LWB will continue to work with WoC and GFPs to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments. The resources required for carrying out relevant work will be absorbed within the existing provisions of relevant bureaux and departments.

- (c) The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) has been implemented since 2004. It is a flexible and large-scale learning programme with a focus on women's needs and interests. It is delivered through radio broadcasting and courses offered face-to-face and is also available on the internet, supplemented by optional learning activities. Courses provided include building harmonious families, parenting, family health, women leadership, management of personal finance and other practical issues in daily life.

Since its launch, CBMP has encouraged women of different backgrounds and education levels to pursue life-long learning and self-development. Up to February 2013, the cumulative number of enrolment for CBMP has exceeded 61 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by the Open University of Hong Kong in 2011, it was estimated that about 1.4 million people had listened to CBMP radio programmes so far. Feedback from the students indicates that they have benefited from CBMP in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts.

CBMP was first operated on a pilot basis. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration has turned it into a recurrent programme and provided an annual funding of around \$8 million starting from 2012-13 onwards. Part of the funding has been used to develop English and Putonghua courses for the ethnic minority and new arrival women.

In 2012-13, a total of \$2 million was set aside from LWB for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme). Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen District Councils was allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. Under the theme of "Women Wellness", a total of 42 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme and these projects included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them found the programmes satisfactory and useful and they also expressed their interests in joining similar programmes in the future.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)041

Question Serial No.

0954

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) The Administration has stated that it will promote the implementation of the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) and gender mainstreaming (GM) concept to more policy areas through the Gender Focal Points (GFPs) network within the Government. Please inform this Committee of in which policy areas the above plan will be implemented, the manpower arrangements, the estimated expenditure involved and the expected outcome. Has the Administration made any enhancement to the plan having regard to the outcome of last year? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Does the Administration have any plan to provide "gender-sensitivity" training at the level of political appointees for promotion of gender equality in various policy areas? What are the details of the plan and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (a) The Administration has been implementing GM since 2002. The Women's Commission (WoC) developed in 2002 the Checklist providing an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic manner so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. Taking into account comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009.

The Administration has applied the Checklist to over 45 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby care facilities, as well as the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, etc. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of GM to their daily work, including the provision of first aid services to the public, the provision of family changing rooms in public swimming pools, and the procurement of uniforms for disciplinary forces, etc.

With the assistance of WoC, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has enhanced the promotion of GM within the Government with a view to providing incentives for bureaux and department to apply GM to their work. WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award in 2012-13 to recognise the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting GM and to encourage them to further

apply the Checklist to their work. An award presentation ceremony cum exhibition on GM was held in March 2013 with the participation of GFPs to showcase successful applications of GM.

In 2013-14, LWB will continue to work with WoC and GFPs to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments. The resources required for carrying out relevant work will be absorbed within the existing provision of relevant bureaux and departments.

- (b) The Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued two memos to all directors of bureaux and heads of departments in February 2010 and November 2012 respectively to introduce and reinforce the concept of GM and solicit their support in applying the Checklist to their policies and programmes. In 2013-14, LWB will continue with its efforts to provide various gender-related training for civil servants of different grades and ranks. The resources required for providing relevant training will be absorbed within the existing provision of LWB.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)042

Question Serial No.

0956

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please give details of the gender-related training provided to civil servants and a breakdown of the actual expenditure involved in 2012-13. Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the training? What are the follow-ups and estimated expenditure involved in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

In 2012-13, around 700 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended various gender-related training. These included seminars open to all civil servants organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute (CSTDI), as well as tailor-made training programmes organised for staff of different bureaux and departments, including the Planning Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Buildings Department and Labour Department. Gender-related training has also been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers since 2001 and 2010 respectively. In addition, regular gender-related training has been arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I since 2010. To enable all civil servants to receive gender-related training in a more flexible manner, we have been running an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues since 2010.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants since January 2009. It contains information on gender mainstreaming and its application, as well as hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out over 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have adopted gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of LWB for public reference since August 2009. With wider application of gender mainstreaming in various Government policies and programmes, the training provided for civil servants has proved to be effective in enhancing civil servants' awareness and sensitivity of gender-related concepts in their daily work. The resources required for carrying out the above measures were absorbed by LWB.

In 2013-14, we will continue with our efforts to provide gender-related training for civil servants. To further promote gender mainstreaming and enhance awareness of gender-related issues within the Government, new training programme will be provided to senior civil servants including directorate officers in collaboration with CSTDI. The resources required for providing relevant training will be absorbed by LWB.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)043

Question Serial No.

0957

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that it will implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (Funding Scheme) to encourage the community in organising programmes and activities conducive to women's development. Please list the specific measures, expected results and actual expenditure involved in 2012-13. What are the details and expected results of the Funding Scheme in 2013-14? Has the Administration reviewed the effectiveness of the Scheme in the past?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

In 2012-13, a total of \$2 million was set aside by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) for the Women's Commission (WoC) to implement the Funding Scheme. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant NGOs in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen District Councils was allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. Under the theme of "Women Wellness", a total of 42 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme. Projects approved included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them found the programmes satisfactory and useful. They also expressed their interest in joining similar programmes in the future.

In 2013-14, LWB will continue to provide a total of \$2 million to WoC in implementing the Funding Scheme. The theme will remain as "Women Wellness" as an on-going effort to promote the physical and mental well-being of women. After evaluating the effectiveness of the Funding Scheme in 2012-13, WoC has refined the funding guidelines taking into account the experience gained in implementation. It is expected that different programmes and activities will be organised to benefit women of varying backgrounds.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)044

Question Serial No.

0958

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration indicates that it will conduct public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues. Please advise this Committee on the programmes that have been conducted, the effectiveness of the programmes, the expenditure involved last year as well as the estimated expenditure and the activities to be conducted this year.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

Over the years, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) in organising various publicity and public education programmes to reduce gender prejudice and stereotype in society as well as to raise public awareness of gender-related issues. These include organising forums and seminars, publishing press articles on newspapers and on WoC's website, producing Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) on television and radio, as well as organising various types of competitions and celebration events for the International Women's Day on 8 March every year.

In 2012-13, LWB assisted WoC in producing television and radio APIs to promote the Capacity Building Mileage Programme and Gender Mainstreaming. We have also enhanced the accessibility of the WoC website and produced a new leaflet to help publicise the work of WoC in advancing the interests and well-being of women. A year-long roving exhibition on services for women provided by different women's groups and non-governmental organisations was arranged at 12 public housing estates. Efforts were also made to encourage women to register as voters for the District Council and Legislative Council elections.

In 2013-14, LWB will assist WoC in publishing a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013" to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. We will also follow up the production of a new corporate video to publicise the work of WoC. In addition, we will arrange a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its applications. Our on-going efforts in organising various publicity and public education programmes on gender-related issues will also be continued.

The resources required for carrying out the above programmes will be absorbed within the existing provision of LWB.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie Tam
Post Title: Permanent Secretary
for Labour and Welfare
Date: 8.4.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)045

Question Serial No.

0959

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that it will review policies and services related to women and promote the development of new or improved services, including new models and good practices. Please advise on the policies and services that the Administration will review, the new or improved services that it plans to promote, as well as the expenditure for 2012-13 and the estimated expenditure for 2013-14 with the follow-up measures to be taken.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working with the Women's Commission (WoC) to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. In 2012-13, key policies and programmes discussed by WoC included childcare and after-school care services, primary care development strategy in Hong Kong, review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance, joint parental responsibility model, and legislation against stalking. Representatives of the concerned bureaux and departments such as Education Bureau, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, Social Welfare Department (SWD), and Department of Health were invited to brief WoC on their policies and programmes, and members provided advice and recommendations to them from the gender perspective. Bureaux and departments followed up on the advice and recommendations as appropriate and updated WoC on progress from time to time. In 2013-14, LWB will keep up its efforts and continue to work with WoC in providing advice to policies and programmes which are of concern to women.

Three new Integrated Family Service Centres were set up to strengthen the preventive, supportive and remedial services for families in 2012-13. Besides, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) was strengthened to provide child visitation services to victims of domestic violence. In 2013-14, VSP will be further enhanced to provide support to victims of domestic violence who are ethnic and sexual minorities and that the child visitation services will be extended to victims living outside refuge centres and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre. SWD will also strengthen the counselling and education services for batterers involved in domestic violence cases so as to change the batterers' abusive behaviours and attitudes. Altogether 24 additional places of residential homes for children will be provided through in-situ expansion in existing centres located in accessible locations over the territory to enhance support to the needy families.

The resources required for carrying out the above work will be absorbed within the existing provision of LWB, as well as those of other bureaux and departments.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)046

Question Serial No.

0960

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that it will improve communication and facilitate collaboration between the Government and non-governmental organisations, and strengthen liaison with relevant international and regional bodies on women's matters. Please inform this Committee of the programmes implemented, their effectiveness and the expenditure in 2012-13, as well as the specific programmes to be implemented in 2013-14 and the estimate for the year.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

To enhance mutual understanding and foster a closer partnership with local women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the Women's Commission (WoC), regularly meets with these organisations to exchange views on issues of concern to women. In 2012-13, LWB supported WoC in arranging one public consultation forum and three exchange sessions with women's groups and related NGOs. Issues discussed included consultation on whether to implement the "joint parental responsibility model" by legislative means, arrangement for the WoC Conference 2012, support services to new arrival and ethnic minority women, as well as other issues of concern to women such as women safety, participation of women in public affairs, and gender mainstreaming, etc.

In 2012-13, we continued to field representatives to participate in key regional and international fora, including the annual session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. In addition, WoC, in collaboration with LWB, organised in December 2012 a large-scale conference to provide a platform for participants to discuss and exchange views on issues related to the development of women, and to review Hong Kong's implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Representatives of women's organisations from overseas and the Mainland attended the conference as speakers and shared their views with the participants.

To develop the capacities of women and empower them to contribute to society, a total of \$2 million was set aside by LWB for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) in 2012-13. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant NGOs in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen DCs was allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. Under the theme of "Women Wellness", a total of 42 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme. Projects approved included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them

found the programmes satisfactory and useful. They also expressed their interest in joining similar programmes in the future.

In 2013-14, LWB will continue to work with WoC in meeting with women's groups and NGOs, to exchange views on issues of concern to women. We will also attend relevant regional and international fora, as well as administer the Funding Scheme.

The resources required for carrying out the above programmes are absorbed within the existing provision of LWB.

Name in block letters:	Miss Annie Tam
Post Title:	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)047

Question Serial No.

0961

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that it will continue to support the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting the well-being and interests of women through its three-pronged strategy. Please advise on:

- (a) the details, the effectiveness and the expenditure of the support provided for the Women's Commission in 2012-13;
- (b) the details, anticipated effect and the estimated expenditure of the planned programmes for 2013-14 in support of the Women's Commission;
- (c) whether an assessment has been made of the effectiveness of the programmes organised by WoC in 2012-13 in promoting the interests of women. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) whether the Administration will consider upgrading WoC so that it will be directly accountable to the Chief Executive or a Secretary of Departments, as well as setting up an independent secretariat to enhance the functions and effectiveness of WoC; and
- (e) the criteria for appointment of the chairperson and members of WoC and whether consideration will be given to recommendations for appointment made by women's associations in order to enhance the functions of WoC.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follow -

- (a), (b)&(c) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been collaborating with WoC to promote the interests and well-being of women through a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education.

To provide an enabling environment for women, the Administration has been implementing gender mainstreaming (GM) in various policy and programme areas since 2002. In this respect, WoC developed in 2002 a Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) and revised it in late 2009 to enable Government officers to apply GM in a systematic manner. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of GM to their daily work.

WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award in 2012-2013 to recognise the efforts of Government bureaux and departments in promoting GM and to encourage them to further apply the Checklist to their work. An award presentation ceremony cum exhibition on GM was held in March 2013 with the participation of the Gender Focal Points to showcase successful applications of GM. WoC also collaborated with the Labour Department to promote GM in the business sector by organising briefing sessions on GM for human resources managers in 2012-13. In addition, an Announcement of Public Interest (API) on GM was launched in March 2013 to enhance public understanding of the concept and its application. In 2013-14, ongoing effort will be made to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments.

To empower women, a total of \$2 million was earmarked by LWB to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) in 2012-13. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen District Councils was allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. Under the theme of "Women Wellness", a total of 42 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme. Projects approved included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them found the programmes satisfactory and useful, and they also expressed their interests in joining similar programmes in the future. In 2013-14, LWB will continue to allocate funds to implement the Funding Scheme.

The Administration has assisted WoC in implementing Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) since 2004 as a flexible and large-scale learning programme with a focus on women's needs and interests. Up to February 2013, the cumulative number of enrolment for CBMP has exceeded 61 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by the Open University of Hong Kong in 2011, it was estimated that about 1.4 million people had listened to the CBMP radio programmes so far. Feedback from the students indicated that they have benefited from CBMP in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts. Starting from 2012-13, the Administration provides an annual funding of around \$8 million to turn CBMP into a recurrent project. Part of the funding has been used to develop English and Putonghua courses for ethnic minority and new arrival women.

On public education, television and radio APIs were produced to promote CBMP and GM in 2012-13. We have also enhanced the accessibility of WoC website and produced a new leaflet to help publicise the work of WoC in advancing the interests and well-being of women. A year-long roving exhibition on services for women provided by different women's groups and NGOs was organised at 12 public housing estates. Efforts were made to encourage women to register as voters for the District Council and Legislative Council elections. On-going effort in organising public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues will be made in 2013-14.

The resources required for implementing the above measures are absorbed within the existing provision of LWB as well as those of relevant bureaux and departments.

- (d) WoC is a high-level advisory body established by the Government. It meets with different bureaux and departments direct from time to time to provide advice on issues and initiatives which are of concern to women. LWB provides secretariat support to WoC in discharging its duties. The existing arrangement has been working well.

- (e) The Chairperson and members of WoC are appointed by the Chief Executive on an ad-personam basis. The Administration, in accordance with the functions and work of the Commission, takes into account the ability, expertise and experience of the candidates in considering appointment to WoC.

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Date: 8.4.2013

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat : Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 112 of the 2013-14 Budget Speech that the elderly are the major beneficiaries of social security payments.

At present, retired people aged 60 to 64 are not entitled to concessionary fares when taking long-haul bus routes (such as the “E” and “A” routes airport shuttle buses). In the long term, how would the authorities concerned extend the arrangements to offer a certain extent of concessions or half price to this large group of retired people aged 60 to 64 who have no income?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

Elders facing financial difficulties may apply for financial assistance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme to meet their basic needs. To meet their special needs, CSSA sets higher asset limits for elderly recipients aged 60 or above, and also provides higher standard rates, special grants and supplements for them. Elderly recipients may deploy their CSSA payments to meet their individual needs (including transport expenses).

In addition, a monthly transport supplement of \$235 is payable to severely disabled persons who are medically certified to be 100% disabled or in need of constant attendance and in the age group of 12 to 64, as well as recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group, to encourage them to further participate in activities away from home, thereby enhancing their integration into society.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie TAM

Post Title: Permanent Secretary
for Labour and Welfare

Date: 8.4.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)049

Question Serial No.

0890

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (7), it is stated that the Administration will monitor the performance of the three additional youth outreaching teams (YOTs) and continue to monitor the implementation of pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOPs). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the manpower and expenditure involved in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) for the YOTs, and the manpower and expenditure involved in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13) for the PCYOPs? In this connection, has the Administration reviewed the effectiveness of the YOTs and the PCYOPs? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply: Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating YOTs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging staffing, including social workers to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The full-year funding allocation of YOTs for the years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 is listed below –

Year	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
Full-year funding allocation (\$ million)	85.9	98.2	107.7

To ensure service quality, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service performance of subvented NGOs through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS) whereby the performance standards of subvented NGOs are assessed and monitored through their regular reports and SWD's scheduled and surprise visits to their subvented service units. The Administration will keep in view the demand for outreaching social work services.

SWD has commissioned three NGOs to each launch a PCYOP with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Each PCYOP has been allocated a grant of \$5.2 million for the implementation of the project for three years with effect from August 2011. The three NGOs are given the flexibility to deploy the resources for employment of suitable manpower and other related costs to meet the project objectives and deliverables. As at 31 December 2012, the expenditure of the three PCYOPs was around \$8 million.

SWD has also commissioned the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the three PCYOPs, and to make recommendations on the way forward. The study will be completed by the end of 2014.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)050

Question Serial No.

0100

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2012-13, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of CSSA households and recipients in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved;
- (b) the number of households and recipients who are currently on CSSA and living in each public housing estate in Hong Kong, and these numbers as percentages to the total numbers of households and residents in that estate and the expenditure involved;
- (c) a breakdown of CSSA recipients and households by nature of cases (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and new arrivals) in each geographical district in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved; and
- (d) a breakdown of CSSA recipients and households by nature of cases (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and new arrivals) in each public housing estate and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated CSSA expenditure^[Note 1] for 2012-13 is \$19,688 million. We do not have the expenditure breakdown by geographical district. The number of CSSA households and recipients by geographical district as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of CSSA households	Number of CSSA recipients
Central & Western	3 253	3 899
Eastern	13 445	19 852
Islands	4 205	8 541
Kowloon City	12 766	17 590
Kwai Tsing	26 219	42 722
Kwun Tong	36 346	60 163
North	14 059	22 180
Sai Kung	8 718	14 574
Sha Tin	17 156	28 337
Sham Shui Po	24 505	35 862
Southern	8 280	11 598
Tai Po	9 339	14 144
Tsuen Wan	7 885	11 990
Tuen Mun	20 767	30 910
Wan Chai	1 826	2 063
Wong Tai Sin	21 154	33 334
Yau Tsim Mong	10 503	13 254
Yuen Long	26 365	45 496
Total ^[Note 3]	266 791	416 509

[Note 1] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment.

[Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 3] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

- (b) We do not have the CSSA expenditure breakdown by public housing estate. The number and percentage of CSSA households and recipients in each of the public housing estates as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	571	13%	1 089	8%
Bo Shek Mansion	64	24%	82	13%
Broadview Garden	22	5%	40	3%
Butterfly	1 307	25%	2 100	18%
Chai Wan	393	25%	600	16%
Chak On	503	29%	785	19%
Cheung Ching	616	13%	1 224	8%
Cheung Fat	397	31%	631	20%
Cheung Hang	587	14%	950	7%
Cheung Hong	1 417	17%	2 488	11%
Cheung Kwai	60	13%	116	8%
Cheung On	501	36%	745	20%
Cheung Shan	162	10%	334	6%
Cheung Wah	744	36%	1 284	23%
Cheung Wang	913	22%	1 725	14%
Ching Ho	2 006	28%	4 017	20%
Cho Yiu Chuen	239	10%	394	5%
Choi Fai	177	14%	323	8%
Choi Fook	736	22%	1 280	14%
Choi Ha	240	39%	374	25%
Choi Hung	1 475	20%	2 519	14%
Choi Ming Court	601	22%	1 149	13%
Choi Tak	1 086	19%	1 837	13%
Choi Wan (I)	810	14%	1 597	9%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Choi Wan (II)	426	15%	829	9%
Choi Ying	962	24%	1 680	16%
Choi Yuen	1 306	26%	2 186	17%
Chuk Yuen (North)	584	42%	935	25%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 513	26%	2 534	16%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	134	14%	216	8%
Chun Shek	431	21%	673	12%
Chung On	612	23%	1 179	13%
Clague Garden Estate	73	14%	139	9%
Easeful Court	58	11%	188	9%
Fortune	763	37%	1 039	22%
Fu Cheong	1 987	33%	3 041	18%
Fu Heng	723	38%	1 171	23%
Fu Shan	291	19%	494	12%
Fu Shin	777	31%	1 401	21%
Fu Tai	972	19%	2 162	12%
Fu Tung	185	11%	405	7%
Fuk Loi	553	18%	927	12%
Fung Tak	681	51%	963	34%
Fung Wah	137	34%	216	21%
Grandeur Terrace	862	21%	2 437	16%
Hau Tak	660	16%	1 191	9%
Healthy Village	145	13%	229	7%
Heng On	394	40%	739	24%
High Prosperity Terrace	64	8%	208	7%
Hin Keng	376	47%	703	28%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Hin Yiu	209	26%	367	18%
Hing Man	270	14%	540	9%
Hing Tin	176	36%	353	22%
Hing Tung	305	15%	523	8%
Hing Wah (I)	471	21%	818	11%
Hing Wah (II)	814	24%	1 336	16%
Ho Man Tin	1 050	22%	1 660	12%
Hoi Fu Court	885	32%	1 519	18%
Hoi Lai	869	18%	2 134	12%
Hong Tung	231	51%	282	33%
Hung Hom	693	26%	1 060	16%
Jat Min Chuen	495	14%	780	7%
Ka Fuk	383	20%	649	10%
Ka Wai Chuen	309	19%	464	11%
Kai Tin	513	23%	808	13%
Kai Yip	1 090	26%	1 706	18%
Kam Peng	49	20%	98	13%
Kin Ming	1 357	19%	2 972	14%
Kin Sang	193	31%	324	19%
King Lam	706	42%	997	28%
Ko Cheung Court	273	15%	778	11%
Ko Yee	281	24%	444	13%
Kwai Chung	3 019	22%	5 645	15%
Kwai Fong	1 139	18%	1 981	11%
Kwai Hing	142	40%	246	29%
Kwai Luen	309	22%	551	16%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Kwai Shing (East)	1 345	22%	2 248	12%
Kwai Shing (West)	799	15%	1 464	10%
Kwong Fuk	1 043	17%	1 927	10%
Kwong Tin	331	15%	594	8%
Kwong Yuen	617	43%	988	27%
Kwun Lung Lau	187	10%	304	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	735	15%	1 248	9%
Lai King	710	17%	1 239	11%
Lai Kok	818	29%	1 292	19%
Lai On	263	20%	409	12%
Lai Tak Tsuen	207	8%	356	5%
Lai Yiu	447	16%	809	10%
Lakeside Garden	30	13%	54	7%
Lam Tin	689	23%	1 213	15%
Lee On	661	18%	1 193	10%
Lei Cheng Uk	629	47%	1 040	31%
Lei Muk Shue	1 820	17%	3 340	11%
Lei Tung	752	29%	1 181	18%
Lei Yue Mun	807	26%	1 524	17%
Lek Yuen	585	18%	1 034	12%
Leung King	973	31%	1 569	19%
Lok Fu	763	21%	1 190	12%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	469	13%	767	8%
Lok Wah (North)	339	12%	760	8%
Lok Wah (South)	1 928	29%	2 998	22%
Long Bin IH	147	26%	174	19%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Long Ping	1 198	27%	2 356	18%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	545	14%	950	10%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	925	53%	1 487	35%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	911	14%	1 593	8%
Lung Hang	566	13%	1 196	9%
Lung Tin	106	29%	143	19%
Ma Hang	91	10%	171	6%
Ma Tau Wai	416	20%	745	14%
Mei Lam	756	19%	1 263	12%
Mei Tin	1 220	22%	2 445	16%
Mei Tung	389	27%	650	18%
Ming Tak	281	19%	445	10%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	235	11%	362	6%
Model Housing	107	16%	231	10%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	129	14%	210	9%
Nam Cheong	286	37%	488	24%
Nam Shan	610	23%	1 024	15%
Nga Ning Court	61	15%	125	8%
Ngan Wan	59	14%	110	9%
Oi Man	835	13%	1 697	9%
Oi Tung	1 164	30%	1 763	19%
On Tin	132	18%	399	13%
On Ting	1 076	22%	1 696	14%
On Yam	823	16%	1 559	10%
Pak Tin	2 205	26%	3 566	15%
Ping Shek	622	14%	1 102	9%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Ping Tin	1 378	25%	2 160	14%
Po Lam	592	30%	1 086	19%
Po Tat	1 900	26%	3 627	16%
Po Tin	2 232	34%	2 603	27%
Pok Hong	511	41%	920	26%
Prosperous Garden	100	15%	123	8%
Sai Wan	57	9%	148	7%
Sam Shing	279	16%	508	10%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	880	22%	1 615	15%
Sau Mau Ping	3 055	26%	5 382	15%
Sha Kok	1 409	23%	2 320	15%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	84	13%	161	5%
Shan King	1 471	23%	2 613	16%
Shatin Pass	223	18%	374	13%
Shek Kip Mei	2 024	25%	3 403	17%
Shek Lei (I)	1 087	23%	1 873	14%
Shek Lei (II)	1 879	25%	3 334	15%
Shek Mun	369	19%	659	13%
Shek Pai Wan	815	16%	1 419	9%
Shek Wai Kok	1 035	16%	1 897	11%
Shek Yam (East)	512	22%	755	12%
Shek Yam	653	25%	1 251	15%
Sheung Lok	155	46%	192	34%
Sheung Tak	1 090	20%	2 095	11%
Shin Ming	386	20%	614	15%
Shui Pin Wai	698	30%	1 125	18%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Shun Lee	735	17%	1 277	11%
Shun On	683	23%	1 136	15%
Shun Tin	1 367	20%	2 447	13%
Siu Sai Wan	724	12%	1 450	7%
Sun Chui	1 077	16%	1 967	11%
Sun Tin Wai	498	15%	955	10%
Tai Hang Tung	611	31%	900	18%
Tai Hing	1 936	23%	3 135	16%
Tai Ping	91	28%	185	16%
Tai Wo	831	39%	1 295	23%
Tai Wo Hau	1 391	19%	2 495	12%
Tai Yuen	791	17%	1 679	11%
Tak Tin	1 001	48%	1 456	34%
Tin Chak	1 037	26%	2 023	16%
Tin Ching	1 650	27%	3 224	19%
Tin Heng	1 135	20%	3 297	14%
Tin King	241	23%	482	15%
Tin Ping	419	34%	799	21%
Tin Shui	1 175	15%	2 281	9%
Tin Tsz	856	26%	1 334	15%
Tin Wah	935	26%	1 638	14%
Tin Wan	652	21%	999	11%
Tin Yan	1 653	31%	2 626	24%
Tin Yat	634	19%	1 749	14%
Tin Yiu	1 368	16%	2 633	10%
Tin Yuet	1 092	26%	2 203	17%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Tsing Yi	284	36%	463	24%
Tsui Lam	355	21%	729	13%
Tsui Lok	137	43%	224	29%
Tsui Ping (South)	699	15%	1 114	8%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 659	51%	2 602	35%
Tsui Wan	212	34%	335	20%
Tsz Ching	2 046	26%	3 227	14%
Tsz Hong	396	20%	1 048	14%
Tsz Lok	1 302	21%	2 201	12%
Tsz Man	393	20%	744	12%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	25	10%	40	5%
Tung Tau	1 079	44%	1 625	22%
Tung Wui	419	33%	547	21%
Un Chau	1 871	25%	2 902	15%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 909	29%	2 912	18%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 289	27%	2 043	16%
Verbena Heights	202	21%	276	14%
Wah Fu	1 174	13%	2 173	8%
Wah Kwai	421	38%	602	23%
Wah Lai	255	18%	562	12%
Wah Ming	685	37%	1 170	22%
Wah Sum	325	22%	620	13%
Wan Hon	513	53%	745	38%
Wan Tau Tong	305	44%	451	27%
Wan Tsui	622	17%	1 166	11%
Wang Tau Hom	833	14%	1 456	8%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Wo Che	949	15%	2 002	10%
Wo Lok	416	22%	687	15%
Wu King	523	12%	1 165	8%
Yan On	452	18%	776	13%
Yat Tung	2 112	18%	5 390	13%
Yau Lai	1 819	21%	3 422	15%
Yau Oi	1 496	17%	2 771	10%
Yau Tong	941	27%	1 768	17%
Yiu On	387	33%	652	19%
Yiu Tung	849	17%	1 347	8%
Yue Kwong Chuen	76	8%	113	4%
Yue Wan	413	19%	738	12%
Yung Shing Court	442	26%	827	13%

- (c) (i) We do not have the CSSA expenditure breakdown by geographical district. The number of households on CSSA by nature of cases and geographical district as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 4]	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 155	230	308	196	89	219	56	3 253
Eastern	8 390	1 219	983	1 327	470	790	266	13 445
Islands	1 748	207	395	751	378	546	180	4 205
Kowloon City	7 906	903	1 096	1 137	375	1 091	258	12 766
Kwai Tsing	14 938	2 241	2 263	2 899	1 244	2 136	498	26 219
Kwun Tong	22 180	1 598	3 008	4 469	1 600	2 769	722	36 346
North	7 803	954	1 325	1 914	454	1 131	478	14 059
Sai Kung	4 285	873	946	1 108	468	662	376	8 718

Geographical district ^[Note 4]	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Sha Tin	8 978	1 432	1 975	2 257	640	1 230	644	17 156
Sham Shui Po	13 809	1 109	2 531	2 492	865	3 066	633	24 505
Southern	4 960	1 163	706	635	311	328	177	8 280
Tai Po	5 799	532	948	968	257	571	264	9 339
Tsuen Wan	4 934	421	591	875	325	507	232	7 885
Tuen Mun	11 305	2 164	2 270	2 184	522	1 812	510	20 767
Wan Chai	1 186	79	122	90	28	226	95	1 826
Wong Tai Sin	12 811	1 110	1 868	2 445	902	1 610	408	21 154
Yau Tsim Mong	5 253	384	1 113	924	253	2 185	391	10 503
Yuen Long	12 585	1 762	2 795	4 220	1 155	3 087	761	26 365
Total ^[Note 5]	151 025	18 381	25 243	30 891	10 336	23 966	6 949	266 791

(c) (ii) The number of CSSA recipients by nature of cases and geographical district as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 4]	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 214	258	361	450	297	249	70	3 899
Eastern	10 170	1 678	1 635	3 166	1 568	1 313	322	19 852
Islands	2 318	357	932	1 949	1 338	1 417	230	8 541
Kowloon City	8 965	1 078	1 475	2 784	1 196	1 666	426	17 590
Kwai Tsing	19 557	3 152	3 844	7 007	4 127	4 168	867	42 722
Kwun Tong	30 170	2 350	5 233	10 627	5 108	5 459	1 216	60 163
North	9 853	1 337	2 169	4 623	1 384	2 108	706	22 180
Sai Kung	5 589	1 162	1 777	2 721	1 595	1 327	403	14 574
Sha Tin	11 509	2 111	3 609	5 385	2 055	2 409	1 259	28 337
Sham Shui Po	17 004	1 596	3 430	5 857	2 643	4 327	1 005	35 862
Southern	5 876	1 514	1 052	1 487	925	518	226	11 598

Geographical district ^[Note 4]	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tai Po	7 164	828	1 681	2 276	819	985	391	14 144
Tsuen Wan	6 148	631	913	2 056	1 001	853	388	11 990
Tuen Mun	14 561	2 654	3 354	5 096	1 631	2 911	703	30 910
Wan Chai	1 216	79	137	215	108	207	101	2 063
Wong Tai Sin	16 644	1 646	2 942	5 846	2 714	2 930	612	33 334
Yau Tsim Mong	5 651	443	1 294	2 060	780	2 435	591	13 254
Yuen Long	16 558	2 586	4 865	10 228	3 972	6 175	1 112	45 496
Total ^[Note 5]	191 167	25 460	40 703	73 833	33 261	41 457	10 628	416 509

[Note 4] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 5] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

- (d) (i) We do not have the CSSA expenditure breakdown by public housing estate. The number of households on CSSA by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	262	71	55	95	41	28	19	571
Bo Shek Mansion	57	1	1	2	3	-	-	64
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	4	3	-	-	22
Butterfly	783	68	124	189	21	96	26	1 307
Chai Wan	268	16	26	45	11	22	5	393
Chak On	346	10	33	67	6	34	7	503
Cheung Ching	339	37	45	79	37	61	18	616
Cheung Fat	248	31	30	40	12	33	3	397
Cheung Hang	340	46	48	57	30	57	9	587

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Cheung Hong	922	70	94	168	42	103	18	1 417
Cheung Kwai	23	4	6	8	7	12	-	60
Cheung On	311	44	49	37	12	41	7	501
Cheung Shan	101	10	11	12	16	10	2	162
Cheung Wah	438	25	78	94	36	58	15	744
Cheung Wang	363	65	101	154	73	140	17	913
Ching Ho	869	48	184	516	120	219	50	2 006
Cho Yiu Chuen	177	8	11	13	10	19	1	239
Choi Fai	96	6	20	15	16	24	-	177
Choi Fook	374	17	46	160	40	81	18	736
Choi Ha	156	12	22	18	10	21	1	240
Choi Hung	906	52	130	209	63	97	18	1 475
Choi Ming Court	270	48	82	79	48	66	8	601
Choi Tak	599	21	61	243	38	87	37	1 086
Choi Wan (I)	408	39	97	126	43	75	22	810
Choi Wan (II)	227	10	35	78	23	42	11	426
Choi Ying	496	19	75	209	36	115	12	962
Choi Yuen	834	59	113	167	22	91	20	1 306
Chuk Yuen (North)	326	36	84	55	22	47	14	584
Chuk Yuen (South)	878	64	128	270	55	103	15	1 513
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	101	4	1	8	4	12	4	134
Chun Shek	267	20	47	51	16	24	6	431
Chung On	257	65	74	82	34	71	29	612
Clague Garden Estate	61	-	2	6	2	2	-	73
Easeful Court	18	1	7	15	7	9	1	58
Fortune	543	33	68	41	23	49	6	763

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Fu Cheong	1 310	80	184	157	98	148	10	1 987
Fu Heng	413	55	100	62	23	64	6	723
Fu Shan	181	15	26	37	12	17	3	291
Fu Shin	435	33	99	117	20	57	16	777
Fu Tai	382	76	106	146	103	143	16	972
Fu Tung	79	10	25	40	12	17	2	185
Fuk Loi	366	30	50	62	12	26	7	553
Fung Tak	456	29	88	39	14	48	7	681
Fung Wah	83	13	14	12	5	7	3	137
Grandeur Terrace	151	30	86	303	109	166	17	862
Hau Tak	356	47	68	84	33	63	9	660
Healthy Village	106	5	12	8	8	5	1	145
Heng On	200	30	55	52	24	17	16	394
High Prosperity Terrace	11	1	9	22	14	6	1	64
Hin Keng	204	21	46	43	24	27	11	376
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	45	6	14	5	209
Hing Man	124	28	23	51	23	17	4	270
Hing Tin	81	6	24	29	21	9	6	176
Hing Tung	183	14	29	45	13	19	2	305
Hing Wah (I)	257	60	40	46	25	40	3	471
Hing Wah (II)	519	53	46	121	21	47	7	814
Ho Man Tin	631	56	125	97	57	67	17	1 050
Hoi Fu Court	579	27	71	79	55	66	8	885
Hoi Lai	286	38	90	200	119	128	8	869
Hong Tung	213	2	6	5	1	4	-	231
Hung Hom	482	22	48	63	21	48	9	693

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Jat Min Chuen	365	18	39	28	11	28	6	495
Ka Fuk	244	28	26	32	11	38	4	383
Ka Wai Chuen	235	7	23	17	9	16	2	309
Kai Tin	320	28	57	39	25	39	5	513
Kai Yip	786	36	65	130	13	48	12	1 090
Kam Peng	27	4	6	4	2	5	1	49
Kin Ming	408	96	216	321	127	177	12	1 357
Kin Sang	96	14	25	25	8	19	6	193
King Lam	444	59	82	46	18	52	5	706
Ko Cheung Court	53	10	27	97	40	35	11	273
Ko Yee	191	11	14	32	10	19	4	281
Kwai Chung	1 227	213	324	622	217	359	57	3 019
Kwai Fong	620	97	128	104	69	105	16	1 139
Kwai Hing	88	7	12	20	7	8	-	142
Kwai Luen	137	9	24	65	14	46	14	309
Kwai Shing (East)	765	86	135	137	77	130	15	1 345
Kwai Shing (West)	459	48	73	113	34	66	6	799
Kwong Fuk	525	74	119	175	37	83	30	1 043
Kwong Tin	164	17	52	45	22	24	7	331
Kwong Yuen	315	67	75	54	13	54	39	617
Kwun Lung Lau	112	8	14	16	21	15	1	187
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	511	23	60	45	31	60	5	735
Lai King	446	32	49	88	30	56	9	710
Lai Kok	502	41	62	118	25	56	14	818
Lai On	174	19	23	20	8	17	2	263
Lai Tak Tsuen	138	17	24	8	10	10	-	207

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lai Yiu	267	31	33	42	36	33	5	447
Lakeside Garden	18	2	4	2	2	1	1	30
Lam Tin	413	16	48	118	38	46	10	689
Lee On	299	56	133	86	27	43	17	661
Lei Cheng Uk	358	37	44	80	29	72	9	629
Lei Muk Shue	858	115	185	303	148	170	41	1 820
Lei Tung	424	55	73	107	22	48	23	752
Lei Yue Mun	424	30	79	137	60	65	12	807
Lek Yuen	319	45	60	90	14	35	22	585
Leung King	540	66	108	113	21	99	26	973
Lok Fu	400	68	89	97	36	65	8	763
Lok Man Sun Chuen	320	22	37	24	20	44	2	469
Lok Wah (North)	158	24	41	51	20	38	7	339
Lok Wah (South)	1 473	50	94	173	16	107	15	1 928
Long Bin IH	37	11	20	12	1	63	3	147
Long Ping	562	60	121	226	65	132	32	1 198
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	250	18	45	116	27	79	10	545
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	512	58	99	137	36	70	13	925
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	447	60	92	157	41	99	15	911
Lung Hang	242	18	64	96	42	70	34	566
Lung Tin	60	13	9	8	1	15	-	106
Ma Hang	45	4	10	14	7	10	1	91
Ma Tau Wai	216	24	44	86	12	30	4	416
Mei Lam	413	35	81	125	23	60	19	756
Mei Tin	404	59	153	330	98	135	41	1 220
Mei Tung	241	11	30	57	17	26	7	389

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ming Tak	169	19	20	33	16	19	5	281
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	17	11	7	13	1	235
Model Housing	52	11	7	12	14	8	3	107
Moon Lok Dai Ha	92	7	7	7	6	9	1	129
Nam Cheong	173	17	34	27	10	24	1	286
Nam Shan	339	24	60	108	21	44	14	610
Nga Ning Court	19	1	9	12	10	8	2	61
Ngan Wan	28	2	6	13	6	4	-	59
Oi Man	391	46	93	160	47	88	10	835
Oi Tung	774	91	77	121	49	45	7	1 164
On Tin	23	3	9	47	26	21	3	132
On Ting	638	71	106	132	21	83	25	1 076
On Yam	484	63	70	69	59	65	13	823
Pak Tin	1 378	58	236	242	90	169	32	2 205
Ping Shek	405	30	46	64	21	51	5	622
Ping Tin	863	66	128	148	57	99	17	1 378
Po Lam	303	52	56	106	31	39	5	592
Po Tat	1 051	70	168	234	147	206	24	1 900
Po Tin	1 157	146	360	124	12	412	21	2 232
Pok Hong	294	12	69	76	17	31	12	511
Prosperous Garden	91	-	4	2	-	2	1	100
Sai Wan	26	2	10	5	7	6	1	57
Sam Shing	146	15	19	47	12	30	10	279
Sau Mau Ping (South)	431	19	83	185	49	87	26	880
Sau Mau Ping	1 833	141	273	309	191	262	46	3 055
Sha Kok	816	68	144	181	44	82	74	1 409

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	45	4	10	5	8	9	3	84
Shan King	817	82	167	213	45	116	31	1 471
Shatin Pass	107	5	23	58	6	23	1	223
Shek Kip Mei	1 164	55	202	325	73	169	36	2 024
Shek Lei (I)	640	90	75	138	53	70	21	1 087
Shek Lei (II)	958	101	167	255	138	219	41	1 879
Shek Mun	110	9	51	107	16	53	23	369
Shek Pai Wan	458	67	83	74	67	48	18	815
Shek Wai Kok	594	45	102	156	52	62	24	1 035
Shek Yam (East)	342	40	35	29	21	41	4	512
Shek Yam	383	53	48	70	45	45	9	653
Sheung Lok	126	8	3	9	1	7	1	155
Sheung Tak	560	60	113	145	103	96	13	1 090
Shin Ming	165	22	44	85	19	41	10	386
Shui Pin Wai	484	23	54	77	12	42	6	698
Shun Lee	451	29	54	101	31	61	8	735
Shun On	447	25	50	66	29	57	9	683
Shun Tin	849	56	127	154	55	107	19	1 367
Siu Sai Wan	307	77	90	120	48	72	10	724
Sun Chui	593	56	91	158	49	108	22	1 077
Sun Tin Wai	261	33	39	88	27	37	13	498
Tai Hang Tung	424	19	62	43	19	35	9	611
Tai Hing	1 227	91	156	231	51	147	33	1 936
Tai Ping	37	5	14	16	2	16	1	91
Tai Wo	559	38	92	58	19	51	14	831
Tai Wo Hau	778	102	140	164	60	123	24	1 391

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tai Yuen	371	43	142	95	54	70	16	791
Tak Tin	698	40	104	62	31	54	12	1 001
Tin Chak	451	51	133	192	56	133	21	1 037
Tin Ching	683	62	160	414	73	201	57	1 650
Tin Heng	210	42	139	335	173	213	23	1 135
Tin King	91	18	25	54	14	29	10	241
Tin Ping	211	27	48	73	18	33	9	419
Tin Shui	544	64	134	213	67	125	28	1 175
Tin Tsz	508	53	90	96	26	67	16	856
Tin Wah	504	53	112	117	46	89	14	935
Tin Wan	400	56	72	50	34	30	10	652
Tin Yan	748	86	200	316	40	242	21	1 653
Tin Yat	131	31	64	186	95	119	8	634
Tin Yiu	622	67	184	237	67	160	31	1 368
Tin Yuet	467	42	128	176	102	166	11	1 092
Tsing Yi	176	21	25	27	6	26	3	284
Tsui Lam	152	21	48	83	26	21	4	355
Tsui Lok	113	6	5	9	1	3	-	137
Tsui Ping (South)	461	30	58	66	29	44	11	699
Tsui Ping (North)	1 032	68	179	173	56	132	19	1 659
Tsui Wan	122	31	14	24	4	16	1	212
Tsz Ching	1 288	71	186	192	132	160	17	2 046
Tsz Hong	114	12	40	99	69	53	9	396
Tsz Lok	818	55	119	152	57	86	15	1 302
Tsz Man	210	16	47	46	27	39	8	393
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	6	2	2	-	3	25

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tung Tau	685	57	93	109	30	94	11	1 079
Tung Wui	331	11	21	21	7	25	3	419
Un Chau	1 257	77	165	135	76	142	19	1 871
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 376	66	154	104	52	144	13	1 909
Upper Wong Tai Sin	798	78	115	122	70	92	14	1 289
Verbena Heights	153	8	18	7	2	13	1	202
Wah Fu	599	114	104	184	86	63	24	1 174
Wah Kwai	290	31	36	26	18	19	1	421
Wah Lai	100	21	33	44	29	21	7	255
Wah Ming	385	55	65	86	22	59	13	685
Wah Sum	168	34	39	36	19	29	-	325
Wan Hon	462	4	12	19	5	8	3	513
Wan Tau Tong	192	36	26	24	10	16	1	305
Wan Tsui	311	54	55	109	32	51	10	622
Wang Tau Hom	417	65	67	119	50	95	20	833
Wo Che	375	78	167	144	61	82	42	949
Wo Lok	251	25	41	50	17	28	4	416
Wu King	192	28	59	121	34	76	13	523
Yan On	153	16	59	122	14	65	23	452
Yat Tung	570	94	235	530	306	341	36	2 112
Yau Lai	943	31	156	406	109	136	38	1 819
Yau Oi	748	85	139	227	85	176	36	1 496
Yau Tong	519	43	105	112	80	75	7	941
Yiu On	176	30	78	55	10	23	15	387
Yiu Tung	522	65	86	73	38	57	8	849
Yue Kwong Chuen	44	6	7	3	2	13	1	76

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Yue Wan	208	37	32	89	13	30	4	413
Yung Shing Court	233	29	45	37	41	56	1	442
Total	88 545	8 499	15 913	22 588	8 245	14 541	2 780	161 111

(d) (ii) The number of CSSA recipients by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	389	152	120	232	121	43	32	1 089
Bo Shek Mansion	67	3	1	4	7	-	-	82
Broadview Garden	19	4	2	10	5	-	-	40
Butterfly	1 147	93	215	393	57	151	44	2 100
Chai Wan	322	29	55	111	32	41	10	600
Chak On	508	18	49	135	13	48	14	785
Cheung Ching	570	67	93	197	118	140	39	1 224
Cheung Fat	333	60	54	97	31	52	4	631
Cheung Hang	485	71	82	137	77	86	12	950
Cheung Hong	1 421	123	183	377	143	210	31	2 488
Cheung Kwai	37	8	11	18	21	21	-	116
Cheung On	441	57	64	83	24	63	13	745
Cheung Shan	196	24	12	34	54	10	4	334
Cheung Wah	666	37	142	214	97	108	20	1 284
Cheung Wang	554	109	180	366	204	280	32	1 725
Ching Ho	1 226	83	411	1 267	410	526	94	4 017
Cho Yiu Chuen	262	13	16	31	37	32	3	394
Choi Fai	140	8	26	41	48	60	-	323
Choi Fook	497	31	78	379	109	160	26	1 280

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Choi Ha	204	22	27	50	31	38	2	374
Choi Hung	1 375	81	193	469	188	184	29	2 519
Choi Ming Court	403	85	158	193	146	149	15	1 149
Choi Tak	805	26	116	539	117	178	56	1 837
Choi Wan (I)	686	71	195	296	138	159	52	1 597
Choi Wan (II)	393	18	79	177	62	83	17	829
Choi Ying	689	30	121	483	115	224	18	1 680
Choi Yuen	1 266	102	207	359	68	159	25	2 186
Chuk Yuen (North)	451	54	135	144	71	56	24	935
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 296	107	211	586	140	173	21	2 534
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	147	7	1	19	15	16	11	216
Chun Shek	343	31	99	104	51	33	12	673
Chung On	328	137	152	211	117	160	74	1 179
Clague Garden Estate	106	-	2	19	8	4	-	139
Easeful Court	49	3	25	38	31	37	5	188
Fortune	650	46	86	111	61	76	9	1 039
Fu Cheong	1 641	142	291	364	249	340	14	3 041
Fu Heng	565	77	195	153	72	101	8	1 171
Fu Shan	251	23	53	96	40	24	7	494
Fu Shin	702	46	196	245	72	120	20	1 401
Fu Tai	598	152	246	401	368	368	29	2 162
Fu Tung	115	20	73	110	43	41	3	405
Fuk Loi	537	55	100	154	24	42	15	927
Fung Tak	579	54	121	93	29	76	11	963
Fung Wah	105	17	22	29	19	20	4	216
Grandeur Terrace	366	84	263	802	384	508	30	2 437

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Hau Tak	479	81	148	221	114	130	18	1 191
Healthy Village	149	6	24	22	23	5	-	229
Heng On	267	69	115	137	77	42	32	739
High Prosperity Terrace	24	3	34	59	61	25	2	208
Hin Keng	338	39	83	103	66	61	13	703
Hin Yiu	146	19	52	104	22	14	10	367
Hing Man	196	46	46	120	92	36	4	540
Hing Tin	131	11	54	70	67	13	7	353
Hing Tung	254	27	56	110	40	33	3	523
Hing Wah (I)	340	99	76	119	91	92	1	818
Hing Wah (II)	776	76	87	255	62	70	10	1 336
Ho Man Tin	825	79	185	240	182	123	26	1 660
Hoi Fu Court	833	41	122	189	159	161	14	1 519
Hoi Lai	489	111	226	524	410	359	15	2 134
Hong Tung	251	2	10	10	-	9	-	282
Hung Hom	615	34	79	156	58	98	20	1 060
Jat Min Chuen	539	35	56	60	39	38	13	780
Ka Fuk	314	57	52	86	46	79	15	649
Ka Wai Chuen	317	15	40	37	23	29	3	464
Kai Tin	403	46	97	97	84	70	11	808
Kai Yip	1 165	49	102	261	38	73	18	1 706
Kam Peng	50	5	14	8	6	11	4	98
Kin Ming	612	150	482	833	482	390	23	2 972
Kin Sang	145	24	32	61	20	35	7	324
King Lam	540	77	129	107	55	81	8	997
Ko Cheung Court	156	24	77	238	156	106	21	778

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ko Yee	243	18	24	77	30	43	9	444
Kwai Chung	1 692	336	606	1 482	727	684	118	5 645
Kwai Fong	802	156	234	260	270	235	24	1 981
Kwai Hing	136	9	22	45	20	14	-	246
Kwai Luen	165	21	54	148	49	89	25	551
Kwai Shing (East)	1 008	132	229	336	255	267	21	2 248
Kwai Shing (West)	727	81	145	268	109	120	14	1 464
Kwong Fuk	809	153	236	410	120	144	55	1 927
Kwong Tin	222	23	104	124	76	38	7	594
Kwong Yuen	365	109	134	143	39	110	88	988
Kwun Lung Lau	145	13	18	38	69	18	3	304
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	741	39	116	112	102	124	14	1 248
Lai King	677	53	89	206	104	96	14	1 239
Lai Kok	717	67	102	253	56	79	18	1 292
Lai On	221	31	40	48	27	35	7	409
Lai Tak Tsuen	212	33	40	22	32	17	-	356
Lai Yiu	381	61	71	99	105	83	9	809
Lakeside Garden	28	7	8	5	3	-	3	54
Lam Tin	578	30	103	293	116	78	15	1 213
Lee On	408	79	254	220	96	99	37	1 193
Lei Cheng Uk	517	65	65	179	80	119	15	1 040
Lei Muk Shue	1 213	206	328	714	480	323	76	3 340
Lei Tung	583	104	114	234	50	62	34	1 181
Lei Yue Mun	646	48	150	331	196	131	22	1 524
Lek Yuen	428	88	135	212	52	67	52	1 034
Leung King	733	101	197	278	76	152	32	1 569

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lok Fu	498	91	151	239	98	105	8	1 190
Lok Man Sun Chuen	494	40	55	58	54	63	3	767
Lok Wah (North)	301	43	105	135	69	95	12	760
Lok Wah (South)	2 231	75	133	356	39	144	20	2 998
Long Bin IH	39	10	23	27	2	69	4	174
Long Ping	941	115	248	530	202	260	60	2 356
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	371	25	73	257	74	138	12	950
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	662	91	141	325	121	126	21	1 487
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	638	102	146	372	118	187	30	1 593
Lung Hang	358	29	141	260	158	162	88	1 196
Lung Tin	66	17	14	16	3	27	-	143
Ma Hang	62	12	11	37	23	24	2	171
Ma Tau Wai	342	38	72	202	29	56	6	745
Mei Lam	592	62	148	276	58	90	37	1 263
Mei Tin	528	93	305	803	334	300	82	2 445
Mei Tung	326	22	57	134	47	53	11	650
Ming Tak	220	24	40	69	53	33	6	445
Ming Wah Dai Ha	245	20	29	25	24	19	-	362
Model Housing	81	17	17	34	58	21	3	231
Moon Lok Dai Ha	140	9	10	12	21	13	5	210
Nam Cheong	250	28	60	67	37	46	-	488
Nam Shan	503	42	89	243	59	67	21	1 024
Nga Ning Court	25	2	14	33	33	16	2	125
Ngan Wan	40	4	13	30	17	6	-	110
Oi Man	649	98	196	403	148	187	16	1 697
Oi Tung	969	147	118	284	163	74	8	1 763

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
On Tin	63	9	24	126	86	80	11	399
On Ting	894	87	174	302	64	135	40	1 696
On Yam	695	127	154	197	194	168	24	1 559
Pak Tin	1 843	95	345	602	281	340	60	3 566
Ping Shek	632	44	81	142	69	128	6	1 102
Ping Tin	1 111	111	224	372	139	173	30	2 160
Po Lam	478	87	99	230	99	83	10	1 086
Po Tat	1 554	121	335	603	480	478	56	3 627
Po Tin	1 318	160	389	264	25	419	28	2 603
Pok Hong	474	15	118	171	60	57	25	920
Prosperous Garden	99	-	11	5	-	4	4	123
Sai Wan	55	3	28	16	29	14	3	148
Sam Shing	237	30	31	107	32	59	12	508
Sau Mau Ping (South)	592	45	138	455	166	160	59	1 615
Sau Mau Ping	2 538	257	524	756	630	580	97	5 382
Sha Kok	1 083	126	277	399	124	157	154	2 320
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	68	7	15	17	30	21	3	161
Shan King	1 297	141	312	468	132	209	54	2 613
Shatin Pass	133	10	33	144	24	28	2	374
Shek Kip Mei	1 654	90	334	747	220	289	69	3 403
Shek Lei (I)	932	143	146	319	165	125	43	1 873
Shek Lei (II)	1 302	174	281	631	468	402	76	3 334
Shek Mun	136	11	99	236	43	85	49	659
Shek Pai Wan	619	119	141	180	217	111	32	1 419
Shek Wai Kok	966	82	193	363	153	100	40	1 897
Shek Yam (East)	417	63	56	77	67	64	11	755

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shek Yam	563	114	102	187	158	105	22	1 251
Sheung Lok	148	10	4	21	2	7	-	192
Sheung Tak	770	109	244	370	350	229	23	2 095
Shin Ming	215	31	64	185	52	57	10	614
Shui Pin Wai	677	41	87	173	45	93	9	1 125
Shun Lee	681	47	107	222	93	114	13	1 277
Shun On	680	46	89	160	63	83	15	1 136
Shun Tin	1 330	102	227	354	178	225	31	2 447
Siu Sai Wan	441	139	182	324	182	163	19	1 450
Sun Chui	912	108	186	358	154	212	37	1 967
Sun Tin Wai	396	68	85	212	81	85	28	955
Tai Hang Tung	537	29	95	109	77	42	11	900
Tai Hing	1 824	147	248	509	149	216	42	3 135
Tai Ping	69	6	34	40	6	29	1	185
Tai Wo	743	77	173	130	61	89	22	1 295
Tai Wo Hau	1 165	160	269	387	206	266	42	2 495
Tai Yuen	635	91	342	254	180	147	30	1 679
Tak Tin	878	64	168	147	103	81	15	1 456
Tin Chak	679	101	272	477	167	289	38	2 023
Tin Ching	991	116	341	990	246	438	102	3 224
Tin Heng	535	123	426	865	641	661	46	3 297
Tin King	150	47	44	138	49	38	16	482
Tin Ping	341	54	105	172	54	62	11	799
Tin Shui	859	124	247	518	228	263	42	2 281
Tin Tsz	686	73	139	224	81	105	26	1 334
Tin Wah	661	114	191	311	155	179	27	1 638

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tin Wan	508	81	112	128	116	39	15	999
Tin Yan	1 008	121	298	700	127	337	35	2 626
Tin Yat	311	92	181	463	334	353	15	1 749
Tin Yiu	955	115	356	579	229	343	56	2 633
Tin Yuet	670	77	239	446	369	380	22	2 203
Tsing Yi	240	30	49	70	25	44	5	463
Tsui Lam	247	39	100	205	86	46	6	729
Tsui Lok	177	7	13	21	3	3	-	224
Tsui Ping (South)	590	54	113	171	85	85	16	1 114
Tsui Ping (North)	1 428	98	283	379	168	210	36	2 602
Tsui Wan	164	49	24	57	17	23	1	335
Tsz Ching	1 619	119	281	478	381	320	29	3 227
Tsz Hong	255	33	98	267	227	149	19	1 048
Tsz Lok	1 136	108	208	366	179	181	23	2 201
Tsz Man	315	28	79	128	91	86	17	744
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	17	-	7	4	7	-	5	40
Tung Tau	916	73	134	242	86	158	16	1 625
Tung Wui	373	15	30	57	24	42	6	547
Un Chau	1 648	126	273	335	228	254	38	2 902
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 800	79	258	274	179	300	22	2 912
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 086	121	155	293	199	163	26	2 043
Verbena Heights	189	9	29	17	5	25	2	276
Wah Fu	931	221	202	432	239	113	35	2 173
Wah Kwai	352	61	56	53	49	30	1	602
Wah Lai	148	44	74	124	84	75	13	562
Wah Ming	560	105	117	216	42	113	17	1 170

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wah Sum	253	77	84	92	52	62	-	620
Wan Hon	647	6	19	40	17	14	2	745
Wan Tau Tong	257	48	41	56	25	23	1	451
Wan Tsui	476	101	114	259	108	91	17	1 166
Wang Tau Hom	550	112	121	320	149	177	27	1 456
Wo Che	554	177	393	382	199	198	99	2 002
Wo Lok	369	47	67	112	47	42	3	687
Wu King	347	53	154	285	108	197	21	1 165
Yan On	187	25	81	280	42	115	46	776
Yat Tung	936	201	625	1 421	1 097	1 025	85	5 390
Yau Lai	1 366	60	322	947	360	298	69	3 422
Yau Oi	1 158	163	275	521	263	331	60	2 771
Yau Tong	796	84	183	281	249	158	17	1 768
Yiu On	229	51	130	128	31	41	42	652
Yiu Tung	665	102	152	173	137	109	9	1 347
Yue Kwong Chuen	61	9	11	6	5	19	2	113
Yue Wan	301	63	74	218	28	48	6	738
Yung Shing Court	288	69	79	98	143	148	2	827
Total	126 091	14 675	29 393	54 252	26 518	28 906	5 016	284 851

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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0101

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

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Question: Regarding Old Age Allowance (OAA), would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the numbers of recipients of Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) respectively in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved in 2012-13; and
- (b) the numbers of recipients of NOAA and HOAA respectively in each public housing estate in Hong Kong, these numbers as a percentage of the number of eligible elderly persons living in that housing estate and the expenditure involved in 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated expenditure^[Note 1] for NOAA and HOAA in 2012-13 is \$1,131 million and \$6,371 million respectively. We do not have the expenditure breakdown by geographical district. The number of NOAA and HOAA recipients by geographical district as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Central & Western	1 109	17 096	18 205
Eastern	6 393	47 388	53 781
Islands	1 172	5 716	6 888
Kowloon City	3 659	29 432	33 091
Kwai Tsing	9 909	34 531	44 440
Kwun Tong	10 889	45 444	56 333
North	3 213	14 183	17 396
Sai Kung	4 690	17 445	22 135
Sha Tin	8 838	34 159	42 997
Sham Shui Po	4 246	27 057	31 303

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Southern	3 109	18 516	21 625
Tai Po	3 090	14 149	17 239
Tsuen Wan	3 332	18 516	21 848
Tuen Mun	6 513	19 744	26 257
Wan Chai	590	12 671	13 261
Wong Tai Sin	6 639	35 628	42 267
Yau Tsim Mong	2 336	20 989	23 325
Yuen Long	5 097	21 755	26 852
Total	84 824	434 419	519 243

[Note 1] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance.
 [Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils. The information on geographical districts was mainly collected at the time of application.

- (b) We do not have information on the number of eligible elderly persons and the expenditure breakdown by public housing estate. The number of NOAA and HOAA recipients by public housing estate as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Ap Lei Chau	376	1 278	1 654
Bo Shek Mansion	6	17	23
Broadview Garden	4	15	19
Butterfly	238	502	740
Chai Wan	91	143	234
Chak On	144	293	437
Cheung Ching	582	1 475	2 057
Cheung Fat	123	305	428
Cheung Hang	346	795	1 141
Cheung Hong	770	1 723	2 493
Cheung Kwai	26	72	98
Cheung On	561	1 182	1 743
Cheung Shan	189	570	759
Cheung Wah	319	904	1 223
Cheung Wang	153	171	324
Ching Ho	173	153	326
Cho Yiu Chuen	304	865	1 169

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Choi Fai	102	279	381
Choi Fook	83	91	174
Choi Ha	143	759	902
Choi Hung	375	2 669	3 044
Choi Ming Court	141	185	326
Choi Tak	185	244	429
Choi Wan (I)	415	1 649	2 064
Choi Wan (II)	253	833	1 086
Choi Ying	171	199	370
Choi Yuen	301	844	1 145
Chuk Yuen (North)	522	2 480	3 002
Chuk Yuen (South)	318	1 334	1 652
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	80	362	442
Chun Shek	230	364	594
Chung On	98	187	285
Clague Garden Estate	38	253	291
Easeful Court	29	45	74
Fortune	84	304	388
Fu Cheong	248	612	860
Fu Heng	257	569	826
Fu Shan	163	423	586
Fu Shin	338	871	1 209
Fu Tai	248	408	656
Fu Tung	84	160	244
Fuk Loi	169	1 332	1 501
Fung Tak	238	1 743	1 981
Fung Wah	90	322	412
Grandeur Terrace	102	124	226
Hau Tak	274	612	886
Healthy Village	85	766	851
Heng On	457	1 003	1 460
High Prosperity Terrace	62	58	120
Hin Keng	526	1 350	1 876
Hin Yiu	19	41	60
Hing Man	147	563	710
Hing Tin	238	842	1 080
Hing Tung	129	300	429

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Hing Wah (I)	115	369	484
Hing Wah (II)	209	878	1 087
Ho Man Tin	324	1 681	2 005
Hoi Fu Court	123	536	659
Hoi Lai	218	418	636
Hong Tung	3	122	125
Hung Hom	80	203	283
Jat Min Chuen	322	697	1 019
Ka Fuk	103	174	277
Ka Wai Chuen	121	772	893
Kai Tin	123	697	820
Kai Yip	288	960	1 248
Kam Peng	18	25	43
Kin Ming	221	202	423
Kin Sang	121	250	371
King Lam	277	774	1 051
Ko Cheung Court	77	151	228
Ko Yee	93	288	381
Kwai Chung	433	1 066	1 499
Kwai Fong	545	2 016	2 561
Kwai Hing	133	759	892
Kwai Luen	34	34	68
Kwai Shing (East)	446	1 374	1 820
Kwai Shing (West)	542	1 443	1 985
Kwong Fuk	477	893	1 370
Kwong Tin	207	709	916
Kwong Yuen	265	676	941
Kwun Lung Lau	83	595	678
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	303	1 553	1 856
Lai King	440	1 218	1 658
Lai Kok	138	754	892
Lai On	58	589	647
Lai Tak Tsuen	237	1 088	1 325
Lai Yiu	209	764	973
Lakeside Garden	9	10	19
Lam Tin	116	299	415
Lee On	236	443	679

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Lei Cheng Uk	270	1 548	1 818
Lei Muk Shue	780	2 085	2 865
Lei Tung	481	1 552	2 033
Lei Yue Mun	144	421	565
Lek Yuen	254	860	1 114
Leung King	275	549	824
Lok Fu	163	1 124	1 287
Lok Man Sun Chuen	293	1 615	1 908
Lok Wah (North)	292	845	1 137
Lok Wah (South)	476	1 302	1 778
Long Bin IH	9	10	19
Long Ping	383	857	1 240
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	75	499	574
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	295	1 992	2 287
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	257	1 599	1 856
Lung Hang	410	882	1 292
Lung Tin	18	50	68
Ma Hang	50	168	218
Ma Tau Wai	71	706	777
Mei Lam	330	1 058	1 388
Mei Tin	135	139	274
Mei Tung	69	256	325
Ming Tak	86	158	244
Ming Wah Dai Ha	201	1 103	1 304
Model Housing	35	222	257
Moon Lok Dai Ha	76	343	419
Nam Cheong	84	478	562
Nam Shan	128	668	796
Nga Ning Court	12	19	31
Ngan Wan	20	38	58
Oi Man	664	2 272	2 936
Oi Tung	196	715	911
On Tin	47	70	117
On Ting	285	538	823
On Yam	619	2 255	2 874
Pak Tin	456	1 683	2 139
Ping Shek	357	1 830	2 187

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Ping Tin	333	1 308	1 641
Po Lam	307	753	1 060
Po Tat	383	890	1 273
Po Tin	157	161	318
Pok Hong	516	1 337	1 853
Prosperous Garden	19	79	98
Sai Wan	25	215	240
Sam Shing	118	264	382
Sau Mau Ping (South)	158	145	303
Sau Mau Ping	852	2 847	3 699
Sha Kok	468	1 460	1 928
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	46	141	187
Shan King	491	815	1 306
Shatin Pass	18	131	149
Shek Kip Mei	287	1 079	1 366
Shek Lei (I)	464	1 661	2 125
Shek Lei (II)	329	736	1 065
Shek Mun	27	35	62
Shek Pai Wan	382	925	1 307
Shek Wai Kok	552	1 917	2 469
Shek Yam (East)	171	760	931
Shek Yam	149	561	710
Sheung Lok	21	85	106
Sheung Tak	308	533	841
Shin Ming	43	45	88
Shui Pin Wai	141	409	550
Shun Lee	434	1 199	1 633
Shun On	248	726	974
Shun Tin	586	1 774	2 360
Siu Sai Wan	449	1 508	1 957
Sun Chui	577	1 408	1 985
Sun Tin Wai	368	923	1 291
Tai Hang Tung	108	559	667
Tai Hing	548	1 097	1 645
Tai Ping	55	169	224
Tai Wo	355	860	1 215
Tai Wo Hau	560	2 409	2 969

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Tai Yuen	428	920	1 348
Tak Tin	447	1 555	2 002
Tin Chak	101	159	260
Tin Ching	125	109	234
Tin Heng	189	244	433
Tin King	159	214	373
Tin Ping	244	506	750
Tin Shui	365	698	1 063
Tin Tsz	103	250	353
Tin Wah	125	264	389
Tin Wan	177	683	860
Tin Yan	115	133	248
Tin Yat	93	151	244
Tin Yiu	380	735	1 115
Tin Yuet	129	221	350
Tsing Yi	302	662	964
Tsui Lam	341	688	1 029
Tsui Lok	14	88	102
Tsui Ping (South)	105	569	674
Tsui Ping (North)	521	2 243	2 764
Tsui Wan	139	608	747
Tsz Ching	380	1 480	1 860
Tsz Hong	102	191	293
Tsz Lok	324	1 158	1 482
Tsz Man	120	664	784
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	13	18	31
Tung Tau	397	2 103	2 500
Tung Wui	26	42	68
Un Chau	404	2 412	2 816
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	328	1 897	2 225
Upper Wong Tai Sin	232	1 114	1 346
Verbena Heights	57	92	149
Wah Fu	660	3 053	3 713
Wah Kwai	146	1 030	1 176
Wah Lai	57	76	133
Wah Ming	185	450	635
Wah Sum	75	135	210

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Wan Hon	32	228	260
Wan Tau Tong	117	404	521
Wan Tsui	231	840	1 071
Wang Tau Hom	420	1 914	2 334
Wo Che	555	1 677	2 232
Wo Lok	119	539	658
Wu King	311	679	990
Yan On	57	45	102
Yat Tung	426	582	1 008
Yau Lai	520	496	1 016
Yau Oi	649	1 165	1 814
Yau Tong	176	617	793
Yiu On	303	554	857
Yiu Tung	298	906	1 204
Yue Kwong Chuen	67	388	455
Yue Wan	147	612	759
Yung Shing Court	72	118	190
Total	52 051	164 935	216 986

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28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)052

Question Serial No.

2829

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Indicators of Programme (5), the actual number of cases with probation orders satisfactorily completed accounted for 86% of the total number of supervision cases served in 2011-12. However, the percentages of satisfactorily completed cases for the following financial years are still kept at 86%. Would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) Why is there no plan to raise the percentage of cases with probation orders satisfactorily completed?
- (b) Will the Administration continue to follow up on cases with probation orders not satisfactorily completed? If yes, what are the details? What are the expenditure and manpower involved in such work? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated percentages of probation supervision cases with order satisfactorily closed were projected based on the latest actual figures available in 2011 and 2012.
- (b) Probation service is discharged in accordance with the Probation of Offenders Ordinance (Chapter 298). Probation Officers (POs) would report to the court when the probationers fail to complete their probation orders. Subject to the court's disposal and/or advice, POs would render follow-up service to them and/or their families, or refer them to other welfare services as appropriate. We have no breakdown on the manpower and resources involved in cases where the probationers fail to complete their probation orders.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)053

Question Serial No.

2830

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Indicators of Programme (5), the number of cases supervised per worker per month of the social service centres for ex-offenders (SSCs) was 96, with only six cases closed per worker per month in 2011-12. These figures remain as the indicators for the estimates for the following years. Would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) In which districts are these SSCs located? How many SSCs are there in total? How many ex-offenders were served in each of the recent three financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)? What services are provided by the SSCs?
- (b) The persistently low average number of cases closed per month has led to a backlog of cases to be handled each month. Why does the Administration not consider increasing the number of social workers?
- (c) How will the Administration deal with the backlog of cases?
- (d) How long does it take on average for the workers of the centres to complete a case?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) There are six SSCs located on Hong Kong Island, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, Kowloon South, New Territories East and New Territories West to provide counselling service and assistance to help ex-offenders and discharged prisoners enhance their self-confidence and problem-solving abilities so as to assist them to re-integrate into the community as law-abiding citizens. The average numbers of cases handled per month in 2010-11, 2011-12 and from April to December 2012 are 4 179, 4 120 and 4 271 respectively.
- (b) & (c) According to the statistics in the past years, SSCs have fully met the requirement on the number of closed case per month according to the Funding and Service Agreement. There is no backlog of cases. The Social Welfare Department will continue to keep in view the services provided by SSCs.
- (e) According to the statistics in 2012, about 80% of the cases in the SSCs were closed within two years.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)054

Question Serial No.

2831

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Indicators of Programme (5), the rate of successful re-integration of discharged cases of probation home (PH) was 67% in 2011-12, meaning that 33% of the cases were unsuccessful in re-integrating into the community. Not only has this indicator not improved, it is even lowered to 61% for the following years (i.e. 2012-13 to 2013-14). Would the Administration please advise –

- (a) Why is the rate of successful re-integration of discharged cases in PH lowered?
- (b) What is the actual number of persons unsuccessfully re-integrated into the community after discharged from PH last year (i.e. 2012-13)? How would the Administration follow up on such unsuccessfully re-integrated cases? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?
- (c) Would the Administration enhance the relevant training programmes in order to increase the rate of successful re-integration of discharged cases?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The rate of successful re-integration of discharged cases refers to the percentage of residents having satisfactorily completed the training programmes and successfully secured a school or a job placement at the time of discharge. The training period in the PH is six to 12 months as ordered by the court. The probationer must be discharged upon expiration of this period even though he/she has yet to secure a school or job placement. The estimated percentages were projected based on the latest actual figures available in 2011 and 2012.

- (b) For 2012-13, there were 22 probationers who had successfully completed the training programme but awaiting a school or job placement upon discharge from the PH as at the end of February 2013. For these probationers, the Probation Officers (POs) would continue to provide statutory supervision, personal guidance and family counselling through regular interviews, home visits, group work and other activities to them during their probation period. POs will also utilise community resources to meet the needs of the probationers and/or their families, and where appropriate, refer them to other welfare services. There is no breakdown on the manpower and resource involved in these cases.
- (c) The Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the service and programmes of the PH and, where appropriate, enrich the treatment programmes to help probationers re-integrate into the community.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)055

Question Serial No.

2832

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding residential services for ex-mentally ill persons, mentally handicapped persons, physically disabled persons, persons with severe disabilities and the blind in the Targets under Programme (4), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) In which districts (with breakdown by 18 districts in the territory) are the existing halfway houses and long stay care homes for ex-mentally ill persons situated? What is the number of places available in each district? What are the numbers of persons on the waiting lists for the aforesaid places over the past year (i.e. 2012-13)? What are the expenditures involved for these places?
- (b) With breakdown by 18 districts in Hong Kong, what are the numbers of places provided by integrated vocational training centres, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for physically handicapped persons, care-and-attention (C&A) homes for severely disabled persons, C&A homes for the aged blind, small group homes and supported hostels respectively? What are the respective expenditures involved for these various types of homes/hostels? In 2012-13, what are the respective numbers of persons on the waiting lists for these homes/hostels?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The number of existing places for each type of the aforementioned residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is as follows –

District	Number of places									
	IVTC (residential)	HMM H	HSMH	C&A/SD	HSPH	SHOS	C&A/AB	LSCH	HWH	SGH (MMHC) / ISGH
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	0	333	547	200	100	79	375	170	168	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	0	85	173	100	58	40	0	0	119	8
Kwun Tong	0	308	230	0	65	61	0	0	84	3
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	0	188	359	88	100	76	0	0	237	17
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	0	283	137	0	20	29	52	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	60	104	0	0	30	78	200	169	0
Sha Tin	0	186	470	102	88	20	0	0	206	1
Tai Po/North	170	80	104	100	0	70	0	0	80	32
Yuen Long	0	187	106	100	50	46	80	0	104	0
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	0	218	557	151	25	83	0	525	162	3
Tuen Mun	0	364	431	67	67	20	240	612	180	0
Total	170	2 292	3 218	908	573	554	825	1 507	1 509	64

The number of persons on the waiting list and the expenditure for each type of the aforementioned RCHDs in 2012-13 are as follows –

Types of service	Number of persons on the waiting list in 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	Expenditure in 2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
IVTC (residential)	N.A. ^[Note]	8.6
HMMH	1 477	177.7
HSMH	2 173	504.3
C&A/SD	428	166.6
HSPH	433	94.5
SHOS	1 153	43.9
C&A/AB	113	118.1
LSCH	1 300	183.8
HWH	669	154.6
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	73	6.1

[Note] As the IVTC (residential) may admit service users directly or through referral, SWD does not have statistics in this respect.

Legend:

IVTC – integrated vocational training centre

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

SHOS – supported hostel

C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind

LSCH – long stay care home

HWH – halfway house

SGH(MMHC)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated
small group home

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)056

Question Serial No.

2833

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” under Programme (2), the Administration will continue to maintain the efficient and effective delivery of the social security schemes, and combat fraud and abuse. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The situation relating to fraud and abuse of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and Social Security Allowance (SSA) over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13), and the number of court convictions among the cases;
- (b) The manpower and expenditure involved in approving cases of CSSA and SSA in 2012-13; and
- (c) The plans and targets of the Department in combating fraud and abuse in the coming year as well as the manpower and expenditure involved respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of CSSA fraud cases from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
Number of established CSSA fraud cases	1 014	806	840
Number of CSSA fraud cases found guilty	269	247	197
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	48.6	51.5	45.6

The number of SSA fraud cases from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
Number of established SSA fraud cases	34	22	33
Number of SSA fraud cases found guilty	11	5	9
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	0.6	0.5	0.5

- (b) Currently, 1 228 social security grade posts are involved in approving CSSA and SSA cases. The estimated expenditure in 2012-13 is \$467.4 million.
- (c) The Special Investigation (SI) Section under the Department is specialised in prevention and detection of fraud and abuse of social security benefits. To combat fraud, the SI Section will continue to conduct regular case reviews and checkings on targeted cases, arrange periodic data matching with other government departments and organisations, and conduct in-depth investigation into suspected fraud cases. There are also a hotline and a mailing chit for the public to report fraud. Anti-fraud panels installed in all Social Security Field Units will continue to be updated with the latest figures on social security frauds and press cuttings on convicted fraud cases so as to remind those concerned to report their circumstances honestly and be aware of the serious consequences of committing any fraud.

There are currently about 120 social security grade posts in the SI Section. In view of the complexity of fraud investigation, eight retired officers from the discipline forces have also been appointed as fraud investigation advisors to enhance the investigation techniques of the investigation officers of the Fraud Investigation Teams under the SI Section. The expenditure involved in combating fraud and abuse in 2013-14 is estimated to be \$61.4 million.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)057

Question Serial No.

2834

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the net increase of 73 posts under Programme (2) in the coming year, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the increase in manpower by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for handling the huge increase in Social Security Allowance cases;
- (b) the details and nature of work for the additional 73 posts; and whether all these posts are for frontline social security work;
- (c) the current number of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff who have served SWD for over five years; whether these experienced NCSC staff will be accorded priority for consideration for appointment upon creation of additional posts; and
- (d) the number of NCSC staff being appointed as civil servants in SWD in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

- Reply:
- (a) and (b) The net increase of 73 posts under Programme (2) involves the creation of posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant grades and supporting general grades in SWD. The new posts are created to implement the Old Age Living Allowance and Guangdong Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, to strengthen the manpower support in the provision of social security services in the centralised teams as well as the Social Security Field Units (SSFUs), including the splitting of a large SSFU into two.
 - (c) As at 31 December 2012, 112 full-time NCSC staff have served in SWD for over five years. In line with the service-wide policy, appointments to the civil service are based on the principle of open and fair competition. In conducting open recruitment exercises, SWD would fill civil service vacancies by selection from among eligible candidates through a competitive process on the basis of merits. Serving NCSC staff who apply for civil service posts and meet the entry requirements would normally be invited for interviews.
 - (d) SWD has not collected information on NCSC staff's applications for various civil service posts in the past five years.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)058

Question Serial No.

2835

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (2), in 2012, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) continued to implement various employment assistance projects to help employable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients become self-reliant. Please provide the number of participants, the number of successful employment after participation, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved by employment projects for this financial year.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: SWD has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS), the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) and the New Dawn (ND) Project to encourage and assist employable CSSA recipients to become self-reliant and integrate into the community. For the period October 2011 to December 2012^[Note], the number of participants, those having secured employment and the allocated funding were –

Employment assistance project	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured employment	Allocated funding (\$ million)
IEAS	21 150	5 349	77.5
My STEP	430	215	6.7
ND Project	1 843	622	13.0

[Note] The required information is not available by financial year.

As regards the manpower involved, the operating NGOs had the flexibility in deploying the funding allocated to them to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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Date: 31 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)059

Question Serial No.

2836

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the development of a new computer system by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under Programme (2), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The progress of the development of the new computer system this year, when the development work will be completed; and the expenditure and manpower involved.
- (b) Whether the time for handling cases by social work staff will be shortened after the development of the new computer system.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The System Analysis and Design stage of the new Computerised Social Security System was completed by the end of December 2012. The development of Phase 1 programme is in progress and is targeted for completion by the end of October 2013.

A total of about \$386 million was approved for the project estimate. An internal project team was established in SWD to oversee the development of the new system. The team comprises 15 social security grade staff and around 10 information technology staff (including two Analyst Programmer grade staff seconded from the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and eight contract staff).

- (b) The new system will have improvement in different aspects, including functional areas and system performance. Social security staff will benefit from its enhanced automation, user-friendliness and efficiency in handling cases.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)060

Question Serial No.

2837

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (2), in 2012 the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided a wide range of training programmes for social security staff in investigation and verification techniques, customer service skills as well as management and legal knowledge. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) The number of social security staff participating in the training programmes as well as the expenditure and manpower involved;
- (b) Whether the Administration has evaluated if social security staff can improve and enhance their service quality on completion of the training programmes. If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons; and
- (c) Whether the Administration will launch training programmes for social work staff to provide them with sufficient professional knowledge to handle cases related to the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Guangdong Scheme (GD Scheme) to be launched this year. If yes, please give the details, including the number of hours required for the completion of the training programmes. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2012, there were a total of about 2 050 staff participation on various training programmes organised by SWD for social security staff. The training programmes at a total cost of \$0.5 million were mainly coordinated by three Social Security Officer Grade staff with the support of two Executive Officers and two clerical staff.
- (b) Upon completion of each training programme, feedbacks are collected from the participants on the effectiveness of the programme in enhancing their knowledge and skills in the delivery of their services. The training programmes are also regularly reviewed and updated to meet the new service demands and staff's training needs.
- (c) SWD has organised half-day briefings to equip social security staff with necessary knowledge to handle applications and cases related to OALA. In addition, operational guidelines are produced and circulated for their reference. SWD will plan and organise relevant staff training when operational details of the GD Scheme are finalised.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)061

Question Serial No.

2838

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Brief Description under Programme (2), the Social Welfare Department administers the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for the elderly. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of recipients of the Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) respectively in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved in 2012-13; and
- (b) the number of recipients of NOAA and HOAA respectively in each public housing estate in Hong Kong, these numbers as percentages of the numbers of eligible elderly persons living in that housing estate; and the expenditure involved in 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated expenditure ^[Note 1] for NOAA and HOAA in 2012-13 is \$1,131 million and \$6,371 million respectively. We do not have the expenditure breakdown by geographical district. The number of NOAA and HOAA recipients by geographical district as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Central & Western	1 109	17 096	18 205
Eastern	6 393	47 388	53 781
Islands	1 172	5 716	6 888
Kowloon City	3 659	29 432	33 091
Kwai Tsing	9 909	34 531	44 440
Kwun Tong	10 889	45 444	56 333
North	3 213	14 183	17 396
Sai Kung	4 690	17 445	22 135
Sha Tin	8 838	34 159	42 997
Sham Shui Po	4 246	27 057	31 303
Southern	3 109	18 516	21 625
Tai Po	3 090	14 149	17 239
Tsuen Wan	3 332	18 516	21 848
Tuen Mun	6 513	19 744	26 257
Wan Chai	590	12 671	13 261
Wong Tai Sin	6 639	35 628	42 267
Yau Tsim Mong	2 336	20 989	23 325
Yuen Long	5 097	21 755	26 852
Total	84 824	434 419	519 243

[Note 1] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance.

[Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils. The information on geographical districts was mainly collected at the time of application.

- (b) We do not have information on the number of eligible elderly persons and the expenditure breakdown by public housing estate. The number of NOAA and HOAA recipients by public housing estate as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Ap Lei Chau	376	1 278	1 654
Bo Shek Mansion	6	17	23
Broadview Garden	4	15	19
Butterfly	238	502	740
Chai Wan	91	143	234
Chak On	144	293	437
Cheung Ching	582	1 475	2 057
Cheung Fat	123	305	428
Cheung Hang	346	795	1 141
Cheung Hong	770	1 723	2 493
Cheung Kwai	26	72	98
Cheung On	561	1 182	1 743
Cheung Shan	189	570	759
Cheung Wah	319	904	1 223
Cheung Wang	153	171	324
Ching Ho	173	153	326
Cho Yiu Chuen	304	865	1 169
Choi Fai	102	279	381
Choi Fook	83	91	174
Choi Ha	143	759	902
Choi Hung	375	2 669	3 044
Choi Ming Court	141	185	326
Choi Tak	185	244	429
Choi Wan (I)	415	1 649	2 064
Choi Wan (II)	253	833	1 086
Choi Ying	171	199	370
Choi Yuen	301	844	1 145
Chuk Yuen (North)	522	2 480	3 002
Chuk Yuen (South)	318	1 334	1 652
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	80	362	442
Chun Shek	230	364	594
Chung On	98	187	285
Clague Garden Estate	38	253	291
Easeful Court	29	45	74

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Fortune	84	304	388
Fu Cheong	248	612	860
Fu Heng	257	569	826
Fu Shan	163	423	586
Fu Shin	338	871	1 209
Fu Tai	248	408	656
Fu Tung	84	160	244
Fuk Loi	169	1 332	1 501
Fung Tak	238	1 743	1 981
Fung Wah	90	322	412
Grandeur Terrace	102	124	226
Hau Tak	274	612	886
Healthy Village	85	766	851
Heng On	457	1 003	1 460
High Prosperity Terrace	62	58	120
Hin Keng	526	1 350	1 876
Hin Yiu	19	41	60
Hing Man	147	563	710
Hing Tin	238	842	1 080
Hing Tung	129	300	429
Hing Wah (I)	115	369	484
Hing Wah (II)	209	878	1 087
Ho Man Tin	324	1 681	2 005
Hoi Fu Court	123	536	659
Hoi Lai	218	418	636
Hong Tung	3	122	125
Hung Hom	80	203	283
Jat Min Chuen	322	697	1 019
Ka Fuk	103	174	277
Ka Wai Chuen	121	772	893
Kai Tin	123	697	820
Kai Yip	288	960	1 248
Kam Peng	18	25	43
Kin Ming	221	202	423

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Kin Sang	121	250	371
King Lam	277	774	1 051
Ko Cheung Court	77	151	228
Ko Yee	93	288	381
Kwai Chung	433	1 066	1 499
Kwai Fong	545	2 016	2 561
Kwai Hing	133	759	892
Kwai Luen	34	34	68
Kwai Shing (East)	446	1 374	1 820
Kwai Shing (West)	542	1 443	1 985
Kwong Fuk	477	893	1 370
Kwong Tin	207	709	916
Kwong Yuen	265	676	941
Kwun Lung Lau	83	595	678
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	303	1 553	1 856
Lai King	440	1 218	1 658
Lai Kok	138	754	892
Lai On	58	589	647
Lai Tak Tsuen	237	1 088	1 325
Lai Yiu	209	764	973
Lakeside Garden	9	10	19
Lam Tin	116	299	415
Lee On	236	443	679
Lei Cheng Uk	270	1 548	1 818
Lei Muk Shue	780	2 085	2 865
Lei Tung	481	1 552	2 033
Lei Yue Mun	144	421	565
Lek Yuen	254	860	1 114
Leung King	275	549	824
Lok Fu	163	1 124	1 287
Lok Man Sun Chuen	293	1 615	1 908
Lok Wah (North)	292	845	1 137
Lok Wah (South)	476	1 302	1 778
Long Bin IH	9	10	19

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Long Ping	383	857	1 240
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	75	499	574
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	295	1 992	2 287
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	257	1 599	1 856
Lung Hang	410	882	1 292
Lung Tin	18	50	68
Ma Hang	50	168	218
Ma Tau Wai	71	706	777
Mei Lam	330	1 058	1 388
Mei Tin	135	139	274
Mei Tung	69	256	325
Ming Tak	86	158	244
Ming Wah Dai Ha	201	1 103	1 304
Model Housing	35	222	257
Moon Lok Dai Ha	76	343	419
Nam Cheong	84	478	562
Nam Shan	128	668	796
Nga Ning Court	12	19	31
Ngan Wan	20	38	58
Oi Man	664	2 272	2 936
Oi Tung	196	715	911
On Tin	47	70	117
On Ting	285	538	823
On Yam	619	2 255	2 874
Pak Tin	456	1 683	2 139
Ping Shek	357	1 830	2 187
Ping Tin	333	1 308	1 641
Po Lam	307	753	1 060
Po Tat	383	890	1 273
Po Tin	157	161	318
Pok Hong	516	1 337	1 853
Prosperous Garden	19	79	98
Sai Wan	25	215	240
Sam Shing	118	264	382

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Sau Mau Ping (South)	158	145	303
Sau Mau Ping	852	2 847	3 699
Sha Kok	468	1 460	1 928
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	46	141	187
Shan King	491	815	1 306
Shatin Pass	18	131	149
Shek Kip Mei	287	1 079	1 366
Shek Lei (I)	464	1 661	2 125
Shek Lei (II)	329	736	1 065
Shek Mun	27	35	62
Shek Pai Wan	382	925	1 307
Shek Wai Kok	552	1 917	2 469
Shek Yam (East)	171	760	931
Shek Yam	149	561	710
Sheung Lok	21	85	106
Sheung Tak	308	533	841
Shin Ming	43	45	88
Shui Pin Wai	141	409	550
Shun Lee	434	1 199	1 633
Shun On	248	726	974
Shun Tin	586	1 774	2 360
Siu Sai Wan	449	1 508	1 957
Sun Chui	577	1 408	1 985
Sun Tin Wai	368	923	1 291
Tai Hang Tung	108	559	667
Tai Hing	548	1 097	1 645
Tai Ping	55	169	224
Tai Wo	355	860	1 215
Tai Wo Hau	560	2 409	2 969
Tai Yuen	428	920	1 348
Tak Tin	447	1 555	2 002
Tin Chak	101	159	260
Tin Ching	125	109	234
Tin Heng	189	244	433

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Tin King	159	214	373
Tin Ping	244	506	750
Tin Shui	365	698	1 063
Tin Tsz	103	250	353
Tin Wah	125	264	389
Tin Wan	177	683	860
Tin Yan	115	133	248
Tin Yat	93	151	244
Tin Yiu	380	735	1 115
Tin Yuet	129	221	350
Tsing Yi	302	662	964
Tsui Lam	341	688	1 029
Tsui Lok	14	88	102
Tsui Ping (South)	105	569	674
Tsui Ping (North)	521	2 243	2 764
Tsui Wan	139	608	747
Tsz Ching	380	1 480	1 860
Tsz Hong	102	191	293
Tsz Lok	324	1 158	1 482
Tsz Man	120	664	784
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	13	18	31
Tung Tau	397	2 103	2 500
Tung Wui	26	42	68
Un Chau	404	2 412	2 816
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	328	1 897	2 225
Upper Wong Tai Sin	232	1 114	1 346
Verbena Heights	57	92	149
Wah Fu	660	3 053	3 713
Wah Kwai	146	1 030	1 176
Wah Lai	57	76	133
Wah Ming	185	450	635
Wah Sum	75	135	210
Wan Hon	32	228	260
Wan Tau Tong	117	404	521

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Wan Tsui	231	840	1 071
Wang Tau Hom	420	1 914	2 334
Wo Che	555	1 677	2 232
Wo Lok	119	539	658
Wu King	311	679	990
Yan On	57	45	102
Yat Tung	426	582	1 008
Yau Lai	520	496	1 016
Yau Oi	649	1 165	1 814
Yau Tong	176	617	793
Yiu On	303	554	857
Yiu Tung	298	906	1 204
Yue Kwong Chuen	67	388	455
Yue Wan	147	612	759
Yung Shing Court	72	118	190
Total	52 051	164 935	216 986

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)062

Question Serial No.

2839

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As mentioned in the Brief Description under Programme (1), the preparatory work for setting up three Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) has been carried out by the Administration in year 2012-13. Would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) In what districts will the IFSCs be located? What is the progress of the preparatory work and when will the IFSCs commence operation; and
- (b) What is the estimated annual expenditure, the number of staff members expected to be employed and their respective posts and ranks; as well as the estimated number of people served by each IFSC?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The three new IFSCs set up in 2012-13 are located in Kwun Tong, Yuen Long, and Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong Districts. The first two commenced service in January 2013 while the third in February 2013.
- (b) The annual expenditure of each new IFSC is about \$10 million and each IFSC serves a well defined geographical service boundary with a population of around 100 000 to 150 000. There are 26 posts in Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant and supporting general grades in the IFSC run by the Social Welfare Department in Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong District. As regards the two IFSCs in Kwun Tong and Yuen Long Districts run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the manpower provision is arranged with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs concerned have the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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Reply Serial No.

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

LWB(WW)063

Question Serial No.

2840

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the recipients belonging to the unemployment and low-earnings case nature under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme of Programme (2), would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of CSSA unemployed recipients, their gender, age group, duration of stay on CSSA, previous occupation and employment earnings as well as geographical district in 2012-13; and
- (b) the number of CSSA low-earnings recipients, their gender, age group, duration of stay on CSSA, previous occupation and employment earnings as well as geographical district in 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Statistics on CSSA unemployed recipients ^[Note 1] with breakdown by selected profiles as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Table 1 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of recipients
Male	14 707
Female	10 743
Total	25 450

Table 2 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 – 19	1 108
20 – 29	1 761
30 – 39	2 788
40 – 49	7 400
50 – 59	12 393
Total	25 450

Table 3 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA^[Note 2]

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	3 035
More than 1 - 2	2 107
More than 2 - 3	2 008
More than 3 - 4	2 351
More than 4 - 5	1 595
More than 5	14 354
Total	25 450

Table 4 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	278
Clerk	24
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	57
Delivery worker	228
Domestic helper/baby sitter	204
Driver	71
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	629
Salesperson	119
Waiter/waitress	138
Watchman/guard	26
Others	567
Jobless	23 109
Total	25 450

Table 5 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by employment earnings

Employment earnings	Number of recipients
\$0	23 109
Less than \$1,775 ^[Note 1]	2 341
Total	25 450

Table 6 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district ^[Note 3]	Number of recipients
Central & Western	204
Eastern	1 001
Islands	581
Kowloon City	1 027
Kwai Tsing	2 315
Kwun Tong	3 313
North	1 230
Sai Kung	813
Sha Tin	1 558
Sham Shui Po	2 926
Southern	449
Tai Po	631
Tsuen Wan	470
Tuen Mun	1 676
Wan Chai	160
Wong Tai Sin	1 975
Yau Tsim Mong	1 748
Yuen Long	3 373
Total	25 450

- (b) Statistics on CSSA low-earnings recipients ^[Note 4] with breakdown by selected profiles as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Table 1 : CSSA low-earnings recipients with breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of recipients
Male	7 426
Female	7 468
Total	14 894

Table 2 : CSSA low-earnings recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 – 19	603
20 – 29	2 146
30 – 39	2 529
40 – 49	5 920
50 – 59	3 696
Total	14 894

Table 3 : CSSA low-earnings recipients with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA ^[Note 2]

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	880
More than 1 - 2	969
More than 2 - 3	981
More than 3 - 4	1 262
More than 4 - 5	860
More than 5	9 942
Total	14 894

Table 4 : CSSA low-earnings recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	1 865
Clerk	602
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	560
Delivery worker	790
Domestic helper/baby sitter	395
Driver	691
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	3 453
Salesperson	1 062
Waiter/waitress	922
Watchman/guard	1 012
Others	3 542
Total	14 894

Table 5 : CSSA low-earnings recipients with breakdown by employment earnings

Employment earnings	Number of recipients
\$1,775 ^[Note 4] – less than \$4,200	5 500
\$4,200 – less than \$6,000	3 504
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	3 498
\$8,000 or above	2 392
Total	14 894

Table 6 : CSSA low-earnings recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district ^[Note 3]	Number of recipients
Central & Western	115
Eastern	578
Islands	455
Kowloon City	521
Kwai Tsing	1 802
Kwun Tong	2 322
North	730
Sai Kung	629
Sha Tin	949
Sham Shui Po	1 178
Southern	305
Tai Po	426
Tsuen Wan	448
Tuen Mun	898
Wan Chai	38
Wong Tai Sin	1 242
Yau Tsim Mong	333
Yuen Long	1 925
Total	14 894

[Note 1] CSSA unemployed recipients refer to those who are unemployed or who are gainfully employed but with employment earnings less than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,775 as in December 2012).

[Note 2] Unemployed (or low-earnings) recipients might have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health or single parent) in their earlier years and not all of them have been receiving assistance as a result of unemployment (or low earnings) throughout their stay in the CSSA net.

[Note 3] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 4] CSSA low-earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed and with employment earnings equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,775 as in December 2012).

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)064

Question Serial No.

2841

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Indicator regarding adoption under Programme (1), the actual number of children available for adoption having been placed into local homes within three months in year 2011-12 was 114; the indicator is reduced to 76 in both the 2012-13 revised estimate and the 2013-14 estimate. Would the Government please explain the reasons for such a decrease? What is the actual number of children available for adoption in the recent three financial years (i.e. year 2010-11 to year 2012-13)? Have all of these children been placed into local homes within three months? If no, what is the average waiting time for a child available for adoption to be placed into a local home?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The estimate of children available for adoption placed into local homes within three months in 2013-14 is based on the revised estimate in 2012-13 and the two figures are the same. The revised estimate in 2012-13 dropped to 76 because there were fewer children available for adoption in 2012-13 for various reasons including enhanced support services to needy parent(s) who need not resort to relinquishment of parental right as the last resort. Also, more time is required for the matching of children with special needs with suitable prospective adoptive parents.

The respective numbers of children available for adoption placed into local homes were 92 in 2010-11, 118 in 2011-12 and 77 in 2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013). In general, over 90% of the total number of children available for adoption can be placed into local homes within three months. The rest of the children usually with special needs such as ill-health, disabilities and/or older age require longer and varied waiting time for successful matching with suitable prospective adoptive parents.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)065

Question Serial No.

2842

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to Programme (1), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) continued to launch publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence in 2012. Would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) The details and the expenditure of publicity programmes on prevention of domestic violence last year;
- (b) The details, number of programmes organised, number of people participated, and the expenditure of public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence last year;
- (c) Has the Administration assessed the effectiveness of the above programmes on reducing the number of domestic violence cases; and
- (d) The details, estimated staffing establishment and the expenditure of publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) SWD has made use of various media channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence. For example, a short-film cum storyboard creation competition on prevention of child sexual abuse was launched, a poster and leaflet on promoting joint parental responsibilities and co-operation of divorced parents for the best interests of their children as well as a series of leaflets introducing the services for victims of domestic violence in different languages were produced. The poster was posted in public transportation systems to attract the public's attention while the publication materials were distributed to the public through social service units in the territory. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have also been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. From April to December 2012, about 1 440 programmes have been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices with the attendance of more than 99 000. In 2012-13, the expenditure for the publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million.
- (c) The publicity campaign has achieved positive feedbacks as reflected by the high participation in the programmes. The short-film cum storyboard creation competition mentioned above has recorded a click rate of more than 200 000 times. The public education programmes organised by the District Social Welfare Offices

of SWD from April to December 2012 has attracted an attendance of more than 99 000. The programmes could enhance public awareness of the importance of family solidarity and prevention of domestic violence.

- (d) In 2013-14, SWD will continue to make use of various channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence, including the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with the Radio Television Hong Kong. The estimated budget is around \$7.9 million. There is no breakdown of the manpower specifically assigned for implementing relevant publicity and public education programmes which are part and parcel of the work of various service units of SWD in combating domestic violence.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)066

Question Serial No.

2843

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department Subhead (No. & title):
700 General Non-recurrent

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the extension and improvement of the short-term food assistance services through the additional funding of \$100 million mentioned in the Budget, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Has the Administration assessed the necessity of the concerned service, and considered such things as the long-term food assistance needs of underprivileged groups and grassroots, or the need to have the project been extended or regularised? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Regarding the improvement of service, has the Administration considered extending the period for the applicants to receive food assistance in order to strengthen the support to them after receiving additional funding?
- (c) Has the Administration assisted in the liaison between non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing food assistance services and food wholesalers to ensure the supply of food and related goods (such as infant formula) and to obtain the supply with a relatively favourable wholesale price? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) Has the Administration assisted the operating NGOs in setting up food distribution points in various housing estates and local areas to make the food more accessible to the people in need? If yes, what are the details?
- (e) As some NGOs have expressed the wish to provide the needy people with hot meals and canteen service apart from distributing food, would the Administration consider such recommendations for the service enhancement? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) For families/individuals with long-term financial needs, the operating NGOs of the short-term food assistance services will refer them to mainstream welfare services. While there is at present no plan to regularise the project, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will keep in view the long-term service demand and explore possibilities of further enhancing the services.
- (b) Currently, the operating NGOs may extend the period of assistance based on the need of individual case. SWD is exploring areas of service enhancement, including extending the assistance period.
- (c) The operating NGOs have established extensive connections with various food suppliers, including milk powder suppliers, and made use of procurement contracts to ensure stable and low-cost supply of different food items. SWD will continue to monitor the overall provision of the short-term food assistance service projects to ensure smooth service delivery.
- (d) The operating NGOs have collaborated with local organisations to establish service points across the territory. As at the end of January 2013, there were a total of 482 service points, of which 110 were also venues for food distribution.
- (e) Since October 2011, enhancement measures have been implemented including the provision of food and hot meal coupons which can be redeemed at designated restaurants and food outlets. In parallel, the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged has been supporting NGOs to set up hot meal canteens.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)067

Question Serial No.

2844

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

700 General Non-recurrent

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: For Item 811 “Short-term food assistance” under this Subhead, would the Social Welfare Department please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please list the number of service points for distributing short-term food assistance in Hong Kong and the number of eligible persons (by category of applicants) who have participated in the programme to receive food assistance in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 to 2012-13);
- (b) Please provide the total quantity of food distributed under this programme in the past two years. How many of the distributed items are dry rations and non-staple food and how many are food coupons and cooked food; and
- (c) Regarding the various types of food distributed listed above, please specify the total value of the food distributed and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of service points of the short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to the end of January 2013) was 412 and 482 respectively. The number of service users served in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to the end of January 2013) was around 33 400 and 28 800 respectively. The breakdown by categories of service users was as follows –

Category of service user ^[Note]	No. of service user served	
	2011-12	2012-13 (up to January 2013)
Unemployed	6 600	5 700
New arrivals	4 800	4 500
Street sleepers	600	500
Low income families	16 400	15 400
Persons encountering sudden change or family facing immediate financial hardship	5 000	4 600
Others	2 000	2 100
Total	35 400	32 800

^[Note] Each service user may fall under more than one category.

(b) & (c) To better meet the needs of service users, enhancement measures have been implemented since October 2011, including the provision of food or hot meal coupons which can be redeemed at designated food stalls, supermarkets and restaurants. The expenditure on the Projects in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to January 2013) was \$37.2 million and \$50.1 million respectively, about 85% of which was spent on food items. The operating non-governmental organisations have indicated that on a rough estimation, the value of food/hot meal coupons and dry rations/non-staple food represents about 20% and 80% of the food distributed to the service users respectively.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)068

Question Serial No.

2855

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Indicators regarding family and child protection under this Programme, would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) It is mentioned under this Programme that the number of social workers available for the relevant service is 168. The number of supervision cases served as estimated for last year was already 8 283. Why then is the average number of supervision cases per worker given to be 31 by the Administration?
- (b) Given that there is no increase in manpower for the coming year, how could the Administration reduce the average number of supervision cases per worker to 29?
- (c) What is the average follow-up time by worker for the current cases under the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs)? What is the longest time taken to follow up on a case?
- (d) Please list the types of cases of the relevant service last year; how many of them are related to children?
- (e) The estimated expenditure on family and child protection service in the coming year and the percentage change as compared with last year.
- (f) Will the Administration review the services and the staffing establishment of FCPSUs, being the unit responsible for the follow-up of family problems of the hard core cases, in order to have more in-depth follow-up on the related services?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated number of supervision cases served by FCPSUs in 2012-13 is 8 283, which is worked out based on the number of active supervision cases brought forward from last year plus the total number of new cases received in that year. This figure reflects the total number of cases served in the year. The estimated number of supervision cases per social workers is worked out by dividing the average number of active supervision cases of all FCPSUs at the end of month, which varies from month to month and depends on the number of new and closed cases, by the total number of the social workers. This figure reflects the average number of active supervision cases being handled by social workers.
- (b) With various service improvement measures introduced in recent years, which include providing victim support programme for victims of family violence, enhancing support

services like refuge centres for women and child care services, strengthening the multi-disciplinary collaboration among relevant professionals and deploying supporting staff to assist social workers, the effectiveness of FCPSUs in helping victims of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering, their families and the abusers has been enhanced. The average time required to complete the helping process has thus been shortened resulting in more cases closed upon achievement of the treatment goals, which offsets the number of new supervision cases served. As the number of social workers in FCPSUs will remain at the existing level and there is no sign of any upturn in the active supervision cases, the projected number of supervision cases per social worker in 2013-14 will be reduced to 29.

- (c) Social workers of FCPSUs provide services to individuals and families affected by problems of child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute. Depending on the need of individual case, the time spent by social workers on each case varies. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have an estimate of the average time spent on each case or the longest time spent on a case.
- (d) FCPSUs of SWD are specialised units for providing a coordinated package of one-stop services to individuals and families affected by child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute. The cases served by FCPSUs often involve children except for some cases that the spouses/cohabitants of spouse/cohabitant cases have no offspring or their children have grown up. The number of cases involving children is not available as we do not have the breakdown of cases involving spouse/ cohabitants who have no offspring or their children have grown up.
- (e) SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Service Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), residential care placements for children and childcare centres, etc. In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure for family and child welfare services is \$2,218.7 million, representing an increase of 7.7% over the revised estimate for 2012-13.
- (f) SWD will continue to keep in view the workload and manpower situation of the FCPSUs and explore improvement measures, where necessary. In the past few years, in addition to strengthen the manpower of FCPSUs, SWD has also strengthened various preventive, supportive and specialised services for victims of domestic violence and needy families, including enhancing the manpower of Clinical Psychology Units, developing Batterer Intervention Programme, strengthening the support to Refuge Centres and Crisis Centre, improving the after-office-hours outreaching service arrangement, implementing VSP, and strengthening professional training and public education. These new services and improvement measures are useful in supporting the social workers of FCPSUs in handling domestic violence cases.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)069

Question Serial No.

2857

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Administration has been making preparations for the regularisation of the service delivery of the Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients (TCSC). What are the details of the service? How many service users have there been each year? How many organisations are providing this service at present? How many tetraplegic patients are on the waiting list for this service in Hong Kong? Does the Administration consider that the number of existing organisations operating this service sufficient? Will the Administration provide more funding support to these organisations in the future? What is the annual expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: TCSC was a five-year pilot project funded by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust to provide time-defined and goal-oriented community-based rehabilitation programmes for tetraplegic patients discharged from hospitals with the ultimate goal of facilitating their return to community living. TCSC commenced its service operation in March 2008 with a provision of 20 transitional residential places and 20 ambulatory day training places as well as residential respite service for persons with severe disabilities, in particular tetraplegic patients. Carer support service was also provided to strengthen the care capability of family carers. The numbers of persons served by TCSC since its service commencement up to December 2012 and the number of persons on the waiting list for the TCSC service as at end-December 2012 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of persons served					Number of persons on the waiting list (as at the end of December 2012)
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 ^[Note]	
Transitional Residential Service	17	31	29	36	33	4
Ambulatory Day Training Service	31	63	68	90	91	37
Residential Respite Service	14	22	28	31	33	13

[Note] The number of persons served in 2012-13 reflects the position as at the end of December 2012 as the full year figure is not yet available.

Given the effectiveness of the service, the TCSC service has been regularised with recurrent subvention from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) upon expiry of the pilot project in March 2013. Upon regularisation, the TCSC targets primarily at persons with tetraplegia who are in need of a wide spectrum of rehabilitation services. An annual subvention of \$10.78 million at the 2012-13 price level is provided to a non-governmental organisation for continued operation of TCSC starting from March 2013. SWD will closely monitor the service demand and refine the service operation as and when necessary.

To facilitate the community living of persons with severe disabilities, SWD has also launched a range of community support services including district support centre for persons with disabilities, specialised home-based training and support service, community rehabilitation day centre, etc. for them as well as carer support service for their family members/carers.

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

LWB(WW)070

Question Serial No.

2858

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Brief Description of the Programme that there is a Hong Kong Paralympians Fund (the Fund). What are the details of the Fund? How does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) support the development of the Fund and what is the expenditure involved each year? Please provide a breakdown of the number of athletes with disabilities who applied for and were granted financial assistance by type of disabilities. Will the Administration set up similar funds in the future to support the development of talents of persons with disabilities? If yes, what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The Fund was set up in 2001 with an injection of \$50 million from the General Revenue and has since been administered by SWD. It provides support for athletes with disabilities during all stages of their sporting career through disbursement of –

- (a) grants to sporting associations for the development of target sports;
- (b) subsistence grants to athletes with disabilities; and
- (c) employment facilitating grants to retired athletes with disabilities.

The payments made under the Fund and the number of athletes with disabilities approved for subsistence grants during the period from 2009-10 to 2011-12 were as follows –

Year	Actual grant payment (\$ million)	Number of athletes approved for subsistence grants ^[Note]
2009-10	3.96	93
2010-11	3.76	95
2011-12	2.96	90

^[Note] No application for employment facilitating grant for retired athletes with disabilities was received from 2009-10 to 2011-12.

In 2013-14, an allocation of \$3.2 million has been earmarked under the Fund for the development of target sports by sports associations, subsistence grants for around 80 athletes with disabilities and an employment facilitating grant for a retired athlete with disabilities. SWD will continue to keep in view the need for funding support for persons with disabilities to develop their potentials in sports, with a view to facilitating their social participation and integration into the community.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)071

Question Serial No.

2859

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Brief Description of the Programme that there is a Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) (the Fund). What are the details of the Fund? How does the Social Welfare Department support the development of the Fund and what is the expenditure involved each year? Please provide the numbers of families of deceased SARS patients, and recovered SARS patients and suspected SARS patients who were granted financial assistance in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13). Will the Administration promote the development of the Fund in the future? If yes, what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The outbreak of SARS in Hong Kong in 2003 has brought financial hardship to the dependent family members of deceased SARS patients and some recovered SARS patients/suspected SARS patients treated with steroids. In 2003, the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council approved a commitment of \$150 million to establish the Fund to provide, on compassionate grounds, (a) special one-off ex-gratia relief payments for eligible family members of deceased SARS patients and (b) special monthly ex-gratia financial assistance, including monthly financial assistance and medical expenditure assistance, for recovered or suspected SARS patients treated with steroids who are suffering from SARS-related bodily dysfunctions. The applicants' eligibility is subject to proof of medical and financial needs. FC approved in 2007 and 2011 a further injection of \$100 million into the Fund in total to sustain the operation of the Fund.

Special one-off ex-gratia relief payments for eligible family members of deceased SARS patients totalling \$82.1 million were approved and disbursed before mid-2007 to families of 185 deceased SARS patients. A total of 282 recipients were involved.

The number of fund recipients receiving special monthly ex-gratia financial assistance in the past five years was as follows –

Year	Numbers of fund recipients receiving special monthly ex-gratia financial assistance as at the end of financial year	Amount of grants paid (\$ million)
2008-09	166	11.16
2009-10	155	9.18
2010-11	147	9.44
2011-12	142	9.86
2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)	139	8.84

The balance of the Fund as at 28 February 2013 was around \$54 million, which is estimated to be sufficient to cover the expenditure up to 2018. The Administration will continue to monitor the operation of the Fund and support the patients who have not yet recovered from SARS-related dysfunctions and are still in need of assistance from the Fund.

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

LWB(WW)072

Question Serial No.

2009

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Regarding the provision of 145 new places each for residential and day training services, please provide the numbers of service places by type of disabilities and type of services.
 - (b) Additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million will be allocated to increase the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities. Please list the types of manpower, ranks, the types of service units and the number of staff. Please also explain in details how the needs of different types of ageing service users are to be met.
 - (c) The home-based care services will be extended to all districts in Hong Kong to cover persons with severe disabilities, regardless of whether they are on the waiting lists for places in subsidised residential care homes. Please provide the estimated number of beneficiaries and the types of services in detail.
 - (d) Additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million will be allocated to increase the job attachment allowance and wage subsidy for persons with disabilities. Please explain in details the plans, the amount involved and the estimated number of beneficiaries.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2013-14, the Administration will provide 145 new places of day activity centre, 125 new places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons and 20 new places of supported hostel.
- (b) In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million to strengthen the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities to meet the needs of ageing service users. The new funding aims to enable the provision of additional care staff by the residential care homes for persons with intellectual or physical disabilities, sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres operating the Work Extension Programme and day activity centres operating the Extended Care Programme. The additional care staff can help to cater for the special needs of ageing service users through providing the latter with labour-intensive personal care services such as bathing, feeding, toileting, etc.

- (c) To enhance community support services for persons with severe disabilities living in the community and relieve the burden of their carers, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the pilot Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities in 2013-14 with a view to providing home-based support services (i.e. personal care and escort service, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training service and nursing care service) for persons with severe disabilities living in the community. It is estimated that about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities will benefit from the service. The Social Welfare Department is drawing up the implementation details of this initiative.
- (d) In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million to enhance the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. The job attachment allowance under these two programmes will be raised from \$1,250 to \$2,000 per month for a maximum period of three months whereas the cap for the job trial wage subsidy will be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month with the maximum subsidy period extended from three months to six months. The additional recurrent funding for the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities is about \$3 million and \$1.8 million, benefiting over 400 and 300 persons with disabilities respectively.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)073

Question Serial No.

2026

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding long-term financial support for persons with severe disabilities, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Whether the Administration will provide an additional “special higher disability allowance” item in the disability allowance system to support the persons with severe disabilities requiring life support equipment, medical consumables and hiring of carers? If no, what measures will be taken by the Administration to meet the long-term needs of these patients?
- (b) Rigid Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) is one of the main factors leading to the distress of patients suffering from muscular dystrophy. As application for CSSA has to be made on a household basis and if persons with disabilities wish to apply for CSSA, they have to leave their family members. The support network is thus dismantled. Would the Administration please advise why persons with severe disabilities cannot apply for CSSA on their own?
- (c) Whether the Financial Secretary will visit patients suffering from acute muscular dystrophy requiring breathing apparatus in order to understand and address their needs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (c) In September 2011, the Community Care Fund (CCF) launched an assistance programme to provide persons with severe disabilities from low-income families who are not receiving CSSA with a monthly special care subsidy of \$2,000 for a maximum of 12 months, so as to relieve their burden in meeting the cost of care. This assistance programme was extended for another 12 months in November 2012.

To further address the special needs of persons with severe physical disabilities who need to use respiratory support medical equipment, CCF launched on 31 January 2013 a new programme “Provision of Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment” to provide an extra subsidy of \$2,000 or \$2,500 for persons with severe physical disabilities to rent respiratory support medical equipment on a monthly basis to support their living within the community.

We will take into account the feedback and implementation experience of the CCF pilot programmes to consider how best to support persons with disabilities in the longer run. Meanwhile, the Social Welfare Department and Hospital Authority (HA) are studying the feasibility of introducing a case management-oriented service programme to assist non-CSSA recipients with severe physical disabilities who require constant nursing care. The programme is designed to enable them to live in the community by relieving their financial burden in terms of medical equipment, consumable items and care services.

Different charitable funds are available to provide assistance for persons with severe disabilities, such as the Samaritan Fund administered by HA, the Yan Chai Tetraplegic Fund and the Yan Chai Fund for the Severely Disabled administered by the Yan Chai Hospital Board.

- (b) If the disabled persons are living with their family members and wish to seek assistance from the CSSA Scheme, the application must be made on a household basis. The rationale is to strengthen the core value of the family and to encourage income-earning family members to support other family members who have no financial means including the disabled. Where the total income and assets of a family are assessed to be insufficient to meet its total recognised needs, CSSA would be provided to fill the gap.

The above requirement is in line with the policy objective of CSSA that financial assistance should be provided to those most in need.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)074

Question Serial No.

2028

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Disability Allowance (DA) system under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) It has been 40 years since the introduction of DA system in 1973. The Direct Investigation Report published in 2009 by the Ombudsman, the concluding observations of the Eighth Session of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the submission of the Equal Opportunities Commission point out that the definition of disability under DA is outdated and has to be revised. Please inform this Committee whether the Administration would carry out a comprehensive review of DA, which should include the review of the overall definition of disability, eligibility criteria and relevant operation system. Would the Administration please also inform this Committee of the timetable and the estimated expenditure for carrying out the review?
- (b) Please give details of the existing assessment system. How effective is it for medical officers at public hospitals to assess DA applications during the patients' follow-up sessions? Would the Administration consider inviting other professionals such as physiotherapists, social workers, etc. to form an assessment panel so as to improve the assessment process?
- (c) Please provide the number of cases where Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) was replaced by Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) because the recipients had been hospitalised for over 30 days in each of the past five financial years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).
- (d) Please provide the number of rejected and appeal cases regarding DA applications in each of the past five financial years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Labour and Welfare Bureau has recently set up an “Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance (DA)” (the Working Group), having regard to the Chief Executive’s proposal in his Manifesto to “allow people with loss of one limb to apply for Disability Allowance”. The Working Group comprises representatives from the relevant bureaux and departments and the Hospital Authority (HA). The expenditure involved is absorbed by the relevant bureaux and departments and HA. As the Working Group is in its early stage of deliberation, it is difficult at this stage to prescribe a timetable.

- (b) At present, among other criteria (such as the residence requirements, and whether the applicant is in receipt of other social security payments) to be eligible for DA, the disabling condition of the applicants as assessed by doctors of the Department of Health (DH) or HA has to be severely disabled as defined under the DA scheme, and that such condition will persist for at least six months. To be eligible for Higher DA, the applicants must also be assessed to be in need of constant attendance from others in their daily life. To ensure consistency and objectivity in medical assessments, standardised Medical Assessment Form (MAF) and Checklist are used by doctors to make assessment on their disabling condition.

The proposal of introducing multi-disciplinary assessment for DA applications will have significant implications for the healthcare manpower requirement and the time and cost needed for assessment given the significant number of applications of DA every year.

- (c) The number of cases where HDA was replaced by NDA because the recipients had been hospitalised for over 29 days in each of the past five years was as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2008-09	126
2009-10	152
2010-11	195
2011-12	380
2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)	544

- (d) We do not have the number of rejected cases regarding DA applications. The number of appeals against ineligibility for DA in the past five years was as follows –

Year	Number of appeals
2008-09	331
2009-10	359
2010-11	327
2011-12	420
2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)	380

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)075

Question Serial No.

2032

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (4), the total number of additional day services places for persons with disabilities provided under various service units from 2012-13 to 2013-14 will be 376, higher than the 145 day services places stated in paragraph 114 of the Budget Speech. Would the Administration please provide details of the following –

- (a) whether the 145 additional places as stated in the Budget Speech are included in the 376 additional places stated in the Programme (4), or whether these places are a further increase in addition to the latter; and
- (b) regarding the 376 additional places mentioned in the Programme (4), please list the number of places that are brought forward from the financial year 2012-13 to the financial year 2013-14 for implementation, and the actual number of places to be increased this year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: (a) & (b) In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding to provide 145 new day activity centre (DAC) places. Together with 231 DAC places which should have been provided in 2012-13 but brought forward to 2013-14, a total of 376 additional DAC places will come on stream in 2013-14.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)076

Question Serial No.

2033

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (3), the unit cost of various subvented services for the elderly (including day care centres for the elderly, integrated home care services, enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs), private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), contract homes and C&A places to provide a continuum of care arising from conversion of self-care hostels and homes for the aged places will all increase in the financial year 2013-14. Would the Administration please explain the increases in detail, including whether such increases will directly benefit the elderly and help enhance their quality of life?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The increase in cost of the subvented and subsidised places for the elderly is mainly due to the increase in the funding allocation for operational expenses, price adjustments and improvement of the care level, service or quality of the places concerned. For C&A places to provide a continuum of care, the increase will also reflect the enhanced provision of manpower and care support to meet the care needs of the frail elderly. For contract homes, the increase in the unit cost also reflects the increased proportion of NH places. For EBPS homes, the Social Welfare Department plans to continue to purchase additional higher-quality EA1 places in 2013-14. The increase reflects the higher unit subsidies required. The Administration will keep in view the service needs of the users and the service quality as appropriate.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)077

Question Serial No.

2034

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (3), the total number of additional residential care places provided under various service units from 2012-13 to 2013-14 should be 812, which is higher than the additional 600 residential care places stated in paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Whether the additional 600 places as stated in the Speech are included in the 812 additional places under the Programme or whether they are an additional further increase?
- (b) Regarding the additional 812 places under the Programme, please state the number of places which will be carried forward from 2012-13 to 2013-14 and the actual number of places to be increased in 2013-14.
- (c) In the Legislative Council Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)673/12-13(01)), it is stated that there will be a total of additional 401 subsidised residential care places in 2013-14. Would the Administration please explain in detail the relevant discrepancy, calculation method and the figures that should be adopted as the monitoring benchmark?
- (d) Does the Administration have long-term planning and commitment regarding residential care homes in order to cater for the ageing population and meet the increasing demand for long-term care service? At present, there is a total of more than 28 000 elderly people waiting for residential care places, how would the Administration address the needs of these elderly people?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The total net increase of residential care places from 2012-13 to 2013-14 stated in Programme (3) Services for Elders of the Controlling Officer's Report is 630 places, as explained below –

Type of places	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) [a]	2013-14 (Planned) [b]	Net increase (in 2013-14) [c] = [b] – [a]
NH	1 789	1 954	165
Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	7 920	8 220	300
Contract home	1 608	1 668	60
Conversion home	6 124	6 229	105
		Total	630

These 630 places will be funded by additional allocation in 2013-14 and funding secured in previous years.

Regarding the reference to the some 600 additional subsidised residential care places as mentioned in Paragraph 113 of the 2013-14 Budget, they are additional places which will be funded by the new allocation in 2013-14 and will commence operation from 2013-14 to 2015-16. Of these, 352 places will be provided in 2013-14 and are subsumed under the 630 places stated in the table above. The remaining 236 places are additional places which will commence operation in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

- (b) Of the 630 additional residential care places stated in the table above, 412 places are newly increased places whereas 218 places are brought forward from 2012-13.
- (c) LC Paper No. CB(2)673/12-13(01) was prepared in February 2013. The figure set out therein has not taken into account the additional residential care places to be funded under new allocations in 2013-14, the additional places from an existing contract home and the places to be brought forward from 2012-13.
- (d) The Administration has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly. In the short run, we will purchase places from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) through EBPS and make better use of space in subvented homes for provision of more subsidised places. In the medium-term, we will build new contract RCHEs to increase the number of subsidised places, particularly places providing a higher level of nursing care. In the long run, we will identify sites for new RCHEs. We will explore the feasibility of incorporating residential care facilities into redevelopment projects and convert vacant buildings into RCHEs. We have also been discussing with social welfare organisations on how to make better use of the sites held by non-governmental organisations through redevelopment or expansion to provide diversified subvented and self-financing facilities.

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

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Question Serial No.

2035

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (4), the total number of additional residential care places for persons with disabilities provided under various service units from 2012-13 to 2013-14 should be 522, higher than the additional 145 residential care places stated in paragraph 114 of the Budget Speech. Would the Administration please provide details of the following –

- (a) Whether the additional 145 places as stated in the Speech are included in the additional 522 places stated under Programme (4), or whether they are a further increase in addition to the latter;
- (b) Regarding the additional 522 places under Programme (4), please list the number of places that are brought forward from the financial year 2012-13 to 2013-14 and the actual number of places to be increased in 2013-14;
- (c) In the Legislative Council Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)673/12-13(01)), it is stated that there will be a total of 815 additional subsidised residential care places from 2012-13 to 2014-15. Would the Administration please explain in detail the specific plans of the three financial years and the figures that should be adopted as the benchmark for the increase so as to facilitate monitoring of the public and the Legislative Council? and
- (d) Does the Administration have long-term planning and commitment regarding residential care homes in order to cater for the ageing population and meet the increasing demand for long-term care service? At present, there are a total of more than 7 800 persons with disabilities waiting for residential care places, how would the government address the needs of these people?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding to provide 145 new places for residential care services. Together with 377 places rolled over from 2012-13, a total of 522 additional residential care places will come on stream in 2013-14.

- (c) The estimated additional numbers of residential care places for persons with disabilities from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are as follows –

2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Plan)	2014-15 (Plan)	Total
262	522	31	815

The planned provision is made having regard to the service demand and the availability of suitable premises for setting up residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). Given that some planned projects in future years are still at the initial planning stage, the number of places to be provided may change subject to various factors such as the actual size and configuration of the premises.

- (d) The Administration will continue to closely monitor the service demand and is, as recommended in the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan, adopting a three-pronged approach to encourage participation from different sectors to provide diversified residential care services for persons with disabilities, namely –
- (i) regulating RCHDs so as to ensure the service quality on the one hand and help the market develop residential care homes of different types and operational modes on the other hand;
 - (ii) supporting non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to develop self-financing homes; and
 - (iii) continuing to steadily increase the number of subsidised residential care home places.

In the short run, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will actively identify vacant public housing units for conversion into RCHDs. SWD will also continue to purchase places of good service quality from private RCHDs and review and refine the Bought Place Scheme to facilitate the market to develop more service options for persons with disabilities. On medium-to-long-term planning, SWD will make use of suitable vacant premises at government buildings and vacant school premises, and maintain close contact with relevant government bureaux and departments including the Planning Department, the Lands Department and the Housing Department with a view to reserving suitable sites in new development or redevelopment projects for setting up rehabilitation service facilities.

In tandem, the Administration has been actively developing home care and community support services to provide persons with disabilities with the necessary care and support in facilitating their continuous living at home and full integration into the community.

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 Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)079

Question Serial No.

2039

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) It is stated in the Estimates that the number of places in day care centres for the elderly (DEs) will increase by 182 in the financial year 2013-14. However, the enrolment rate of the financial year 2013-14 will be the same as that of 2012-13 (i.e. 110%, an over-enrolment of 10%). What are the reasons? Are the additional 182 places sufficient to meet demand, given that there is an over-enrolment of 10%?
 - (b) Please list the utilisation rate and the waiting list situation of DEs by district (if available).
 - (c) Please list the regions in which the additional 182 places are located and explain why the places are added in those particular regions.
 - (d) What are the impacts of long-term over-enrolment of 10% on staff and service quality?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a), (c) & (d) In 2013-14, an additional 182 day care (DC) places for the elderly are expected to commence service. The provision of DC places is planned with reference to the elderly population, service demand and availability of suitable premises.

The geographical distribution of the additional 182 DC places is as follows –

District	Number of places
Kwai Tsing	60
Kwun Tong	52
Sha Tin	45
Central & Western	25
Total	182

Since some elderly occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the centres every day, it is therefore possible for the day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) to take

in additional elderly to fill the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of the DC places is set at 110 % accordingly to maximise the utilisation. As such, it does not mean over-enrolment. Although the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not specified the number of full-time and part-time users, service operators of DEs/DCUs are required to arrange the attendance of the service users according to their care needs.

- (b) As at the end of January 2013, the number of elderly receiving DC service was 3 485. There were 1 558 elderly waiting for DC places and the average waiting time was about nine months. SWD does not keep statistics on the utilisation rate of DC places by districts.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)080

Question Serial No.

2040

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) It is stated in the Estimates that there will be 50 additional sheltered workshop places in the financial year 2013-14. However, the enrolment rate in 2013-14 is the same as that in 2012-13 (i.e. 102%, an over-enrolment of 2%). What are the reasons? Will the 50 additional places be sufficient to meet the demand for an over-enrolment of 2%?
 - (b) Please list the utilisation rate and the waiting list situation of sheltered workshops by district (if available).
 - (c) Please list the distribution of the 50 additional places by region and explain why the places are added in these particular regions.
 - (d) What are the impacts of long-term over-enrolment of 2% on staff and service quality?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (d) The enrolment rate of sheltered workshops (SWs) is derived from the numbers of service users enrolled as at the end of each month within the financial year. Noting the generally low daily attendance rate of SWs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented an over-enrolment arrangement in SWs since 2003-04 with a view to enabling more persons with disabilities to benefit from the service. Despite the arrangement, the number of service users served at any one time will not exceed the capacity of individual SWs. Hence, the arrangement will not adversely affect the staff and the service quality.
- (b) The average attendance rate of SWs in 2011-12 was 89%. Based on the residential address of individual applicants on the waiting list for SWs, the distribution of such applicants in each of the 11 administrative districts of SWD is as follows –

District	Number of applicants (as at the end of December 2012)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	155
Eastern/Wan Chai	213
Kwun Tong	268
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	336
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144
Sham Shui Po	140
Sha Tin	228
Tai Po/North	373
Yuen Long	173
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	167
Tuen Mun	221
Total	2 418

- (c) SWD plans to provide 50 additional SW places in 2013-14 with the availability of suitable premises. Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage which involves local consultation, application for change in land use, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of the places at this juncture.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)081

Question Serial No.

2044

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to some parents of persons with disabilities, they have been informed by subvented organisations operating respite service that the service will no longer be provided from 1 April 2013 onwards. Please provide details of the following –

- (a) Is it true that funding allocation will no longer be provided to any subvented organisation for operating respite service for persons with disabilities?
- (b) Please set out in table form the enrolment rate of respite service by district over the past three financial years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13).
- (c) Please list the unit cost of respite service by type of disabilities.
- (d) If there is service demand and funding allocation is still being made available, why will some subvented organisation(s) suddenly cease to operate respite service?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)-(d) Residential respite service is an enhanced support service provided by residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) through casual vacancies on a cost-neutral basis. RCHDs admit applicants directly for short-term residential care subject to the availability of casual vacancies. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the casual vacancies of RCHDs or the occupancy rate for residential respite service.

Residential respite service was extended to persons with disabilities below the age of 15 in April 2008. RCHDs participating in the extension scheme at that time were allocated a one-off grant from the Lotteries Fund for purchase of necessary furniture and equipment, and additional manpower on a time-limited basis to strengthen the service. Given the time-limited nature, the additional manpower allocated is being phased out gradually and will lapse by March 2014 at the latest. Some non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the service have recently raised their concern about the difficulty in providing the extended residential respite service with the lapse of the additional manpower by March 2014. While fully recognising the service need for residential respite for persons with disabilities, SWD will review the service situation with NGOs and follow up as appropriate.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)082

Question Serial No.

0274

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 121 of the 2013 Budget Speech that additional funding of \$12.5 million will be allocated to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to increase the staff resources of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the additional funding allocated to each team of ICCMWs;
- (b) whether the additional funding is used for creating such posts as Assistant Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Psychiatric Nurse, Occupational Therapist, or any other posts; and
- (c) the staffing establishment of each team of ICCMWs after the allocation of additional funding?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) The Administration has earmarked additional funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of existing ICCMWs at 24 service points. Each centre will be allocated additional resources in accordance with the respective team size.

- (b) & (c) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers,

psychiatric nurses, occupational therapists and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)083

Question Serial No.

0275

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding Family and Child Welfare, please provide the following information –

- (a) As pointed out in the Budget Speech, additional places for foster care service and residential homes for children (RHCs) will be provided; while foster care allowance, including maintenance grant for foster children and incentive payment for foster parents, will also be raised. Regarding this and the demand for residential care services for children in general, please reply in the table below –

Item	Foster care service	Small group home	Residential crèches and nurseries	Children's home	Girls' home	Girls' hostel	Boys' home	Boys' hostel
1. Additional places in 2013-14								
2. Number of waitlisted cases - April 2011– March 2012 - April 2012 – January 2013								
3. Average waiting time for admission (days)								
4. Enrolment rate (as at the end of December 2012) (%)								
5. Number of children reunited with birth homes upon case completion								

- (b) The cost per place per month of foster care service, small group home and various types of residential care service for children in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13);
- (c) Please set out in table form, by region, the number of cases and the average waitlisting time of children applying for residential care services as at the end of January 2013;
- (d) The amount and percentage of the raised foster care allowance this year (i.e. 2013-14);
- (e) The number of additional families having joined as foster parents after the Government raised the foster care allowance in the year 2012-13;

- (f) The extra monthly incentive payment made to foster families taking care of children with special needs in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13); and
- (g) The distribution by district of the additional residential homes for children.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) The requested information on residential care services for children is listed below –

Item	Foster care service	Small group home	Residential crèches and nurseries	Children's home	Girls' home [Note 1]	Girls' hostel	Boys' home [Note 1]	Boys' hostel
1. Additional places in 2013-14	0	0	11 ^[Note 2]		9 ^[Note 3]			
2. Number of waitlisted cases [Note 4]								
- April 2011 – March 2012			11	53	81	57	107	11
- April 2012 – January 2013	31	347	15	62	41	54	88	12
	32	374						
3. Average waiting time for admission (days) [Note 5]	51	108	67	88	16	97	47	189
4. Enrolment rate (as at the end of December 2012) (%)	89	93	92	91	83	83	83	78
5. Number of children reunited with birth homes upon case completion - April 2012 – January 2013	93	139	21	51	2 ^[Note 6]	7	52 ^[Note 6]	3

[Note 1] Unless specified, figures relating to girls' and boys' homes include those with or without school on site.

[Note 2] Since 2012-13, 20 additional places for residential crèches and nurseries and children's home are provided in phases, with 9 places in 2012-13 and 11 places in 2013-14.

[Note 3] Since 2012-13, 30 additional places for girls' and boys' homes/hostels are provided in phases, with 21 places in 2012-13 and 9 places in 2013-14.

[Note 4] Average number of waitlisted cases as at the end of each month during the respective period.

[Note 5] Average waiting time for admission of all children admitted for residential child care services from April 2012 to January 2013. The exceptional high figure of 189 days for the only boys' hostel was due to its renovation works in mid-2012 and temporary frozen admission.

[Note 6] Figure excludes girls' and boys' homes with school on site as the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep the figure.

- (b) The costs per place per month of foster care service, small group home and RHCs in the past five years are listed as follows –

	2008-09 [Note 7]	2009-10 [Note 7]	2010-11 [Note 7]	2011-12 [Note 7]	2012-13 [Note 8]
Foster care service (\$)	9,099	8,980	9,174	9,410	11,455
Small group home (\$)	13,738	13,642	13,780	15,678	16,534
Residential homes for children (\$)	9,538	9,863	9,878	10,468	11,085

[Note 7] Calculation based on the actual expenditure from 2008-09 to 2011-12.

[Note 8] Calculation based on the 2012-13 revised estimate.

- (c) While SWD does not keep statistics on the average waiting time for admission by region, the location preference of children applying for the various residential care services for children as at the end of January 2013 is listed below^[Note 9] –

Region Preference	Foster care service	Small group home	Residential crèches and nurseries	Children's home	Girls' home	Girls' hostel	Boys' home	Boys' hostel
Hong Kong	13	53	24	25	31	14	0	5
East Kowloon	26	145	0	43	0	56	19	0
West Kowloon	22	83	9	0	0	0	11	0
East New Territories	12	88	4	17	0	5	0	0
West New Territories	16	143	0	0	0	0	13	0
No preference	0	42	1	19	11	12	1	1

[Note 9] Applicants may indicate preference for more than one region.

- (d) The foster care allowance, including the maintenance grant for foster children and incentive payment for foster parents, was raised to \$4,037 and \$2,019 per child per month respectively in 2012-13, representing an increase of about 30%.
- (e) As at the end of January 2013, an additional 74 families joined as foster parents after the Government raised the foster care allowance in the year 2012-13.
- (f) The amounts of extra monthly incentive payment made to foster families taking care of children with special needs in the past five years are listed below –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Amount of monthly extra Incentive Payment (\$)	735	752	764	767	1,010 [Note 10]

[Note 10] The substantial increase in amount is due to the increase of foster care allowance by about 30% in 2012-13.

- (g) The additional places will be provided through in-situ expansion of existing RHCs. Since it is still at the preparatory stage, SWD is unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of places at this stage.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)084

Question Serial No.

0276

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the 2013-14 Budget that the Government will add 100 day care (DC) places for the elderly and extend the service hours of new day care centres (DEs) and units for the elderly (DCUs). Please provide the following information –

- (a) a breakdown of the number of the elderly receiving and waiting for day care services, the average waiting time and the number of additional service places by each District Council district in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13); and
- (b) the geographical distribution of additional places and the actual number of places in each DE/DCU.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) The geographical distribution of the elderly receiving subsidised DC service in 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

District	Number of service users				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (April 2012 to the end of January 2013)
Central & Western	202	215	182	210	208
Eastern	407	408	371	387	389
Wan Chai	134	131	128	139	132
Southern	152	174	210	217	184
Island	75	63	55	62	59
Kwun Tong	510	607	527	582	561
Wong Tai Sin	429	414	394	420	512
Sai Kung	181	169	159	258	278
Kowloon City	177	179	164	203	247
Sham Shui Po	338	333	328	369	427

District	Number of service users				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (April 2012 to the end of January 2013)
Yau Tsim Mong	234	254	217	252	277
Sha Tin	266	349	336	369	385
Tai Po	94	95	113	125	129
North	20	85	70	88	74
Yuen Long	211	196	177	210	207
Tsuen Wan	76	101	114	121	133
Kwai Tsing	263	301	252	285	285
Tuen Mun	162	260	228	236	235
Cumulative Total	3 931	4 334	4 025	4 533	4 722

The numbers of applicants for subsidised DC service and the average waiting time for admission in 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

As at the end of the financial year	Number of applicants	Waiting time (in months)
2008-09	1 566 ^[Note]	8
2009-10	1 035	6
2010-11	1 423	9
2011-12	1 594	9
2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)	1 558	9

^[Note] The number of applicants included cases pending for admission and the suspended cases due to special reasons.

The geographic distribution of the additional DC places provided in 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

District	Number of additional DC places				
	As at the end of the financial year				2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	
Central & Western	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern	0	0	0	0	0
Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0
Southern	0	20	0	0	0
Island	0	0	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	45	0	0	0	5
Wong Tai Sin	0	0	0	52	0
Sai Kung	0	0	60	0	0
Kowloon City	0	0	16	52	0
Sham Shui Po	5	20	0	40	0
Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	20
Sha Tin	63	0	0	20	20
Tai Po	0	20	0	0	0
North	0	0	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	5
Tsuen Wan	0	20	0	0	0
Kwai Tsing	20	0	0	5	0
Tuen Mun	44	0	0	0	0
Total	177	80	76	169	50

- (b) The geographical distribution of the additional DC places for the elderly which are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards will be as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Sai Kung	60
Wan Chai	20
Sham Shui Po	10
Sha Tin	10
Total	100

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)085

Question Serial No.

0277

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113 of the 2013 Budget Speech that “2 300 additional subsidised residential care places will be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16”. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the distribution of the 2 300 additional places in each district across the territory (please complete the following table) –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Central & Western				
Wan Chai				
Eastern				
Southern				
Kowloon City				
Kwun Tong				
Wong Tai Sin				
Sham Shui Po				
Yau Tsim Mong				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
Sai Kung				
Northern				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				
Islands				
Tsuen Wan				
Kwai Tsing				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The planned provision of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total
Nursing home places	371	366	235	131	1 103
Care and attention places	754	418	21	15	1 208
Total	1 125	784	256	146	2 311

These residential care places will be provided over the territory.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)086

Question Serial No.

0278

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), please provide the following information –

- (a) The Administration will provide 600 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the construction of three contract RCHEs, the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and making better use of space in subvented homes. What are the details and distribution of the additional subsidised residential care places?
- (b) Please provide the number of applicants for subsidised residential care services in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012):

	Number of applicants for subsidised residential care services		
	Nursing Home (NH) places	Care-and-attention (C&A) places in subvented/contract RCHEs	C&A places under EBPS
2010			
2011			
2012			

- (c) Please provide the average waiting time for admission to subsidised residential care services in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012):

	Average waiting time for admission to subsidised residential care services		
	NH places	C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs	C&A places under EBPS
2010			
2011			
2012			

- (d) Please provide the number of subsidised residential care places in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012):

	Number of applicants for subsidised residential care services		
	NH places	C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs	C&A places under EBPS
2010			
2011			
2012			

- (e) Please provide the number of additional subsidised residential care places in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012):

	Number of additional places					
	NH places		C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs		C&A places under EBPS	
	Planned additional places	Actual additional places	Planned additional places	Actual additional places	Planned additional places	Actual additional places
2010						
2011						
2012						

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The breakdown of the additional subsidised care places for the elderly through various means is as follows –

Means	Number of places	
	NH	C&A
(1) Set up three new contract RCHEs	212	24
(2) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs	0	52
(3) Purchase under EBPS	0	300
Total	588	

- (b) For the past three years from 2010 to 2012, the number of applicants on the waiting list for subsidised residential care services by the end of December of the respective years is as follows –

As at the end of December	Number of applicants	
	NH ^[Note 1]	C&A ^[Note 2]
2010	6 581	20 519
2011	6 575	21 283
2012	6 385	22 293

- (c) For the past three years from 2010 to 2012, the average waiting time for admission to subsidised residential care places by the end of December of each year is as follows –

As at the end of December	Average waiting time (months) ^[Note 3]		
	NH ^[Note 1]	C&A places in subvented/contract homes	C&A places under EBPS
2010	37	33	8
2011	37	34	8
2012	37	34	7

- (d) For the past three years from 2010 to 2012, the number of the following types of subsidised residential care places by the end of the respective financial years is as follows^[Note 4] –

As at the end of financial year	Number of places		
	NH ^[Note 1]	C&A places in subvented/contract homes	C&A places under EBPS
2009-10	2 191	14 482	6 923
2010-11	2 330	14 786	7 176
2011-12	2 680	14 923	7 315

- (e) For the past three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12, the number of additional subsidised residential care places generated by additional resources by the end of the respective financial years is as follows^[Note 4] –

As at the end of financial year	Number of places		
	NH ^[Note 1]	C&A places in subvented/contract homes	C&A places under EBPS
2009-10	157	71	328
2010-11	124	260	321
2011-12	365	251	300

^[Note 1] Including subsidised NH places provided by subvented NHs, self-financing NHs under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme and contract homes.

^[Note 2] Eligible elderly can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes. The Social Welfare Department only captures the total number of applicants on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places as a whole.

^[Note 3] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months. The waiting time could be reduced if the elderly on the waiting list has no specific preference.

^[Note 4] Year-on-year difference of (d) will not be the same as that in (e) for various reasons including planned places being deferred to the following year, changes in some C&A places generated from the Conversion Programme not involving additional resources, etc. Besides, changes in C&A places under EBPS in (d) reflected both the additional places purchased and places reduced arising from closure or re-provisioning of homes, etc.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)087

Question Serial No.

0279

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 114 of the 2013 Budget Speech that additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million will be allocated to increase the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities to meet the needs of ageing service users. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The future additional posts in residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities respectively;
- (b) The types of service units provided by the above day training centres;
- (c) Whether the above measures include the manpower and resources for enhancing the Work Extension Programme and the Extended Care Programme; and
- (d) How would ageing service users as referred to by the Administration be defined?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) - (c) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities in meeting the needs of ageing service users. The funding aims to enable the provision of additional care staff for residential care homes for persons with intellectual or physical disabilities as well as sheltered workshops (SWs)/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) operating the Work Extension Programme and day activity centres (DACs) operating the Extended Care Programme. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the residential care homes and day training centres concerned have the flexibility to deploy the additional funding in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

- (d) There is at present no conclusive view in international studies nor common consensus in the medical sector on the definition of ageing persons with intellectual disabilities. A single indicator by age may not be applicable to all given the different levels of intellectual capacity and living skills as well as diversified special needs of individual persons with intellectual disabilities. In general, the welfare sector is of the view that enhanced care and support services should be provided for service users aged 50 or above in residential care service for persons with intellectual disabilities. In addition to the age factor, the Task Group on the Ageing of Users of Rehabilitation Services^[Note] has drawn up two checklists to help identify ageing service users in SWs/IVRSCs and DACs respectively.

^[Note] In December 2011, the Social Welfare Department set up the Task Group on the Ageing of Users of Rehabilitation Services with representatives from relevant stakeholders including the medical sector, the welfare sector, academics and parents groups, to review the initiatives implemented in relation to the ageing of users of rehabilitation services and to recommend strategies for meeting the needs of ageing service users.

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Post Title:	Director of Social Welfare
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)088

Question Serial No.

0280

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the Budget Speeches of 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, the Administration respectively proposed to provide an extra allowance to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments; and an extra allowance to Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Disability Allowance (DA) recipients, equal to one month of the allowances. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Whether the Administration plans to regularise the practice of providing an extra allowance to CSSA recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments; and an extra allowance to OAA and DA recipients, equal to one month of the allowances;
- (b) Whether the mechanism for determining the amounts of the afore-mentioned assistance and allowances is outdated, given that the Administration has provided an extra allowance to the afore-mentioned recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate of their respective assistance or allowances for four consecutive years; and
- (c) Whether the Administration will review the mechanism for adjusting the amounts of the afore-mentioned assistance and allowances. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Having regard to the uncertain external outlook and the risk of rising inflation caused by quantitative easing measures in various countries, the Financial Secretary (FS) has introduced a range of one-off stimulus measures, including one additional month of CSSA and Social Security Allowance (SSA) payment. FS has emphasised that such one-off measures are not permanent features of the Budget.
- (b) & (c) In accordance with the established mechanism, the Administration adjusts CSSA standard payment rates on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In addition, the Social Welfare Department updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every five years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact

of price changes. As for OAA and DA, they will be adjusted on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP.

The CSSA standard payment rates, OAA rates and DA rates were increased by 4.0% with effect from 1 February 2013 in accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism. We will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA, OAA and DA payments annually.

Name in block letters:	Patrick T K Nip
Post Title:	Director of Social Welfare
Date:	4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)089

Question Serial No.

0281

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is estimated by the Administration that the number of cases served by the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector and the IFSCs run by the subvented sector will be 53 746 and 28 173 respectively in 2013-14, whereas the number of groups and programmes to be organised will be 5 968 and 3 027 respectively. The average number of cases served and the number of groups and programmes organised by each IFSC run by the government sector will be 1 310 and 146, which are higher as compared to 1 174 cases served and 126 groups and programmes organised by each IFSC run by the subvented sector. As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The current staffing establishment of IFSCs run by the government sector;
- (b) The current staffing establishment of IFSCs run by the subvented sector;
- (c) The average annual expenditure of an IFSC run by the government sector in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13);
- (d) The average annual amount of subsidy of an IFSC run by the subvented sector in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13); and
- (e) Would the Administration consider increasing the manpower and resources of IFSCs run by both the government sector and the subvented sector?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) At present, the total number of frontline social worker posts in 41 IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is 738.
- (b) There are currently 24 IFSCs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The manpower provision for each NGO to run each of the IFSCs is arranged with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the district. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, each NGO concerned has the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

- (c) The average actual expenditure in 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12; and the 2012-13 revised estimate of an SWD-run IFSC are \$11.8 million, \$12.1 million, \$12.0 million, \$12.7 million and \$13.6 million respectively.
- (d) The average actual expenditure in 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12; and the 2012-13 revised estimate of an NGO-run IFSC are \$9.2 million, \$9.4 million, \$9.3 million, \$9.5 million and \$9.9 million respectively.
- (e) SWD will closely monitor the service needs and consider manpower enhancement and additional resources where necessary.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)090

Question Serial No.

0282

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Budget that the Administration will continue to help implement the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Scheme) for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the numbers of RCHEs served by the Scheme, the average number of hours of medication reviews for each home, the average numbers of training hours for the staff of each home, and the numbers of the elderly served by the Scheme in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13) respectively; and
- (b) As the Scheme will end this year, will the Administration continue and extend the services to all districts across the territory upon the end of the Scheme? If yes, what are the details and the amount of funding allocation involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) Service statistics of the three-year Scheme from 2010-11 to 2012-13 are provided as follows –

Item	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 ^[Note 1]
Number of RCHEs served	26	20	24
Average number of medication reviews for each home ^[Note 2]	79.4	98.5	65.5
Average number of training hours for staff of each home	3.3	3.0	1.8
Number of the elderly served	2 054	1 939	2 177

[Note 1] From 15 June 2012 to 28 February 2013.

[Note 2] Average number of hours of medication reviews is not available.

- (b) The Administration will review the effectiveness of the Scheme in mid-June 2013 and decide on the way forward in the light of the review findings.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)091

Question Serial No.

0283

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Budget that the quality and care level of all places in subvented care-and-attention (C&A) homes will be enhanced. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Among the service users in the current subvented C&A homes, nursing homes (NHs) and C&A places providing a continuum of care arising from the conversion of self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) places, what is the breakdown of the number of users with the following disabilities; and

	C&A homes	NHs	C&A places offering a continuum of care arising from conversion of S/C and H/A places
Visual impairment			
Hearing impairment			
Mentally handicapped			
Mentally ill			
Physically handicapped			
Autistic			
Damaged organs			

- (b) Whether the Administration will provide additional subsidies to C&A homes, NHs and C&A places providing a continuum of care arising from the conversion of S/C hostels and H/A places that take care of the elderly with disabilities, with a view to enhancing their quality and care level. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture statistics on different types of disabilities of service users in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs).

- (b) SWD implements an integrated long-term care service model to take care of frail elderly persons. In 2013-14, an additional recurrent funding of \$164 million will be allocated to increase the subvention for about 7 000 residential care places with a continuum of care so that RCHEs can provide more targeted services for the elderly, and to upgrade 7 850 ordinary residential care places in subvented RCHEs to places with a continuum of

care. In addition, SWD provides care supplements (i.e. Infirmity Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS)) to eligible RCHEs for taking care of the elderly residents who require special care services. In 2013-14, the total provision for ICS and DS is \$95.3 million and \$202.2 million respectively.

Name in block letters:	<u>Patrick T K Nip</u>
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)092

Question Serial No.

0284

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Budget that the Administration will provide additional subsidised long-term care (LTC) places with a continuum of care (COC) through making full use of the space in existing subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the conversion programme. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The number of subvented RCHEs that have completed the conversion works.
- (b) The number of subvented RCHEs that are being converted.
- (c) The number of subvented RCHEs that have applied for conversion but the works have yet to commence.
- (d) Among the subvented RCHEs that have completed the conversion works, what is the average time taken from the submission of application to the completion of the whole conversion works and from the submission of application to the commencement of the conversion works?
- (e) For the subvented RCHEs that are being converted, what is the average time taken from the submission of application to the commencement of the conversion works?
- (f) How would the Administration assist the RCHEs that have applied for conversion to speed up the conversion progress?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Four RCHEs have completed the conversion works.
- (b) As at the end of January 2013, six RCHEs had commenced the renovation works for conversion.
- (c) Apart from (a) and (b), ten RCHEs have already been approved to use the Lotteries Fund (LF) for major renovation for conversion whereas one RCHE was approved for redevelopment. These 11 RCHEs are at different stages of the projects, such as preparing tender documents or tendering for Authorised Persons/Consultants and works contracts. In addition, there are another 16 homes whose applications for LF are under processing.
- (d) For those RCHEs that have completed the conversion works, the average time taken from application for LF to actual commencement of works is around three years while from

application to the completion of works is around four years. The actual time required for individual RCHEs to complete the whole conversion process may vary because of a number of factors such as the scale and complexity of the renovation works, the physical constraint of the sites, and the completeness of information provided in the technical submissions, etc.

- (e) For those RCHEs that are undergoing renovation works for conversion, the average time taken from application for LF to actual commencement of works is also around three years. Again, the actual time required may vary due to different factors as mentioned in (d) above.
- (f) To speed up the physical conversion works, the Social Welfare Department launched an exercise in September 2009 to simplify the funding process which allowed RCHEs to apply for a lump sum grant under LF. A briefing session was also organised in June 2010 to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on the use of LF for major renovation works in order to familiarise NGOs with the LF procedures on works projects to shorten the processing time including conversion works. In addition, a streamlined approach was introduced in April 2012 to facilitate NGOs to engage Authorised Persons/Consultants to provide professional service in works projects with a view to expediting the processing of funding applications. RCHEs are reminded to submit the required documents, in particular the technical submission, accurately and timely to speed up the vetting process.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)093

Question Serial No.

0285

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please list the locations and housing estates where the Administration plans to set up subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and the number of places to be provided in the coming five years (i.e. 2013-14 to 2017-18).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: From 2013-14 to 2017-18, ten new contract RCHEs are expected to commence service. Details are as follows –

	Location and district	Nature of development projects	Estimated number of residential care places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places)
1	First Street, Sai Ying Pun, Central & Western	Urban Renewal Authority (URA) development	93
2	Hoi Wang Road/Hoi Ting Road, Yau Tsim Mong	Private residential development	123
3	Tai Wai, Sha Tin	Private residential development	100
4	Shek Kip Mei Estate Phase 2, Sham Shui Po	Public rental housing (PRH) development	100
5	Hoi Fai Road, Yau Tsim Mong	Private residential development	150
6	PRH development at Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters site, Sham Shui Po	PRH housing development	150
7	Lee Tung Street/Mcgregor Street, Wan Chai	URA development	93
8	Po On Road/Wai Wai Road, Sham Shui Po	URA development	100
9	West Rail Tsuen Wan West Station, Tsuen Wan	Private residential development	120
10	Shui Chuen O PRH development, Shatin Area 52, Shatin	PRH development	100

The number of places as indicated in the above table is a preliminary estimate and is subject to change as the Social Welfare Department continues to work out the details of the projects, having regard to the service demand and other factors.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)094

Question Serial No.

0286

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please give the locations and the numbers of places to be provided by the new day activity centres (DACs), sheltered workshops (SWs) and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) that the Administration plans to set up in the coming five years (i.e. 2013-14 to 2017-18).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The locations of development or redevelopment projects in which DACs, SWs and IVRSCs will be provided and the estimated numbers of places provided during the period from 2013-14 to 2017-18 are as follows –

	Location	Estimated number of places	
		DAC	SW/IVRSC
1	Shek Kip Mei Phase 2 Public Rental Housing (PRH) development, Sham Shui Po	50	–
2	Amenity & Community Building, Tin Ching Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long	100	–
3	PRH development at ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters site, Sham Shui Po	50	–
4	Shui Chuen O PRH development, Shatin Area 52, Shatin	50	160
5	Redevelopment of So Uk Estate Phase 1, Sham Shui Po	50	120
6	Hung Shui Kiu Area 13 PRH development, Yuen Long	–	160
7	Tung Chung Area 56 PRH development, Islands	60	–
8	Ancillary Facility Building, Anderson Road, Kwun Tong	50	120
9	Redevelopment of ex-Kai Nang Sheltered Workshop and Hostel, Kwun Tong	[Note 1]	
10	Redevelopment of ex-Siu Lam Hospital, Tuen Mun		
11	Other projects [Note 2]	286	

[Note 1] Subject to the findings of technical feasibility studies, a total of some 2 000 day training and residential care places for persons with disabilities will be provided under the two projects.

[Note 2] Other projects include in-situ expansion plans of existing service units, conversion projects, etc.

Given that some planned projects in future years are still at the initial planning stage, the numbers of places to be provided may change subject to various factors such as the actual size and configuration of the premises.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)095

Question Serial No.

0287

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the past four years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2012-13), the Administration each year estimated that the number of places to be provided by small group homes for children with disabilities would be 80. However, in each of the past four years both the actual and the revised estimate of such places turned out to be 64 only. For 2013-14, the Administration has once again estimated that the number of such places would increase from 64 to 80. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Does the Administration have any practicable and comprehensive plan and budget to ensure that the target will not be missed again as in the past four years?
- (b) Will the Administration consider suspending such a practice of over-estimation; and announcing the number of additional places only when relevant procedures, such as local consultation and application for change in land use, have a reasonable prospect of successful completion; and
- (c) What are the reasons for the delay in the provision of the 16 additional places mentioned above?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) – (c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has planned to provide 16 additional places of small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children to meet the service demand. The delay in meeting the target was due to the fact that suitable premises have not been available. SWD will continue to make proactive efforts to secure suitable premises and expedite the process for local consultation, application for change in land use, etc. with a view to meeting the pledged target.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)096

Question Serial No.

0290

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: With regard to the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), please provide the following information –

- (a) In the past year (i.e. 2012-13), how many staff were involved in handling cases in each ICCMW and what was the overall manpower?
- (b) In the past year (i.e. 2012-13), what were the caseload of each ICCMW and the overall caseload?
- (c) In the past year (i.e. 2012-13), what was the average caseload per worker?
- (d) Does the Administration have in place any indicator for controlling the number of cases handled by the workers of ICCMWs? If yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?
- (e) Will the Administration increase the manpower and relevant resources allocated to ICCMWs if there is an increase in their caseload? If yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) – (d) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses and occupational therapists, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The manpower and caseload of individual ICCMWs may vary according to the team size

and the service needs in catchment areas. The Administration does not have the statistics on the overall manpower, number of staff involved in handling cases and caseload per worker in each ICCMW. During the period from the commencement of ICCMW service in October 2010 to December 2012, ICCMWs have provided casework services for around 20 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems.

- (e) The Administration has earmarked additional funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of existing ICCMWs to dovetail with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the Hospital Authority for

patients with severe mental illness to three more districts and to provide services for more persons requiring community mental health support services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)097

Question Serial No.

0291

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Fellow workers of the sector have reflected to me that currently the integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) are facing great difficulties in employing nurses and occupational therapists. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the respective numbers of social workers, nurses and occupational therapists employed by the existing ICCMWs? and
- (b) As the existing ICCMWs have great difficulties in employing nurses and occupational therapists, would the Administration provide additional resources to assist ICCMWs in offering more competitive remuneration for recruiting and retaining those staff? If yes, please give the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 for strengthening the manpower of ICCMWs. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses and occupational therapists, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.
- (b) To assist NGOs providing subvented welfare services (including ICCMWs) in facing the difficulty in employing paramedical staff (including nurses and occupational therapists), the Social Welfare Department obtained additional resources of \$344 million from the Lotteries Fund in 2012 for allocation to the welfare NGOs concerned for a further period of three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 so that they may offer more competitive remuneration for the recruitment and retention of paramedical staff or for the hiring of paramedical services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

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

LWB(WW)098

Question Serial No.

0293

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Day Care Centres (DEs) and Integrated Home Care Service (IHCS) Teams are currently providing transportation service to and from the centres for frail elderly and home helpers. In this regard, please provide the following information –

- (a) The numbers of vehicles used by DEs and IHCS Teams for providing transportation to and from the centres for frail elderly and home helpers over the past ten years (i.e. from 2003-04 to 2012-13) in each district;
- (b) The number of new and replacement vehicles purchased by DEs and IHCS Teams over the past ten years (i.e. from 2003-04 to 2012-13) in each district; and
- (c) The numbers of vehicles that were over seven years old and were providing transportation service to and from the centres for frail elderly and home helpers as at the end of 2012.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

- Reply:
- (a)&(c) We have no information on the numbers of vehicles or the numbers of vehicles that were over seven years old used by DEs and IHCS Teams in each district.
 - (b) Over the past ten years (i.e. from 2003-04 to 2012-13), 75 and 69 vehicles (including new and replacement vehicles) were purchased with the use of the Lotteries Fund for DEs and IHCS respectively. We have no further breakdown by district.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)099

Question Serial No.

0294

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Budget that the Administration will continue to monitor the implementation of pilot cyber youth outreaching projects. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of target users contacted since the implementation of the projects in August 2011, and among whom, the number and proportion of users who received counselling;
- (b) the effectiveness of the services provided since the implementation of the projects in August 2011; and
- (c) the staffing establishments and the grades of staff in the three service teams?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to each launch a pilot cyber youth outreaching project with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Each pilot project has been allocated a grant of \$5.2 million for the implementation of the project for three years with effect from August 2011. The NGOs are given the flexibility to deploy the funding to meet the project objectives and deliverables. As at 31 December 2012, the total number of youth engaged through the project was 3 575, among whom 464 (13%) further received appropriate counselling services.

SWD has commissioned the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the three pilot projects, and to make recommendations on the way forward. The study will be completed by the end of 2014.

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Date: 29 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)100

Question Serial No.

0295

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the average full-year funding allocations, staff establishment and full-year caseload of outreaching social work teams and overnight outreaching social work teams in each of the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating youth outreaching social work teams (YOTs) and overnight outreaching teams (YNDTs) for young night drifters (YNDs) have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The average full-year funding allocations and total number of cases served by YOTs for the years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 are listed below –

Year	No. of YOTs	Average allocation per YOT (full-year) (\$ million)	Average number of cases served per YOT (full-year)
2010-11 (Actual)	16	5.4	909
2011-12 (Actual)	16	6.1	912
2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	19	6.4	912

The average full-year funding allocations and total number of YNDs served by YNDTs for the years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 are listed below –

Year	No. of YNDTs	Average allocation per YNDT (full-year) (\$ million)	Average number of YNDs served per YNDT
2010-11 (Actual)	18	2.4	1 370
2011-12 (Actual)	18	2.6	1 371
2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	18	2.7	606 (half-year)

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)101

Question Serial No.

0296

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the 2012-13 Estimates, the original estimates for cost per place per month for sheltered workshops (SWs) and day activity centres (DACs) were \$3,854 and \$6,859 respectively. However, in the 2013-14 Estimates, the 2012-13 revised estimates for cost per place per month for SWs and DACs are \$3,792 and \$7,234 respectively. What are the reasons for the decrease of \$62 and increase of \$375 for cost per place per month for SWs and DACs respectively in the revised estimates?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: When comparing the 2012-13 estimate with the 2012-13 revised estimate, the slight decrease in the cost per place per month for SWs in the revised estimate is mainly due to the hiving-off of two SWs which were formerly operated by the Social Welfare Department to non-governmental organisations for operation since April 2012. The costs of these two SWs are lower than the average because of their value-added places which are provided in addition to the required numbers of SW places without incurring additional subvention.

As for the increase in the cost per place per month for DACs in the revised estimate, it is mainly due to the increase in subvention arising from the civil service pay adjustment in 2012-13.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)102

Question Serial No.

0297

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information –

- (a) What were the respective numbers of ordinary cases (OC) and frail cases (FC) under the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) in various districts over the past five years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13)?
- (b) As at the end of 2012, what were the numbers of persons waiting for IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) and what was the average waiting time; and
- (c) What were the numbers of the elderly who passed away while waiting for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), IHCS or day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in the past five years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as following –

- (a) The geographical distribution of IHCSs for both OC and FC ^[Note] served by districts from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

District	No. of IHCS									
	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (April 2012 to 31 December 2012)	
	OC	FC	OC	FC	OC	FC	OC	FC	OC	FC
Central & Western	945	48	910	48	949	45	896	52	804	43
Eastern	2 406	116	2 347	106	2 307	97	2 217	115	2 075	94
Wan Chai	772	41	797	33	840	29	817	33	721	39
Southern	1 398	111	1 504	109	1 522	95	1 526	104	1 355	101
Islands	371	29	374	24	388	24	352	22	325	23
Kwun Tong	2 834	208	2 772	201	2 709	163	2 654	182	2 342	174
Wong Tai Sin	2 410	135	2 291	134	2 191	119	2 140	131	1 857	117
Sai Kung	571	42	552	37	597	40	573	40	510	37
	No. of IHCS									

District	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (April 2012 to 31 December 2012)	
	OC	FC	OC	FC	OC	FC	OC	FC	OC	FC
Kowloon City	1 724	48	1 798	43	1 872	38	1 836	39	1 630	34
Sham Shui Po	2 626	134	2 588	114	2 580	109	2 486	121	2 158	116
Yau Tsim Mong	1 356	60	1 365	63	1 428	53	1 326	52	1 153	51
Sha Tin	2 181	173	2 147	171	2 173	149	2 107	162	1 823	147
Tai Po	1 161	44	1 162	44	1 204	38	1 205	40	1 035	38
North	938	37	986	40	1 015	36	1 085	38	1 155	34
Yuen Long	1 909	125	2 002	123	2 136	117	1 977	113	1 724	101
Tsuen Wan	600	59	614	48	617	46	628	53	586	47
Kwai Tsing	1 697	120	1 760	114	1 751	106	1 724	108	1 462	111
Tuen Mun	1 770	38	1 870	43	2 044	38	2 024	38	1 780	32
Total	27 669	1 568	27 839	1 495	28 323	1 342	27 573	1 443	24 495	1 339

[Note] OC included the elderly, persons with disabilities, individuals and families with social need; and FC included frail elderly and persons with severe physical disabilities who required a comprehensive package of services.

- (b) Frail elderly who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for either IHCS(FC) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). As at the end of December 2012, there were 444 elderly waitlisting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS and the average waiting time was about two months. The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services does not capture the number of the elderly waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS(OC) or its waiting time.
- (c) The numbers of elderly persons who passed away while waitlisting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS places and DE places from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Year	Number of elderly passed away while on the waiting list for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS places	Number of elderly passed away while on the waiting list for DE places
2008-09	24	22
2009-10	20	14
2010-11	17	22
2011-12	17	34
2012-13 (April 2012 to 31 December 2012)	13	17

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

LWB(WW)103

Question Serial No.

0298

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the locations, the housing estates and the numbers of places to be provided regarding subsidised residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) which the Administration plans to set up in the coming five years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2017-18).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The locations of development or redevelopment projects in which subsidised RCHDs will be provided and the estimated number of RCHDs places provided during the period from 2013-14 to 2017-18 are as follows –

	Location	Estimated number of places
1	Ex-staff quarters, Castle Peak Hospital, Tuen Mun	70
2	Shek Kip Mei Phase 2 Public Rental Housing (PRH) development, Sham Shui Po	100
3	Amenity & Community Building, Tin Ching Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long	50
4	Government joint-user complex, Tin Shui Wai Area 109, Yuen Long	75
5	PRH development at ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters site, Sham Shui Po	70
6	Shui Chuen O PRH development, Shatin Area 52, Shatin	196
7	Redevelopment of So Uk Estate Phase 1, Sham Shui Po	140
8	Hung Shui Kiu Area 13 PRH development, Yuen Long	50
9	Sheung Shui Area 36 PRH development, North District	30
10	PRH development at ex-San Po Kong Flatted Factory site, Wong Tai Sin	20
11	Tung Chung Area 56 PRH development, Islands	30
12	Ancillary Facility Building, Anderson Road, Kwun Tong	200
13	Redevelopment of ex-Kai Nang Sheltered Workshop and Hostel, Kwun Tong	[Note 1]
14	Redevelopment of ex-Siu Lam Hospital, Tuen Mun	
15	Other projects [Note 2]	188

[Note 1] Subject to the findings of technical feasibility studies, a total of some 2 000 residential care and day training places for persons with disabilities will be provided under the two projects.

[Note 2] Other projects include in-situ expansion plans of existing RCHDs, conversion projects, etc.

Given that some planned projects in future years are still at the initial planning stage, the number of places to be provided may change subject to various factors such as the actual size and configuration of the premises.

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

LWB(WW)104

Question Serial No.

0478

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the services by integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), please provide the following information –

- (a) According to the Government, 15 ICCMWs have secured permanent accommodation. Please inform this Committee of the number of such ICCMWs with accommodation meeting the standard area requirements. As for the ICCMWs without permanent accommodation, what is the maximum rental subsidy they may be provided with if they need to rent commercial premises for service operation? and
- (b) Please advise the average number of cases handled each year by each member of the three types of professional staff of ICCMWs, namely social workers, occupational therapists and nurses, in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been proactively identifying suitable sites for use by a total of 24 ICCMWs over the territory. Of the 24 ICCMWs, seven are currently operating in permanent accommodation and another six are expected to commence service at their permanent accommodation in 2013-14 following the completion of fitting-out works. We have also identified suitable sites for three other ICCMWs, in respect of which local consultation will follow; and reserved a site for another ICCMW in a redevelopment project. SWD will also work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments to continue identifying suitable premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government properties, school premises and public housing units, etc. for the remaining seven ICCMWs. Meanwhile, SWD is also funding the rental expenses incurred for using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation of ICCMWs at the market rent level.
- (b) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, occupational therapists and nurses, to ensure service quality, meet service needs and achieve the required output standards. In this regard, SWD has not prescribed any requirement on the number of cases to be handled by each social worker, occupational therapist or nurse.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)105

Question Serial No.

0842

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As required by the Administration, it is compulsory for post-secondary students from Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households to apply for the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme (TSFS) or the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (FASP), and post-secondary students are disqualified from applying for CSSA. The Administration points out that since post-secondary students joining the schemes are already provided with financial assistance under those schemes to meet educational and daily expenses, they should not receive further assistance under the CSSA Scheme. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Can post-secondary students from CSSA households choose to remain on CSSA or to be covered by loans under FASP? If so, what are the details? If no, why does the Department deprive them of the right to choose?
- (b) If post-secondary students from CSSA households are allowed to choose and they choose to remain on CSSA while applying for grants under FASP, will such grants be counted towards their families' total income?
- (c) According to the following information in Table 1 and Table 2 provided by the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA), about 2/3 of post-secondary students from CSSA households did not receive loans or living expenses (LE) loans under both schemes. Does the Administration provide them with any support taking their livelihoods into consideration? If so, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Table 1 – Applicants of TSFS from CSSA recipient families

No. of applicants	School Year				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
With assistance paid	4 574	4 839	5 239	5 573	5 270
With grant paid	4 574	4 839	5 239	5 573	5 270
Offered loan	4 574	4 839	5 239	5 573	5 270
With loan paid	2 362	2 088	2 040	2 138	1 881

Table 2 – Applicants of FASP from CSSA recipient families

No. of applicants	School Year				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
With assistance paid	3 804	4 172	4 923	5 886	5 961
With grant paid	3 791	4 151	4 923	5 852	5 916
Offered LE loan	N.A.	4 172	4 952	5 886	5 961
With LE loan paid		1 767	2 347	2 797	2 732

- (d) Regarding the above question, would the Administration consider providing them the payment of standard rate for CSSA? If so, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (e) Regarding the above question, would the Administration consider providing them with a new type of subsistence allowance? If so, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (f) Please provide the number of members of CSSA households receiving different levels of education in table form as follows –

Education level	School Year				
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Pre-primary					
Primary					
Junior Secondary					
Senior Secondary					
Matriculation					
Post-secondary: Diploma/Certificate					
Post-secondary: Non-degree Course					
Post-secondary: Degree Course					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) - (e) Members of a family who receive assistance under the CSSA Scheme may apply for assistance (including grant and loans) from SFAA if they are taking post-secondary courses. During the study period, the students concerned will receive financial assistance from SFAA, rather than CSSA, to meet study and living expenses and the Social Welfare Department will not count the financial assistance these post-secondary students obtained from SFAA towards their families' total resources.
- (f) The number of CSSA child recipients from 2007/08 to 2011/12 by education level was as follows –

Education level	As at the end of December of the year				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Kindergarten	12 734	11 242	13 167	12 642	11 688
Primary	46 787	42 857	41 523	38 654	35 581
Lower secondary	36 748	33 203	31 911	28 955	25 554
Upper secondary	31 638	27 784	28 784	26 329	27 880
Others ^[Note]	2 589	3 167	3 306	3 863	1 537
Total	130 496	118 253	118 691	110 443	102 240

^[Note] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)106

Question Serial No.

3173

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Estimates that in 2012 the Administration improved the short-term food assistance service. As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the service improvement?

Would the Administration expand the beneficiary groups and extend the assistance period of the service?

In what ways would the Administration promote the collection of surplus food from food outlets and supermarkets to achieve better utilisation of social resources?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: To better meet the needs of service users, enhancement measures have been implemented since October 2011, including the provision of food and hot meal coupons which can be redeemed at designated food stalls, supermarkets and restaurants. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is exploring further enhancement measures, including extending the assistance period.

While the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have sourced sufficient amount of food for the service, SWD will continue encouraging NGOs to collaborate with different sectors to provide various forms of food assistance, including collecting unsold food from the markets, supermarkets, etc.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)107

Question Serial No.

3174

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Estimates that in 2012 the foster care allowance, including the maintenance grant for foster children and incentive payment for foster parents, was raised. As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

The amounts of the maintenance grant for foster children and incentive payment for foster parents after being raised;

The amounts of the maintenance grant for foster children and incentive payment for foster parents over the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13); and

Would the Administration review the mechanism for determining the maintenance grant for foster children, such that adjustments of the grant would be made according to the age of the children and the relevant price levels?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: In 2012-13, the adjusted amount of the maintenance grant for foster children and the incentive payment for foster parents is \$4,037 and \$2,019 per child per month respectively.

The amount of maintenance grant for foster children and incentive payment for foster parents per child per month in the past five years is listed below –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Maintenance Grant (\$)	2,942	3,013	3,060	3,074	4,037
Incentive Payment (\$)	1,469	1,504	1,527	1,534	2,019

The amount of maintenance grant for foster children regardless of age will be adjusted annually in line with the government-wide price adjustment factor which has taken inflation into account.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)108

Question Serial No.

3264

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Estimates that “the enrolment rate exceeds 100 per cent as it includes both full-time and part-time users” of day care centres for the elderly (DEs)/day care units for the elderly (DCUs). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the respective number of full-time and part-time users among the 2 669 places in DEs/DCUs in 2012-13?

According to the Estimates, the cost per place per month for DEs/DCUs is \$6,823 in 2012-13. What is the respective cost per place per month for full-time and part-time users?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Since some elderly occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the centres every day, it is therefore possible for the DEs/DCUs to take in additional elderly to fill the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of the day care places is set at 110 % accordingly to maximise the utilisation. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture separate statistics on the number of full-time and part-time users and there is no separate unit cost for full-time and part-time users. Although SWD has not specified the number of full-time and part-time users, service operators of DEs/DCUs are required to arrange the attendance of the service users according to their care needs.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)109

Question Serial No.

0001

Head: 170 – Social Welfare DepartmentProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social WelfareDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee, by nature of cases, of the latest number of (a) CSSA cases and (b) recipients living in each public housing estate?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, FrederickReply: The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) The respective number of CSSA cases by nature of cases in each public housing estate as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	262	71	55	95	41	28	19	571
Bo Shek Mansion	57	1	1	2	3	-	-	64
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	4	3	-	-	22
Butterfly	783	68	124	189	21	96	26	1 307
Chai Wan	268	16	26	45	11	22	5	393
Chak On	346	10	33	67	6	34	7	503
Cheung Ching	339	37	45	79	37	61	18	616
Cheung Fat	248	31	30	40	12	33	3	397
Cheung Hang	340	46	48	57	30	57	9	587
Cheung Hong	922	70	94	168	42	103	18	1 417
Cheung Kwai	23	4	6	8	7	12	-	60
Cheung On	311	44	49	37	12	41	7	501
Cheung Shan	101	10	11	12	16	10	2	162
Cheung Wah	438	25	78	94	36	58	15	744
Cheung Wang	363	65	101	154	73	140	17	913
Ching Ho	869	48	184	516	120	219	50	2 006
Cho Yiu Chuen	177	8	11	13	10	19	1	239
Choi Fai	96	6	20	15	16	24	-	177
Choi Fook	374	17	46	160	40	81	18	736
Choi Ha	156	12	22	18	10	21	1	240
Choi Hung	906	52	130	209	63	97	18	1 475
Choi Ming Court	270	48	82	79	48	66	8	601

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Choi Tak	599	21	61	243	38	87	37	1 086
Choi Wan (I)	408	39	97	126	43	75	22	810
Choi Wan (II)	227	10	35	78	23	42	11	426
Choi Ying	496	19	75	209	36	115	12	962
Choi Yuen	834	59	113	167	22	91	20	1 306
Chuk Yuen (North)	326	36	84	55	22	47	14	584
Chuk Yuen (South)	878	64	128	270	55	103	15	1 513
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	101	4	1	8	4	12	4	134
Chun Shek	267	20	47	51	16	24	6	431
Chung On	257	65	74	82	34	71	29	612
Clague Garden Estate	61	-	2	6	2	2	-	73
Easeful Court	18	1	7	15	7	9	1	58
Fortune	543	33	68	41	23	49	6	763
Fu Cheong	1 310	80	184	157	98	148	10	1 987
Fu Heng	413	55	100	62	23	64	6	723
Fu Shan	181	15	26	37	12	17	3	291
Fu Shin	435	33	99	117	20	57	16	777
Fu Tai	382	76	106	146	103	143	16	972
Fu Tung	79	10	25	40	12	17	2	185
Fuk Loi	366	30	50	62	12	26	7	553
Fung Tak	456	29	88	39	14	48	7	681
Fung Wah	83	13	14	12	5	7	3	137
Grandeur Terrace	151	30	86	303	109	166	17	862
Hau Tak	356	47	68	84	33	63	9	660
Healthy Village	106	5	12	8	8	5	1	145
Heng On	200	30	55	52	24	17	16	394
High Prosperity Terrace	11	1	9	22	14	6	1	64
Hin Keng	204	21	46	43	24	27	11	376
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	45	6	14	5	209
Hing Man	124	28	23	51	23	17	4	270
Hing Tin	81	6	24	29	21	9	6	176
Hing Tung	183	14	29	45	13	19	2	305
Hing Wah (I)	257	60	40	46	25	40	3	471
Hing Wah (II)	519	53	46	121	21	47	7	814
Ho Man Tin	631	56	125	97	57	67	17	1 050
Hoi Fu Court	579	27	71	79	55	66	8	885
Hoi Lai	286	38	90	200	119	128	8	869
Hong Tung	213	2	6	5	1	4	-	231
Hung Hom	482	22	48	63	21	48	9	693
Jat Min Chuen	365	18	39	28	11	28	6	495
Ka Fuk	244	28	26	32	11	38	4	383
Ka Wai Chuen	235	7	23	17	9	16	2	309
Kai Tin	320	28	57	39	25	39	5	513

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kai Yip	786	36	65	130	13	48	12	1 090
Kam Peng	27	4	6	4	2	5	1	49
Kin Ming	408	96	216	321	127	177	12	1 357
Kin Sang	96	14	25	25	8	19	6	193
King Lam	444	59	82	46	18	52	5	706
Ko Cheung Court	53	10	27	97	40	35	11	273
Ko Yee	191	11	14	32	10	19	4	281
Kwai Chung	1 227	213	324	622	217	359	57	3 019
Kwai Fong	620	97	128	104	69	105	16	1 139
Kwai Hing	88	7	12	20	7	8	-	142
Kwai Luen	137	9	24	65	14	46	14	309
Kwai Shing (East)	765	86	135	137	77	130	15	1 345
Kwai Shing (West)	459	48	73	113	34	66	6	799
Kwong Fuk	525	74	119	175	37	83	30	1 043
Kwong Tin	164	17	52	45	22	24	7	331
Kwong Yuen	315	67	75	54	13	54	39	617
Kwun Lung Lau	112	8	14	16	21	15	1	187
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	511	23	60	45	31	60	5	735
Lai King	446	32	49	88	30	56	9	710
Lai Kok	502	41	62	118	25	56	14	818
Lai On	174	19	23	20	8	17	2	263
Lai Tak Tsuen	138	17	24	8	10	10	-	207
Lai Yiu	267	31	33	42	36	33	5	447
Lakeside Garden	18	2	4	2	2	1	1	30
Lam Tin	413	16	48	118	38	46	10	689
Lee On	299	56	133	86	27	43	17	661
Lei Cheng Uk	358	37	44	80	29	72	9	629
Lei Muk Shue	858	115	185	303	148	170	41	1 820
Lei Tung	424	55	73	107	22	48	23	752
Lei Yue Mun	424	30	79	137	60	65	12	807
Lek Yuen	319	45	60	90	14	35	22	585
Leung King	540	66	108	113	21	99	26	973
Lok Fu	400	68	89	97	36	65	8	763
Lok Man Sun Chuen	320	22	37	24	20	44	2	469
Lok Wah (North)	158	24	41	51	20	38	7	339
Lok Wah (South)	1 473	50	94	173	16	107	15	1 928
Long Bin IH	37	11	20	12	1	63	3	147
Long Ping	562	60	121	226	65	132	32	1 198
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	250	18	45	116	27	79	10	545
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	512	58	99	137	36	70	13	925
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	447	60	92	157	41	99	15	911
Lung Hang	242	18	64	96	42	70	34	566

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lung Tin	60	13	9	8	1	15	-	106
Ma Hang	45	4	10	14	7	10	1	91
Ma Tau Wai	216	24	44	86	12	30	4	416
Mei Lam	413	35	81	125	23	60	19	756
Mei Tin	404	59	153	330	98	135	41	1 220
Mei Tung	241	11	30	57	17	26	7	389
Ming Tak	169	19	20	33	16	19	5	281
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	17	11	7	13	1	235
Model Housing	52	11	7	12	14	8	3	107
Moon Lok Dai Ha	92	7	7	7	6	9	1	129
Nam Cheong	173	17	34	27	10	24	1	286
Nam Shan	339	24	60	108	21	44	14	610
Nga Ning Court	19	1	9	12	10	8	2	61
Ngan Wan	28	2	6	13	6	4	-	59
Oi Man	391	46	93	160	47	88	10	835
Oi Tung	774	91	77	121	49	45	7	1 164
On Tin	23	3	9	47	26	21	3	132
On Ting	638	71	106	132	21	83	25	1 076
On Yam	484	63	70	69	59	65	13	823
Pak Tin	1 378	58	236	242	90	169	32	2 205
Ping Shek	405	30	46	64	21	51	5	622
Ping Tin	863	66	128	148	57	99	17	1 378
Po Lam	303	52	56	106	31	39	5	592
Po Tat	1 051	70	168	234	147	206	24	1 900
Po Tin	1 157	146	360	124	12	412	21	2 232
Pok Hong	294	12	69	76	17	31	12	511
Prosperous Garden	91	-	4	2	-	2	1	100
Sai Wan	26	2	10	5	7	6	1	57
Sam Shing	146	15	19	47	12	30	10	279
Sau Mau Ping (South)	431	19	83	185	49	87	26	880
Sau Mau Ping	1 833	141	273	309	191	262	46	3 055
Sha Kok	816	68	144	181	44	82	74	1 409
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	45	4	10	5	8	9	3	84
Shan King	817	82	167	213	45	116	31	1 471
Shatin Pass	107	5	23	58	6	23	1	223
Shek Kip Mei	1 164	55	202	325	73	169	36	2 024
Shek Lei (I)	640	90	75	138	53	70	21	1 087
Shek Lei (II)	958	101	167	255	138	219	41	1 879
Shek Mun	110	9	51	107	16	53	23	369
Shek Pai Wan	458	67	83	74	67	48	18	815
Shek Wai Kok	594	45	102	156	52	62	24	1 035
Shek Yam (East)	342	40	35	29	21	41	4	512
Shek Yam	383	53	48	70	45	45	9	653
Sheung Lok	126	8	3	9	1	7	1	155

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sheung Tak	560	60	113	145	103	96	13	1 090
Shin Ming	165	22	44	85	19	41	10	386
Shui Pin Wai	484	23	54	77	12	42	6	698
Shun Lee	451	29	54	101	31	61	8	735
Shun On	447	25	50	66	29	57	9	683
Shun Tin	849	56	127	154	55	107	19	1 367
Siu Sai Wan	307	77	90	120	48	72	10	724
Sun Chui	593	56	91	158	49	108	22	1 077
Sun Tin Wai	261	33	39	88	27	37	13	498
Tai Hang Tung	424	19	62	43	19	35	9	611
Tai Hing	1 227	91	156	231	51	147	33	1 936
Tai Ping	37	5	14	16	2	16	1	91
Tai Wo	559	38	92	58	19	51	14	831
Tai Wo Hau	778	102	140	164	60	123	24	1 391
Tai Yuen	371	43	142	95	54	70	16	791
Tak Tin	698	40	104	62	31	54	12	1 001
Tin Chak	451	51	133	192	56	133	21	1 037
Tin Ching	683	62	160	414	73	201	57	1 650
Tin Heng	210	42	139	335	173	213	23	1 135
Tin King	91	18	25	54	14	29	10	241
Tin Ping	211	27	48	73	18	33	9	419
Tin Shui	544	64	134	213	67	125	28	1 175
Tin Tsz	508	53	90	96	26	67	16	856
Tin Wah	504	53	112	117	46	89	14	935
Tin Wan	400	56	72	50	34	30	10	652
Tin Yan	748	86	200	316	40	242	21	1 653
Tin Yat	131	31	64	186	95	119	8	634
Tin Yiu	622	67	184	237	67	160	31	1 368
Tin Yuet	467	42	128	176	102	166	11	1 092
Tsing Yi	176	21	25	27	6	26	3	284
Tsui Lam	152	21	48	83	26	21	4	355
Tsui Lok	113	6	5	9	1	3	-	137
Tsui Ping (South)	461	30	58	66	29	44	11	699
Tsui Ping (North)	1 032	68	179	173	56	132	19	1 659
Tsui Wan	122	31	14	24	4	16	1	212
Tsz Ching	1 288	71	186	192	132	160	17	2 046
Tsz Hong	114	12	40	99	69	53	9	396
Tsz Lok	818	55	119	152	57	86	15	1 302
Tsz Man	210	16	47	46	27	39	8	393
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	6	2	2	-	3	25
Tung Tau	685	57	93	109	30	94	11	1 079
Tung Wui	331	11	21	21	7	25	3	419
Un Chau	1 257	77	165	135	76	142	19	1 871
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 376	66	154	104	52	144	13	1 909

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Upper Wong Tai Sin	798	78	115	122	70	92	14	1 289
Verbena Heights	153	8	18	7	2	13	1	202
Wah Fu	599	114	104	184	86	63	24	1 174
Wah Kwai	290	31	36	26	18	19	1	421
Wah Lai	100	21	33	44	29	21	7	255
Wah Ming	385	55	65	86	22	59	13	685
Wah Sum	168	34	39	36	19	29	-	325
Wan Hon	462	4	12	19	5	8	3	513
Wan Tau Tong	192	36	26	24	10	16	1	305
Wan Tsui	311	54	55	109	32	51	10	622
Wang Tau Hom	417	65	67	119	50	95	20	833
Wo Che	375	78	167	144	61	82	42	949
Wo Lok	251	25	41	50	17	28	4	416
Wu King	192	28	59	121	34	76	13	523
Yan On	153	16	59	122	14	65	23	452
Yat Tung	570	94	235	530	306	341	36	2 112
Yau Lai	943	31	156	406	109	136	38	1 819
Yau Oi	748	85	139	227	85	176	36	1 496
Yau Tong	519	43	105	112	80	75	7	941
Yiu On	176	30	78	55	10	23	15	387
Yiu Tung	522	65	86	73	38	57	8	849
Yue Kwong Chuen	44	6	7	3	2	13	1	76
Yue Wan	208	37	32	89	13	30	4	413
Yung Shing Court	233	29	45	37	41	56	1	442
Total	88 545	8 499	15 913	22 588	8 245	14 541	2 780	161 111

(b) The respective numbers of CSSA recipients by nature of cases living in each public housing estate as at end of December 2012 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	389	152	120	232	121	43	32	1 089
Bo Shek Mansion	67	3	1	4	7	-	-	82
Broadview Garden	19	4	2	10	5	-	-	40
Butterfly	1 147	93	215	393	57	151	44	2 100
Chai Wan	322	29	55	111	32	41	10	600
Chak On	508	18	49	135	13	48	14	785
Cheung Ching	570	67	93	197	118	140	39	1 224
Cheung Fat	333	60	54	97	31	52	4	631
Cheung Hang	485	71	82	137	77	86	12	950
Cheung Hong	1 421	123	183	377	143	210	31	2 488
Cheung Kwai	37	8	11	18	21	21	-	116
Cheung On	441	57	64	83	24	63	13	745
Cheung Shan	196	24	12	34	54	10	4	334
Cheung Wah	666	37	142	214	97	108	20	1 284
Cheung Wang	554	109	180	366	204	280	32	1 725
Ching Ho	1 226	83	411	1 267	410	526	94	4 017
Cho Yiu Chuen	262	13	16	31	37	32	3	394

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Choi Fai	140	8	26	41	48	60	-	323
Choi Fook	497	31	78	379	109	160	26	1 280
Choi Ha	204	22	27	50	31	38	2	374
Choi Hung	1 375	81	193	469	188	184	29	2 519
Choi Ming Court	403	85	158	193	146	149	15	1 149
Choi Tak	805	26	116	539	117	178	56	1 837
Choi Wan (I)	686	71	195	296	138	159	52	1 597
Choi Wan (II)	393	18	79	177	62	83	17	829
Choi Ying	689	30	121	483	115	224	18	1 680
Choi Yuen	1 266	102	207	359	68	159	25	2 186
Chuk Yuen (North)	451	54	135	144	71	56	24	935
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 296	107	211	586	140	173	21	2 534
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	147	7	1	19	15	16	11	216
Chun Shek	343	31	99	104	51	33	12	673
Chung On	328	137	152	211	117	160	74	1 179
Clague Garden Estate	106	-	2	19	8	4	-	139
Easeful Court	49	3	25	38	31	37	5	188
Fortune	650	46	86	111	61	76	9	1 039
Fu Cheong	1 641	142	291	364	249	340	14	3 041
Fu Heng	565	77	195	153	72	101	8	1 171
Fu Shan	251	23	53	96	40	24	7	494
Fu Shin	702	46	196	245	72	120	20	1 401
Fu Tai	598	152	246	401	368	368	29	2 162
Fu Tung	115	20	73	110	43	41	3	405
Fuk Loi	537	55	100	154	24	42	15	927
Fung Tak	579	54	121	93	29	76	11	963
Fung Wah	105	17	22	29	19	20	4	216
Grandeur Terrace	366	84	263	802	384	508	30	2 437
Hau Tak	479	81	148	221	114	130	18	1 191
Healthy Village	149	6	24	22	23	5	-	229
Heng On	267	69	115	137	77	42	32	739
High Prosperity Terrace	24	3	34	59	61	25	2	208
Hin Keng	338	39	83	103	66	61	13	703
Hin Yiu	146	19	52	104	22	14	10	367
Hing Man	196	46	46	120	92	36	4	540
Hing Tin	131	11	54	70	67	13	7	353
Hing Tung	254	27	56	110	40	33	3	523
Hing Wah (I)	340	99	76	119	91	92	1	818
Hing Wah (II)	776	76	87	255	62	70	10	1 336
Ho Man Tin	825	79	185	240	182	123	26	1 660
Hoi Fu Court	833	41	122	189	159	161	14	1 519
Hoi Lai	489	111	226	524	410	359	15	2 134
Hong Tung	251	2	10	10	-	9	-	282
Hung Hom	615	34	79	156	58	98	20	1 060
Jat Min Chuen	539	35	56	60	39	38	13	780
Ka Fuk	314	57	52	86	46	79	15	649
Ka Wai Chuen	317	15	40	37	23	29	3	464
Kai Tin	403	46	97	97	84	70	11	808
Kai Yip	1 165	49	102	261	38	73	18	1 706
Kam Peng	50	5	14	8	6	11	4	98
Kin Ming	612	150	482	833	482	390	23	2 972

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kin Sang	145	24	32	61	20	35	7	324
King Lam	540	77	129	107	55	81	8	997
Ko Cheung Court	156	24	77	238	156	106	21	778
Ko Yee	243	18	24	77	30	43	9	444
Kwai Chung	1 692	336	606	1 482	727	684	118	5 645
Kwai Fong	802	156	234	260	270	235	24	1 981
Kwai Hing	136	9	22	45	20	14	-	246
Kwai Luen	165	21	54	148	49	89	25	551
Kwai Shing (East)	1 008	132	229	336	255	267	21	2 248
Kwai Shing (West)	727	81	145	268	109	120	14	1 464
Kwong Fuk	809	153	236	410	120	144	55	1 927
Kwong Tin	222	23	104	124	76	38	7	594
Kwong Yuen	365	109	134	143	39	110	88	988
Kwun Lung Lau	145	13	18	38	69	18	3	304
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	741	39	116	112	102	124	14	1 248
Lai King	677	53	89	206	104	96	14	1 239
Lai Kok	717	67	102	253	56	79	18	1 292
Lai On	221	31	40	48	27	35	7	409
Lai Tak Tsuen	212	33	40	22	32	17	-	356
Lai Yiu	381	61	71	99	105	83	9	809
Lakeside Garden	28	7	8	5	3	-	3	54
Lam Tin	578	30	103	293	116	78	15	1 213
Lee On	408	79	254	220	96	99	37	1 193
Lei Cheng Uk	517	65	65	179	80	119	15	1 040
Lei Muk Shue	1 213	206	328	714	480	323	76	3 340
Lei Tung	583	104	114	234	50	62	34	1 181
Lei Yue Mun	646	48	150	331	196	131	22	1 524
Lek Yuen	428	88	135	212	52	67	52	1 034
Leung King	733	101	197	278	76	152	32	1 569
Lok Fu	498	91	151	239	98	105	8	1 190
Lok Man Sun Chuen	494	40	55	58	54	63	3	767
Lok Wah (North)	301	43	105	135	69	95	12	760
Lok Wah (South)	2 231	75	133	356	39	144	20	2 998
Long Bin IH	39	10	23	27	2	69	4	174
Long Ping	941	115	248	530	202	260	60	2 356
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	371	25	73	257	74	138	12	950
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	662	91	141	325	121	126	21	1 487
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	638	102	146	372	118	187	30	1 593
Lung Hang	358	29	141	260	158	162	88	1 196
Lung Tin	66	17	14	16	3	27	-	143
Ma Hang	62	12	11	37	23	24	2	171
Ma Tau Wai	342	38	72	202	29	56	6	745
Mei Lam	592	62	148	276	58	90	37	1 263
Mei Tin	528	93	305	803	334	300	82	2 445
Mei Tung	326	22	57	134	47	53	11	650
Ming Tak	220	24	40	69	53	33	6	445
Ming Wah Dai Ha	245	20	29	25	24	19	-	362
Model Housing	81	17	17	34	58	21	3	231
Moon Lok Dai Ha	140	9	10	12	21	13	5	210
Nam Cheong	250	28	60	67	37	46	-	488

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Nam Shan	503	42	89	243	59	67	21	1 024
Nga Ning Court	25	2	14	33	33	16	2	125
Ngan Wan	40	4	13	30	17	6	-	110
Oi Man	649	98	196	403	148	187	16	1 697
Oi Tung	969	147	118	284	163	74	8	1 763
On Tin	63	9	24	126	86	80	11	399
On Ting	894	87	174	302	64	135	40	1 696
On Yam	695	127	154	197	194	168	24	1 559
Pak Tin	1 843	95	345	602	281	340	60	3 566
Ping Shek	632	44	81	142	69	128	6	1 102
Ping Tin	1 111	111	224	372	139	173	30	2 160
Po Lam	478	87	99	230	99	83	10	1 086
Po Tat	1 554	121	335	603	480	478	56	3 627
Po Tin	1 318	160	389	264	25	419	28	2 603
Pok Hong	474	15	118	171	60	57	25	920
Prosperous Garden	99	-	11	5	-	4	4	123
Sai Wan	55	3	28	16	29	14	3	148
Sam Shing	237	30	31	107	32	59	12	508
Sau Mau Ping (South)	592	45	138	455	166	160	59	1 615
Sau Mau Ping	2 538	257	524	756	630	580	97	5 382
Sha Kok	1 083	126	277	399	124	157	154	2 320
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	68	7	15	17	30	21	3	161
Shan King	1 297	141	312	468	132	209	54	2 613
Shatin Pass	133	10	33	144	24	28	2	374
Shek Kip Mei	1 654	90	334	747	220	289	69	3 403
Shek Lei (I)	932	143	146	319	165	125	43	1 873
Shek Lei (II)	1 302	174	281	631	468	402	76	3 334
Shek Mun	136	11	99	236	43	85	49	659
Shek Pai Wan	619	119	141	180	217	111	32	1 419
Shek Wai Kok	966	82	193	363	153	100	40	1 897
Shek Yam (East)	417	63	56	77	67	64	11	755
Shek Yam	563	114	102	187	158	105	22	1 251
Sheung Lok	148	10	4	21	2	7	-	192
Sheung Tak	770	109	244	370	350	229	23	2 095
Shin Ming	215	31	64	185	52	57	10	614
Shui Pin Wai	677	41	87	173	45	93	9	1 125
Shun Lee	681	47	107	222	93	114	13	1 277
Shun On	680	46	89	160	63	83	15	1 136
Shun Tin	1 330	102	227	354	178	225	31	2 447
Siu Sai Wan	441	139	182	324	182	163	19	1 450
Sun Chui	912	108	186	358	154	212	37	1 967
Sun Tin Wai	396	68	85	212	81	85	28	955
Tai Hang Tung	537	29	95	109	77	42	11	900
Tai Hing	1 824	147	248	509	149	216	42	3 135
Tai Ping	69	6	34	40	6	29	1	185
Tai Wo	743	77	173	130	61	89	22	1 295
Tai Wo Hau	1 165	160	269	387	206	266	42	2 495
Tai Yuen	635	91	342	254	180	147	30	1 679
Tak Tin	878	64	168	147	103	81	15	1 456
Tin Chak	679	101	272	477	167	289	38	2 023
Tin Ching	991	116	341	990	246	438	102	3 224
Tin Heng	535	123	426	865	641	661	46	3 297

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tin King	150	47	44	138	49	38	16	482
Tin Ping	341	54	105	172	54	62	11	799
Tin Shui	859	124	247	518	228	263	42	2 281
Tin Tsz	686	73	139	224	81	105	26	1 334
Tin Wah	661	114	191	311	155	179	27	1 638
Tin Wan	508	81	112	128	116	39	15	999
Tin Yan	1 008	121	298	700	127	337	35	2 626
Tin Yat	311	92	181	463	334	353	15	1 749
Tin Yiu	955	115	356	579	229	343	56	2 633
Tin Yuet	670	77	239	446	369	380	22	2 203
Tsing Yi	240	30	49	70	25	44	5	463
Tsui Lam	247	39	100	205	86	46	6	729
Tsui Lok	177	7	13	21	3	3	-	224
Tsui Ping (South)	590	54	113	171	85	85	16	1 114
Tsui Ping (North)	1 428	98	283	379	168	210	36	2 602
Tsui Wan	164	49	24	57	17	23	1	335
Tsz Ching	1 619	119	281	478	381	320	29	3 227
Tsz Hong	255	33	98	267	227	149	19	1 048
Tsz Lok	1 136	108	208	366	179	181	23	2 201
Tsz Man	315	28	79	128	91	86	17	744
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	17	-	7	4	7	-	5	40
Tung Tau	916	73	134	242	86	158	16	1 625
Tung Wui	373	15	30	57	24	42	6	547
Un Chau	1 648	126	273	335	228	254	38	2 902
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 800	79	258	274	179	300	22	2 912
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 086	121	155	293	199	163	26	2 043
Verbena Heights	189	9	29	17	5	25	2	276
Wah Fu	931	221	202	432	239	113	35	2 173
Wah Kwai	352	61	56	53	49	30	1	602
Wah Lai	148	44	74	124	84	75	13	562
Wah Ming	560	105	117	216	42	113	17	1 170
Wah Sum	253	77	84	92	52	62	-	620
Wan Hon	647	6	19	40	17	14	2	745
Wan Tau Tong	257	48	41	56	25	23	1	451
Wan Tsui	476	101	114	259	108	91	17	1 166
Wang Tau Hom	550	112	121	320	149	177	27	1 456
Wo Che	554	177	393	382	199	198	99	2 002
Wo Lok	369	47	67	112	47	42	3	687
Wu King	347	53	154	285	108	197	21	1 165
Yan On	187	25	81	280	42	115	46	776
Yat Tung	936	201	625	1 421	1 097	1 025	85	5 390
Yau Lai	1 366	60	322	947	360	298	69	3 422
Yau Oi	1 158	163	275	521	263	331	60	2 771
Yau Tong	796	84	183	281	249	158	17	1 768
Yiu On	229	51	130	128	31	41	42	652
Yiu Tung	665	102	152	173	137	109	9	1 347
Yue Kwong Chuen	61	9	11	6	5	19	2	113
Yue Wan	301	63	74	218	28	48	6	738
Yung Shing Court	288	69	79	98	143	148	2	827
Total	126 091	14 675	29 393	54 252	26 518	28 906	5 016	284 851

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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0002

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee, by nature of cases, of the latest number of CSSA cases and recipients in each of the District Council districts?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: (a) The numbers of CSSA cases by case nature and by geographical district as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Geographical district [Note 1]	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 155	230	308	196	89	219	56	3 253
Eastern	8 390	1 219	983	1 327	470	790	266	13 445
Islands	1 748	207	395	751	378	546	180	4 205
Kowloon City	7 906	903	1 096	1 137	375	1 091	258	12 766
Kwai Tsing	14 938	2 241	2 263	2 899	1 244	2 136	498	26 219
Kwun Tong	22 180	1 598	3 008	4 469	1 600	2 769	722	36 346
North	7 803	954	1 325	1 914	454	1 131	478	14 059
Sai Kung	4 285	873	946	1 108	468	662	376	8 718
Sha Tin	8 978	1 432	1 975	2 257	640	1 230	644	17 156
Sham Shui Po	13 809	1 109	2 531	2 492	865	3 066	633	24 505
Southern	4 960	1 163	706	635	311	328	177	8 280
Tai Po	5 799	532	948	968	257	571	264	9 339
Tsuen Wan	4 934	421	591	875	325	507	232	7 885
Tuen Mun	11 305	2 164	2 270	2 184	522	1 812	510	20 767
Wan Chai	1 186	79	122	90	28	226	95	1 826
Wong Tai Sin	12 811	1 110	1 868	2 445	902	1 610	408	21 154
Yau Tsim Mong	5 253	384	1 113	924	253	2 185	391	10 503
Yuen Long	12 585	1 762	2 795	4 220	1 155	3 087	761	26 365
Total [Note 2]	151 025	18 381	25 243	30 891	10 336	23 966	6 949	266 791

(b) The numbers of CSSA recipients by case nature and by geographical district as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Geographical district [Note 1]	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 214	258	361	450	297	249	70	3 899
Eastern	10 170	1 678	1 635	3 166	1 568	1 313	322	19 852
Islands	2 318	357	932	1 949	1 338	1 417	230	8 541
Kowloon City	8 965	1 078	1 475	2 784	1 196	1 666	426	17 590
Kwai Tsing	19 557	3 152	3 844	7 007	4 127	4 168	867	42 722
Kwun Tong	30 170	2 350	5 233	10 627	5 108	5 459	1 216	60 163
North	9 853	1 337	2 169	4 623	1 384	2 108	706	22 180
Sai Kung	5 589	1 162	1 777	2 721	1 595	1 327	403	14 574
Sha Tin	11 509	2 111	3 609	5 385	2 055	2 409	1 259	28 337
Sham Shui Po	17 004	1 596	3 430	5 857	2 643	4 327	1 005	35 862
Southern	5 876	1 514	1 052	1 487	925	518	226	11 598
Tai Po	7 164	828	1 681	2 276	819	985	391	14 144
Tsuen Wan	6 148	631	913	2 056	1 001	853	388	11 990
Tuen Mun	14 561	2 654	3 354	5 096	1 631	2 911	703	30 910
Wan Chai	1 216	79	137	215	108	207	101	2 063
Wong Tai Sin	16 644	1 646	2 942	5 846	2 714	2 930	612	33 334
Yau Tsim Mong	5 651	443	1 294	2 060	780	2 435	591	13 254
Yuen Long	16 558	2 586	4 865	10 228	3 972	6 175	1 112	45 496
Total [Note 2]	191 167	25 460	40 703	73 833	33 261	41 457	10 628	416 509

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

Name in block letters:

Patrick T K Nip

Post Title:

Director of Social Welfare

Date:

28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)111

Question Serial No.

0003

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee, by public housing estate, of the latest and total number of recipients of the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) under the SSA Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The respective number of NDA, HDA, NOAA and HOAA recipients under the SSA Scheme by public housing estate as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of SSA recipients						Total
	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	HOAA	NOAA	Total for HOAA and NOAA	
Ap Lei Chau	49	470	519	1 278	376	1 654	2 173
Bo Shek Mansion	-	8	8	17	6	23	31
Broadview Garden	-	4	4	15	4	19	23
Butterfly	10	203	213	502	238	740	953
Chai Wan	8	80	88	143	91	234	322
Chak On	8	88	96	293	144	437	533
Cheung Ching	32	348	380	1 475	582	2 057	2 437
Cheung Fat	7	149	156	305	123	428	584
Cheung Hang	21	279	300	795	346	1 141	1 441
Cheung Hong	38	478	516	1 723	770	2 493	3 009
Cheung Kwai	2	30	32	72	26	98	130
Cheung On	50	503	553	1 182	561	1 743	2 296
Cheung Shan	14	131	145	570	189	759	904
Cheung Wah	37	359	396	904	319	1 223	1 619
Cheung Wang	18	178	196	171	153	324	520
Ching Ho	25	235	260	153	173	326	586
Cho Yiu Chuen	16	163	179	865	304	1 169	1 348
Choi Fai	15	85	100	279	102	381	481
Choi Fook	7	73	80	91	83	174	254

Public housing estate	Number of SSA recipients						Total
	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	HOAA	NOAA	Total for HOAA and NOAA	
Choi Ha	27	172	199	759	143	902	1 101
Choi Hung	50	462	512	2 669	375	3 044	3 556
Choi Ming Court	10	128	138	185	141	326	464
Choi Tak	18	148	166	244	185	429	595
Choi Wan (I)	66	468	534	1 649	415	2 064	2 598
Choi Wan (II)	29	223	252	833	253	1 086	1 338
Choi Ying	19	126	145	199	171	370	515
Choi Yuen	42	322	364	844	301	1 145	1 509
Chuk Yuen (North)	78	498	576	2 480	522	3 002	3 578
Chuk Yuen (South)	28	391	419	1 334	318	1 652	2 071
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	13	76	89	362	80	442	531
Chun Shek	13	148	161	364	230	594	755
Chung On	26	159	185	187	98	285	470
Clague Garden Estate	8	49	57	253	38	291	348
Easeful Court	5	30	35	45	29	74	109
Fortune	12	130	142	304	84	388	530
Fu Cheong	32	279	311	612	248	860	1 171
Fu Heng	35	426	461	569	257	826	1 287
Fu Shan	7	99	106	423	163	586	692
Fu Shin	38	462	500	871	338	1 209	1 709
Fu Tai	32	339	371	408	248	656	1 027
Fu Tung	5	101	106	160	84	244	350
Fuk Loi	43	224	267	1 332	169	1 501	1 768
Fung Tak	42	337	379	1 743	238	1 981	2 360
Fung Wah	12	116	128	322	90	412	540
Grandeur Terrace	14	208	222	124	102	226	448
Hau Tak	38	285	323	612	274	886	1 209
Healthy Village	27	161	188	766	85	851	1 039
Heng On	60	464	524	1 003	457	1 460	1 984
High Prosperity Terrace	9	39	48	58	62	120	168
Hin Keng	61	509	570	1 350	526	1 876	2 446
Hin Yiu	-	43	43	41	19	60	103
Hing Man	17	181	198	563	147	710	908
Hing Tin	35	228	263	842	238	1 080	1 343
Hing Tung	17	174	191	300	129	429	620
Hing Wah (I)	17	216	233	369	115	484	717
Hing Wah (II)	26	298	324	878	209	1 087	1 411
Ho Man Tin	36	430	466	1 681	324	2 005	2 471
Hoi Fu Court	14	179	193	536	123	659	852
Hoi Lai	33	260	293	418	218	636	929
Hong Tung	2	25	27	122	3	125	152
Hung Hom	13	105	118	203	80	283	401

Public housing estate	Number of SSA recipients						Total
	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	HOAA	NOAA	Total for HOAA and NOAA	
Jat Min Chuen	31	272	303	697	322	1 019	1 322
Ka Fuk	15	134	149	174	103	277	426
Ka Wai Chuen	15	136	151	772	121	893	1 044
Kai Tin	30	166	196	697	123	820	1 016
Kai Yip	34	272	306	960	288	1 248	1 554
Kam Peng	1	17	18	25	18	43	61
Kin Ming	29	260	289	202	221	423	712
Kin Sang	13	176	189	250	121	371	560
King Lam	49	361	410	774	277	1 051	1 461
Ko Cheung Court	17	118	135	151	77	228	363
Ko Yee	7	106	113	288	93	381	494
Kwai Chung	55	573	628	1 066	433	1 499	2 127
Kwai Fong	70	487	557	2 016	545	2 561	3 118
Kwai Hing	18	126	144	759	133	892	1 036
Kwai Luen	2	24	26	34	34	68	94
Kwai Shing (East)	39	381	420	1 374	446	1 820	2 240
Kwai Shing (West)	29	316	345	1 443	542	1 985	2 330
Kwong Fuk	46	525	571	893	477	1 370	1 941
Kwong Tin	38	239	277	709	207	916	1 193
Kwong Yuen	44	344	388	676	265	941	1 329
Kwun Lung Lau	16	135	151	595	83	678	829
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	51	309	360	1 553	303	1 856	2 216
Lai King	24	286	310	1 218	440	1 658	1 968
Lai Kok	26	190	216	754	138	892	1 108
Lai On	24	125	149	589	58	647	796
Lai Tak Tsuen	26	233	259	1 088	237	1 325	1 584
Lai Yiu	16	185	201	764	209	973	1 174
Lakeside Garden	1	6	7	10	9	19	26
Lam Tin	15	83	98	299	116	415	513
Lee On	42	287	329	443	236	679	1 008
Lei Cheng Uk	53	379	432	1 548	270	1 818	2 250
Lei Muk Shue	54	576	630	2 085	780	2 865	3 495
Lei Tung	58	662	720	1 552	481	2 033	2 753
Lei Yue Mun	24	162	186	421	144	565	751
Lek Yuen	21	258	279	860	254	1 114	1 393
Leung King	30	414	444	549	275	824	1 268
Lok Fu	33	308	341	1 124	163	1 287	1 628
Lok Man Sun Chuen	22	232	254	1 615	293	1 908	2 162
Lok Wah (North)	38	234	272	845	292	1 137	1 409
Lok Wah (South)	36	341	377	1 302	476	1 778	2 155
Long Bin IH	-	10	10	10	9	19	29
Long Ping	34	505	539	857	383	1 240	1 779

Public housing estate	Number of SSA recipients						Total
	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	HOAA	NOAA	Total for HOAA and NOAA	
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	3	62	65	499	75	574	639
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	54	486	540	1 992	295	2 287	2 827
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	56	382	438	1 599	257	1 856	2 294
Lung Hang	51	347	398	882	410	1 292	1 690
Lung Tin	1	15	16	50	18	68	84
Ma Hang	6	84	90	168	50	218	308
Ma Tau Wai	20	201	221	706	71	777	998
Mei Lam	45	332	377	1 058	330	1 388	1 765
Mei Tin	14	209	223	139	135	274	497
Mei Tung	6	61	67	256	69	325	392
Ming Tak	7	61	68	158	86	244	312
Ming Wah Dai Ha	19	256	275	1 103	201	1 304	1 579
Model Housing	9	60	69	222	35	257	326
Moon Lok Dai Ha	6	48	54	343	76	419	473
Nam Cheong	10	137	147	478	84	562	709
Nam Shan	35	224	259	668	128	796	1 055
Nga Ning Court	1	18	19	19	12	31	50
Ngan Wan	1	20	21	38	20	58	79
Oi Man	55	552	607	2 272	664	2 936	3 543
Oi Tung	36	363	399	715	196	911	1 310
On Tin	5	48	53	70	47	117	170
On Ting	15	283	298	538	285	823	1 121
On Yam	43	413	456	2 255	619	2 874	3 330
Pak Tin	58	521	579	1 683	456	2 139	2 718
Ping Shek	54	336	390	1 830	357	2 187	2 577
Ping Tin	57	440	497	1 308	333	1 641	2 138
Po Lam	37	327	364	753	307	1 060	1 424
Po Tat	45	382	427	890	383	1 273	1 700
Po Tin	3	194	197	161	157	318	515
Pok Hong	78	510	588	1 337	516	1 853	2 441
Prosperous Garden	2	23	25	79	19	98	123
Sai Wan	13	66	79	215	25	240	319
Sam Shing	10	87	97	264	118	382	479
Sau Mau Ping (South)	13	113	126	145	158	303	429
Sau Mau Ping	103	874	977	2 847	852	3 699	4 676
Sha Kok	65	445	510	1 460	468	1 928	2 438
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	3	51	54	141	46	187	241
Shan King	31	499	530	815	491	1 306	1 836
Shatin Pass	4	33	37	131	18	149	186
Shek Kip Mei	34	382	416	1 079	287	1 366	1 782
Shek Lei (I)	26	408	434	1 661	464	2 125	2 559
Shek Lei (II)	26	284	310	736	329	1 065	1 375

Public housing estate	Number of SSA recipients						Total
	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	HOAA	NOAA	Total for HOAA and NOAA	
Shek Mun	7	54	61	35	27	62	123
Shek Pai Wan	57	543	600	925	382	1 307	1 907
Shek Wai Kok	32	441	473	1 917	552	2 469	2 942
Shek Yam (East)	20	148	168	760	171	931	1 099
Shek Yam	15	155	170	561	149	710	880
Sheung Lok	2	10	12	85	21	106	118
Sheung Tak	54	293	347	533	308	841	1 188
Shin Ming	2	29	31	45	43	88	119
Shui Pin Wai	10	108	118	409	141	550	668
Shun Lee	34	328	362	1 199	434	1 633	1 995
Shun On	15	199	214	726	248	974	1 188
Shun Tin	79	492	571	1 774	586	2 360	2 931
Siu Sai Wan	67	686	753	1 508	449	1 957	2 710
Sun Chui	74	564	638	1 408	577	1 985	2 623
Sun Tin Wai	25	274	299	923	368	1 291	1 590
Tai Hang Tung	16	161	177	559	108	667	844
Tai Hing	25	436	461	1 097	548	1 645	2 106
Tai Ping	21	120	141	169	55	224	365
Tai Wo	63	507	570	860	355	1 215	1 785
Tai Wo Hau	68	590	658	2 409	560	2 969	3 627
Tai Yuen	34	465	499	920	428	1 348	1 847
Tak Tin	56	412	468	1 555	447	2 002	2 470
Tin Chak	9	140	149	159	101	260	409
Tin Ching	16	146	162	109	125	234	396
Tin Heng	16	314	330	244	189	433	763
Tin King	16	202	218	214	159	373	591
Tin Ping	41	389	430	506	244	750	1 180
Tin Shui	40	450	490	698	365	1 063	1 553
Tin Tsz	10	181	191	250	103	353	544
Tin Wah	13	209	222	264	125	389	611
Tin Wan	25	316	341	683	177	860	1 201
Tin Yan	9	132	141	133	115	248	389
Tin Yat	9	180	189	151	93	244	433
Tin Yiu	39	551	590	735	380	1 115	1 705
Tin Yuet	13	165	178	221	129	350	528
Tsing Yi	15	252	267	662	302	964	1 231
Tsui Lam	38	326	364	688	341	1 029	1 393
Tsui Lok	5	21	26	88	14	102	128
Tsui Ping (South)	27	151	178	569	105	674	852
Tsui Ping (North)	112	610	722	2 243	521	2 764	3 486
Tsui Wan	25	233	258	608	139	747	1 005
Tsz Ching	31	416	447	1 480	380	1 860	2 307

Public housing estate	Number of SSA recipients						Total
	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	HOAA	NOAA	Total for HOAA and NOAA	
Tsz Hong	8	99	107	191	102	293	400
Tsz Lok	37	347	384	1 158	324	1 482	1 866
Tsz Man	19	157	176	664	120	784	960
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	1	16	17	18	13	31	48
Tung Tau	54	489	543	2 103	397	2 500	3 043
Tung Wui	-	15	15	42	26	68	83
Un Chau	79	529	608	2 412	404	2 816	3 424
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	76	413	489	1 897	328	2 225	2 714
Upper Wong Tai Sin	45	308	353	1 114	232	1 346	1 699
Verbena Heights	4	31	35	92	57	149	184
Wah Fu	78	912	990	3 053	660	3 713	4 703
Wah Kwai	43	335	378	1 030	146	1 176	1 554
Wah Lai	5	87	92	76	57	133	225
Wah Ming	27	354	381	450	185	635	1 016
Wah Sum	2	85	87	135	75	210	297
Wan Hon	7	42	49	228	32	260	309
Wan Tau Tong	18	191	209	404	117	521	730
Wan Tsui	33	355	388	840	231	1 071	1 459
Wang Tau Hom	53	499	552	1 914	420	2 334	2 886
Wo Che	92	585	677	1 677	555	2 232	2 909
Wo Lok	20	95	115	539	119	658	773
Wu King	28	310	338	679	311	990	1 328
Yan On	2	53	55	45	57	102	157
Yat Tung	27	549	576	582	426	1 008	1 584
Yau Lai	30	295	325	496	520	1 016	1 341
Yau Oi	39	556	595	1 165	649	1 814	2 409
Yau Tong	32	232	264	617	176	793	1 057
Yiu On	41	380	421	554	303	857	1 278
Yiu Tung	39	384	423	906	298	1 204	1 627
Yue Kwong Chuen	3	88	91	388	67	455	546
Yue Wan	25	209	234	612	147	759	993
Yung Shing Court	8	93	101	118	72	190	291
Total	6 112	56 664	62 776	164 935	52 051	216 986	279 762

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)112

Question Serial No.

0004

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee, by District Council district, of the latest and total number of recipients of the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) under the SSA Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The numbers of NDA, HDA, NOAA and HOAA recipients under the SSA Scheme by geographical district as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Table 1: The numbers of NDA and HDA recipients by geographical district

Geographical district ^[Note]	Number of recipients		
	NDA	HDA	Total
Central & Western	3 614	631	4 245
Eastern	11 761	1 937	13 698
Islands	1 865	186	2 051
Kowloon City	6 273	1 003	7 276
Kwai Tsing	10 645	1 278	11 923
Kwun Tong	12 585	2 230	14 815
North	5 283	704	5 987
Sai Kung	6 011	1 053	7 064
Sha Tin	12 147	2 043	14 190
Sham Shui Po	6 672	1 149	7 821
Southern	6 630	834	7 464
Tai Po	5 798	731	6 529
Tsuen Wan	4 662	757	5 419
Tuen Mun	9 104	953	10 057
Wan Chai	1 959	503	2 462
Wong Tai Sin	9 104	1 329	10 433
Yau Tsim Mong	4 097	563	4 660
Yuen Long	8 490	1 027	9 517
Total	126 700	18 911	145 611

Table 2: The numbers of NOAA and HOAA recipients by geographical district

Geographical district ^[Note]	Number of recipients		
	NOAA	HOAA	Total
Central & Western	1 109	17 096	18 205
Eastern	6 393	47 388	53 781
Islands	1 172	5 716	6 888
Kowloon City	3 659	29 432	33 091
Kwai Tsing	9 909	34 531	44 440
Kwun Tong	10 889	45 444	56 333
North	3 213	14 183	17 396
Sai Kung	4 690	17 445	22 135
Sha Tin	8 838	34 159	42 997
Sham Shui Po	4 246	27 057	31 303
Southern	3 109	18 516	21 625
Tai Po	3 090	14 149	17 239
Tsuen Wan	3 332	18 516	21 848
Tuen Mun	6 513	19 744	26 257
Wan Chai	590	12 671	13 261
Wong Tai Sin	6 639	35 628	42 267
Yau Tsim Mong	2 336	20 989	23 325
Yuen Long	5 097	21 755	26 852
Total	84 824	434 419	519 243

[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils. The information on geographical districts was mainly collected at the time of application.

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 Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)113

Question Serial No.

0005

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- the situation of fraud and abuse over the past two years;
- the resources and manpower allocated by the Administration in this respect; and
- the ways to publicise against the abuse of CSSA without conveying a wrong message which might deter those who are genuinely in need from applying for CSSA.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: There were 806 and 840 fraud CSSA cases in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (as at 31.12.2012) respectively, and the corresponding amounts of over-payment involved were \$51.5 million and \$45.6 million. The expenditure of the Special Investigation Section (SIS) in 2011-12 was \$49.6 million and the estimated expenditure in 2012-13 is \$57.7 million.

Currently, there are 120 social security staff posts in the SIS specialised in prevention and detection of fraud and abuse of social security benefits. In view of the complexity of fraud investigation, eight retired officers from the discipline forces have also been appointed as fraud investigation advisors to enhance the investigation techniques of the investigation officers working in the Fraud Investigation Teams of the SIS.

To combat fraud, the Social Welfare Department conducts regular case review and checks on targeted case, arranges periodic data matching with other government departments and organisations, and conducts in-depth investigation into suspected fraud cases. There are also a hotline and a mailing chit for the public to report fraud.

Anti-fraud panels are installed in all Social Security Field Units to remind those concerned to report their circumstances honestly and be aware of the serious consequences of committing any fraud. The latest figures on social security frauds are displayed regularly on the panels and there are also press cuttings about fraud cases resulting in conviction.

It is our objective to support persons suffering from financial hardship for various reasons such as old age, disability, illness, single parenthood, unemployment and low earnings through the CSSA Scheme, which provides a safety net for those who cannot support themselves financially. This message has been clearly disseminated through our publicity materials.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)114

Question Serial No.

0006

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the respective expenditure involved for each nature of CSSA cases?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The estimated expenditure for CSSA cases in 2012-13 by case nature is set out as follows –

Case nature	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	10,611
Permanent disability	1,348
Ill health	2,042
Single parent	2,915
Low-earnings	870
Unemployment	1,439
Others	462
Total	19,688

^[Note] The expenditure include one additional month of standard rate payment. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)115

Question Serial No.

0007

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Owing to the introduction of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), the number of Social Security Allowance (SSA) cases is expected to drop. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the numbers of recipients of Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) under the SSA Scheme and the total amount involved in the past two financial years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13), as well as the estimated figures for the coming three financial years (i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) respectively?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The average numbers of HOAA and NOAA cases per month and the expenditure involved in 2011-12 were as follows –

Allowance type	2011-12	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
HOAA	436 009	5,918
NOAA	70 524	976

The estimated average numbers of HOAA and NOAA cases per month and the expenditure involved in 2012-13 to 2015-16 respectively are as follows –

Allowance type	2012-13	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
HOAA	448 000	6,371
NOAA	78 000	1,131

Allowance type	2013-14	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
HOAA	111 000	1,548
NOAA ^[Note 2]	9 000	93

Allowance type	2014-15	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
HOAA	113 000	1,539
NOAA ^[Note 2]	10 000	136

Allowance type	2015-16	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
HOAA	115 000	1,566
NOAA ^[Note 2]	11 000	150

^[Note 1] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective year. The additional allowance for 2013-14 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

^[Note 2] After the introduction of OALA in April 2013, all existing NOAA cases will switch to OALA. The estimated number of NOAA cases in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 refer to the new cases under the Guangdong Scheme to be launched in the second half of 2013.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)116

Question Serial No.

0008

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the numbers of new Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and the numbers of cases having left the CSSA net in each of the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) by nature of cases?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The numbers of new CSSA applications and cases closed in the past three years by case nature were set out in the following tables respectively –

Table 1 : Number of new CSSA applications by case nature ^[Note]

Case nature	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	15 071	14 146	10 850
Permanent disability	1 640	1 566	1 213
Ill health	7 012	6 563	4 848
Single parent	3 954	3 314	2 708
Low-earnings	2 937	2 186	1 570
Unemployment	10 369	8 619	6 006
Others	5 851	5 432	4 335
Total	46 834	41 826	31 530

Table 2 : Number of CSSA cases closed by case nature ^[Note]

Case nature	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	14 109	14 019	11 130
Permanent disability	1 211	1 238	988
Ill health	2 548	2 538	1 890
Single parent	3 759	3 773	3 185
Low-earnings	2 966	3 127	2 077
Unemployment	6 719	6 086	4 036
Others	1 398	1 442	1 206
Total	32 710	32 223	24 512

^[Note] Cases which have been on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)117

Question Serial No.

0009

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure involved in Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme respectively in the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The expenditure on HOAA, NOAA, HDA and NDA in 2010-11 and 2011-12 was as follows –

Allowance type	2010-11 expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]	2011-12 expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
HOAA	5,552	5,918
NOAA	897	976
HDA	572	628
NDA	2,041	2,222
Total	9,062	9,744

The estimated expenditure on HOAA, NOAA, HDA and NDA in 2012-13 is as follows –

Allowance type	2012-13 expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
HOAA	6,371
NOAA	1,131
HDA	677
NDA	2,407
Total	10,586

[Note] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective year.

Name in block letters:	<u>Patrick T K Nip</u>
Post Title:	<u>Director of Social Welfare</u>
Date:	<u>28 March 2013</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)118

Question Serial No.

0010

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration inform this Committee of the following –
What is the latest position and trend of the expenditure involved in the existing short-term food assistance service? How many persons were served and what was the average value of food assistance received per person in each of the past two years? Whether review and evaluation on the short-term food assistance service have been conducted over the past year in view of inflation and demand? If yes, what are the results? Would the Administration consider introducing other enhancement measures, such as extending the period of assistance provided to applicants, expanding the service network and increasing the number of service operators? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: Since the implementation of the short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) in February 2009, the accumulated expenditure as at the end of January 2013 was \$136.4 million. The average monthly expenditure in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to January 2013) was \$3.1 million and \$5.0 million respectively, representing a 61% increase in expenditure which was mainly attributed to the service enhancement implemented in October 2011.

The numbers of persons served under the Projects in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to January 2013) were around 33 400 and 28 800 respectively. The provision of food assistance to each service user is made according to his/her need (type of food and service duration) as assessed by the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs). There is no fixed amount of food value for each service user.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been monitoring the service demand and operation of the Projects. To better meet the needs of the service users, the Administration has enhanced the provision of the Projects by including more food varieties, like fresh food and supermarket/hot meal coupons, since 31 October 2011.

The operating NGOs may extend the period of assistance based on the need of individual case, and refer service users with longer-term welfare needs to other service units as appropriate. To facilitate accessibility of the service, the operating NGOs had set up 482 service points as at end of January 2013 all over the territory and they will continue to engage suitable partner organisations in establishing more service points for delivery of the service. The existing operation has been running smoothly. SWD will continue to monitor the operation of the Projects and introduce enhancement measures as and when necessary.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)119

Question Serial No.

0011

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who participated in various employment assistance projects, and the number and percentage of those participants who had successfully secured employment in the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS), the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) and the New Dawn (ND) Project to encourage and assist employable CSSA recipients to become self-reliant and integrate into the community. From the commencement of these programmes^[Note 1] up to the end of December 2012, the number and percentage of those participants who had secured employment^[Note 2] were:

Employment assistance project	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured employment	Percentage of participants having secured employment (%)
IEAS	121 507	26 079	21.5
My STEP	1 960	1 147 ^[Note 3]	58.5
ND Project	26 162	7 582	29.0

^[Note 1] The IEAS, My STEP and the ND Project have commenced operation since October 2008, October 2006 and April 2006 respectively.

^[Note 2] The required information is not available by financial year.

^[Note 3] This includes the number of participants who had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)120

Question Serial No.

0012

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration has integrated various employment assistance projects under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and has commissioned 26 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide able-bodied recipients with one-stop employment assistance services. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the latest expenditure and manpower involved in the provision of employment assistance services to the able-bodied recipients as compared with the past when the projects had not yet been fully commissioned to NGOs?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has implemented the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance since 1 January 2013 with an annual estimated expenditure of about \$107.8 million, an increase of about \$13.2 million as compared with the past when the projects had not yet been fully commissioned to NGOs.

As regards the manpower involved, the operating NGOs have the flexibility in deploying the funding allocated to them to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)121

Question Serial No.

0013

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Budget Speech that the Administration will “provide an extra allowance to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments; and an extra allowance to Old Age Allowance (OAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Disability Allowance (DA) recipients, equal to one month of the allowances. This will involve an additional expenditure of \$2.7 billion”.

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following: the detailed breakdown of the expenditure on the above relief measures provided for various recipients; the anticipated earliest time for the payment to be made; and in addition to the above one-off relief measures, whether the Administration will consider reviewing the CSSA basic rate and the rates of other allowances as soon as possible to enable the recipients to really maintain a basic standard of living? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The Financial Secretary announced in his 2013 Budget Speech the provision of an extra allowance to CSSA recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments; and an extra allowance to OAA, OALA and DA recipients, equal to one month of the allowances. The estimated total expenditure involved is around \$2.7 billion, comprising \$1.3 billion for CSSA, \$0.1 billion for OAA, \$1.1 billion for OALA and \$0.2 billion for DA. Subject to the Finance Committee’s approval, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) aims to arrange for payment in the second half of 2013.

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In addition, SWD updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every five years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. As for OAA, DA and OALA, they will be adjusted on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP.

SWD raised the CSSA standard payment rates, OAA rates and DA rates by 4.0% with effect from 1 February 2013 in accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism. We will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA, OAA, DA and OALA payments annually.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)122

Question Serial No.

0014

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “provides material assistance in the form of food and other essential articles for victims of natural and other disasters” and “provides financial assistance from the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) for victims of natural disasters or their dependants as appropriate”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the cases that required the above assistance in the past year, the number of persons who had received assistance in the above cases and the expenditure involved; and the provision reserved for the above purposes in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: SWD provides emergency relief to victims of natural or other disasters in the form of cooked meals (or cash grant in lieu of cooked meals) and other essential relief articles. SWD also distributes blankets to needy persons during cold spells. In 2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012), there were 11 natural disasters involving 491 victims who received emergency relief service. The total amount of expenditure was about \$0.5 million.

The Director of Social Welfare is the trustee of ERF which is set up to provide prompt assistance to persons in need of urgent relief as a result of natural disasters. SWD, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Marine Department and Lands Department are the operating departments. In 2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012), disbursements under ERF were granted to 1 235 victims of 15 incidents, and the total amount of expenditure involved was about \$4 million.

In 2013-14, the funding allocation for emergency relief service and ERF is \$1 million and \$10 million respectively.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)123

Question Serial No.

0015

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” that the Social Welfare Department will “introduce an Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme to provide a new allowance for eligible Hong Kong elders who are in need of financial support”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the estimated number of OALA recipients and the expenditure involved in the coming three financial years (i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16)?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The estimated average number of OALA cases per month and expenditure in 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as follows –

Year	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
2013-14	494 000	16,228
2014-15	511 000	13,489
2015-16	531 000	14,019

^[Note] The expenditure for 2013-14 includes the back payment of OALA to the eligible elderly from December 2012 to March 2013 and the payment of one additional month of the allowance. The latter is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 25 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)124

Question Serial No.

0016

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “continue to monitor the implementation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) throughout the territory to provide one-stop district-based community mental health support services.....”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the latest progress of setting up permanent ICCMWs throughout the territory; as it is learnt that certain difficulties were encountered in identifying premises for setting up ICCMWs in the past, what follow-up action will be taken by the Administration to address this issue; and the estimated time frame for all ICCMWs to finally secure permanent accommodation for the provision of service?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: Of the 24 ICCMWs, seven are currently operating in permanent accommodation and another six are expected to commence service at their permanent accommodation in 2013-14 following the completion of fitting-out works. We have also identified suitable sites for three other ICCMWs, in respect of which local consultation will follow, and reserved a site for another ICCMW in a redevelopment project. We will work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments to continue identifying suitable premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government properties, school premises and public housing units, etc. for the remaining seven ICCMWs. Meanwhile, SWD is also funding the rental expenses incurred for using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation of ICCMWs and will continue to consider such applications for rental support from individual ICCMW operators.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 25 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)125

Question Serial No.

0017

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the operation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the latest service utilisation of the existing ICCMWs, and the numbers of ex-mentally ill persons, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and local residents that are receiving support services?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: In October 2010, the Social Welfare Department revamped community mental health support services and set up ICCMWs across the territory, with a view to providing comprehensive, district-based and one-stop community support services for discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers, as well as residents living in the community. From October 2010 to December 2012, ICCMWs served about 27 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, with nearly 27 100 referrals handled and over 142 300 outreaching visits made. During the same period, ICCMWs also organised over 5 700 public education activities to enhance public awareness of mental health and around 295 000 persons including families and carers as well as local residents participated in these activities.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)126

Question Serial No.

0018

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & Title):
000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

How many full-time non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff were employed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? How many and what percentage of such staff were employed for over three years and five years? Would the Administration conduct a review on the situation of these NCSC staff being employed on long-term basis? Would the Administration consider converting these NCSC positions into civil service posts taking long-term service need into consideration?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: Information on the number of full-time NCSC staff^[Note] employed in SWD in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the breakdown on the length of service is provided as follows –

Length of service	No. of NCSC staff as at 31 December of the year		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
3 years or less	142 (44%)	98 (33%)	57 (27%)
More than 3 and up to 5 years	39 (12%)	55 (19%)	39 (19%)
More than 5 years	141 (44%)	141 (48%)	112 (54%)
Total	322	294	208

Figures in () denote percentage to total in the respective years.

SWD reviews the position of NCSC staff employed from time to time and seeks to convert the NCSC positions concerned into civil service posts where permanent service needs within the department are established. We would continue to closely monitor the position and consider further conversion where appropriate.

[Note] “Full-time” employment refers to “continuous contract” as defined under the Employment Ordinance. According to the Employment Ordinance, an employee who works continuously for the same employer for four weeks or more, with at least 18 hours in each week, is regarded as working under a continuous contract.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 31 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)127

Question Serial No.

0019

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure involved, distribution and number of EHCCS teams as well as the staffing establishment for the past four financial years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13) and the respective estimated figures for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The expenditure on EHCCS in the previous four years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13) and 2013-14 is as follows –

Year	Expenditure of EHCCS (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	115.3
2010-11 (Actual)	127.9
2011-12 (Actual)	150.2
2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	207.0
2013-14 (Estimate)	244.0

The number and geographical distribution of the 24 EHCCS teams remain unchanged in the past four years. Details are as follows –

District	No. of EHCCS District Teams	No. of EHCCS Cluster Teams
Central & Western	1	1
Wan Chai	1	
Eastern	1	
Southern	1	
Islands	1	0
Yau Tsim Mong	1	1

District	No. of EHCCS District Teams	No. of EHCCS Cluster Teams
Sham Shui Po	1	
Kowloon City	1	
Wong Tai Sin	1	1
Sai Kung	1	
Kwun Tong	1	1
Sha Tin	1	1
Tai Po	1	
North	1	
Yuen Long	1	1
Tsuen Wan	1	
Kwai Tsing	1	
Tuen Mun	1	
Total	24	

Although the Social Welfare Department has not specified any staff establishment, the EHCCS teams should ensure an appropriate and adequate staff mix to handle the cases.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)128

Question Serial No.

0020

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure involved as well as the number and ratio of cases with actual rent exceeding the rent allowance over the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? Will the Administration consider raising the amount of rent allowance to reflect the actual rental expenditure of CSSA recipients? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: (a) The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure involved in 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)
2010-11	247 667	2,831
2011-12	240 881	2,978
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	235 693	1,985

- (b) The number and percentage of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA	Percentages of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (%)
2010-11	31 840	12.9%
2011-12	25 696	10.7%
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	28 283	12.0%

- (c) In accordance with the established mechanism, the Administration reviews MRA levels under the CSSA Scheme on an annual basis, having regard to the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A) rent index for private housing. According to the established mechanism, the Social Welfare Department has raised the MRA by 7.8 % with effect from 1 February 2013.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)129

Question Serial No.

0021

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of cases and recipients under the low-earnings and unemployment nature of CSSA Scheme in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), and their percentages to the overall number of CSSA cases; the average duration of stay of unemployed recipients on CSSA; and the number and ratio of recipients who had received tertiary education? Has the Administration looked into the reasons of cases staying on CSSA?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The information sought is provided in (a) – (d) below –

- (a) The numbers of CSSA low-earnings and unemployment cases and their percentages to the overall number of CSSA cases in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Case nature	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
Low-earnings	14 088	5.0	11 765	4.3	10 339	3.8
Unemployment	29 364	10.4	26 081	9.5	23 980	8.9

- (b) The numbers of CSSA recipients of low-earnings and unemployment cases and their percentages to the overall number of CSSA recipients in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Case nature	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
Low-earnings	47 413	10.3	39 059	8.9	33 261	7.9
Unemployment	52 869	11.4	46 132	10.5	41 457	9.9

- (c) The median duration of stay on CSSA^[Note] for unemployment cases in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Median (years)	4.5	4.9	5.1

^[Note] Unemployment cases might have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health, low-earnings or single parenthood) in their earlier years and not all of them have been receiving assistance as a result of unemployment throughout their stay in the CSSA net.

- (d) The numbers of CSSA unemployed recipients with post-secondary education and above and their percentages to the overall number of unemployed recipients in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Number	336	283	301
Percentage (%)	1.1	1.0	1.2

Various factors including the overall economic situation, demand of the labour market, family and personal circumstances, etc. may affect individual CSSA recipients' duration of stay in the CSSA net. CSSA will continue to be granted to needy individuals or families with proven financial needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)130

Question Serial No.

1372

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of subsidised community care and support services for the elderly, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the geographical distribution of various types of residential care and service places, the number of the elderly on the waiting list for such places, the average waiting time and the expenditure on each type of services in 2012-13?
- (b) What is the geographical distribution of various types of residential care and service places, the anticipated waiting time and the estimated expenditure on each type of services in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The geographical distribution of subsidised residential and community care services places, i.e. places of homes for the aged (H/As) (including places of self-care (S/C) hostels), care-and-attention (C&A) places in subvented and contract homes, and in private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), nursing home (NH) places in contract homes, subvented NHs, NHs and self-financing homes under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), enhanced home and community care service (EHCCS), and integrated home care services (IHCS) as at 31 January 2013 was as follows –

District	Number of places by service type ^[Note 1]								
	H/A places	C&A places ^[Note 2]	NH places ^[Note 2]	EBPS places	DE/DCUs places	EHCCS places (district basis)	EHCCS places (cluster basis)	IHCS (frail cases) places	IHCS (ordinary cases) caseload ^[Note 3]
Central & Western	0	258	131	462	104	171	154	40	645
Eastern	22	489	93	255	216	206		80	1 674
Wan Chai	0	462	0	54	72	154		30	555
Southern	112	1 332	0	394	108	158		80	1 059
Islands	67	322	63	42	40	124		20	262
Kwun Tong	0	1 127	417	549	310	421	336	150	1 817
Wong Tai Sin	34	1 045	464	177	287	406	428	100	1 479
Sai Kung	0	952	292	0	145	228		30	413
Kowloon City	7	651	90	1 199	158	290	236	30	1 323
Sham Shui Po	0	745	95	285	250	255		90	1 686
Yau Tsim Mong	0	109	104	661	152	188		40	888
Sha Tin	0	1 250	0	0	216	192	212	120	1 407
Tai Po	0	1 200	0	98	64	129		30	792
North	0	878	299	317	44	141		30	979
Yuen Long	0	933	66	773	115	163	256	90	1 356
Tsuen Wan	0	535	368	852	64	235		40	434
Kwai Tsing	75	1 683	299	867	154	336		90	1 085
Tuen Mun	0	927	216	402	110	160		30	1 355
Total	317	14 898	2 997	7 387	2 609	3 957	1 622	1 120	19 209

^[Note 1] Elderly services are also provided by the 210 elderly centres in the territory. Such services are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above. There is no limit on the number of members, nor is there a waiting list for services provided.

^[Note 2] C&A places include places in contract homes and subvented C&A homes. NH places include places in contract homes, subvented NHs and purchased places under NHPPS.

^[Note 3] IHCS (ordinary cases) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures in the table reflect the caseload as at the end of December 2012.

All applicants for subsidised residential care places are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis and applicants can choose to wait for subsidised residential care places in different districts at the same time. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep the number of applicants by district, separate waiting lists and the waiting time for individual districts.

Eligible elderly can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes. SWD only captures the total number of applicants on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places as a whole. Similarly, SWD only captures the total number of applicants on the waiting list for NH places as a whole. These NH places are provided by subvented NHs, self-financing NHs under NHPPS and contract homes.

As at 31 January 2013, the numbers of applicants on the waiting list for C&A and NH places were 22 400 and 6 379 respectively. The average waiting time for various types of subsidised residential care places is as follows –

Type of subsidised residential care places	Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 4]
C&A	
- Subvented/contract homes	35
- EBPS home	8
Overall	25
NH	38

^[Note 4] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months. The waiting time could be reduced if the applicant has no specific preference.

As at 31 January 2013, there were 1 558 elderly waiting for subsidised day care places and the average waiting time was about nine months. There were 524 elderly waiting for IHCS places for frail cases and/or EHCCS and the average waiting time was about two months. The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of the elderly waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS nor its waiting time.

The recurrent expenditure on the subsidised residential care service for elderly and community care services in 2012-13 revised estimate are \$3,052.1 million and \$1,526.0 million respectively.

- (b) In 2013-14, the number of additional subsidised residential care places and estimated expenditure are as follows –

Type of residential care services	Number of places ^[Note 5]	Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)
NH	366	110
C&A (EBPS)	300	
C&A (in subvented and contract homes)	118	
Total	784	

^[Note 5] These residential care places will be provided throughout the territory.

SWD determines the exact number of EBPS places for each district with regard to the applications received from operators and the demand for residential care places.

In 2013-14, the number of additional DE/DCU places and estimated expenditure are as follows –

Serving District	Number of DE/DCU places	Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)
Kwai Tsing	60	14.6
Kwun Tong	52	
Sha Tin	45	
Central & Western	25	
Total	182	

As the waiting time for subsidised residential care is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under various bought place schemes, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc., it is difficult for SWD to estimate the waiting time in 2013-14. Though the additional provision of subsidised day care places will help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for SWD to estimate the anticipated waiting time in 2013-14.

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 Date: 2 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)131

Question Serial No.

1373

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated by the Administration that it would enhance the quality of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and provide more such places through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). What was the number of places purchased under EBPS last year (2012-13)? What is the number of places to be purchased this year (2013-14)? What is the average cost per place per month for various types of places under EBPS?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: In 2012-13, the number of additional subsidised places purchased under EBPS is 605 (at EA1 level, i.e. places of a higher quality). Meanwhile, more than 600 EA2 places were upgraded to EA1 level. In 2013-14, the Administration plans to purchase 300 EA1 places under EBPS. In 2012-13, the unit subsidy per month for each EA1 place (with the provision of physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation programme) in urban district and New Territories is \$8,457 and \$7,760 respectively and that for each EA2 place in urban district and New Territories is \$6,342 and \$5,755 respectively. The respective unit costs in 2013-14 will be available in the second quarter of 2013.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)132

Question Serial No.

1374

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the expenditure, the number of places and the number of persons on the waiting lists for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school services and residential care homes in 2012-13. What are the estimated expenditure involved, the number of places available and the number of persons on the waiting lists in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: The expenditure for various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in the 2012-13 revised estimate and the 2013-14 estimate is as follows –

Type of service	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Estimate)
Pre-school services		
EETC	149.8	175.6
SCCC	234.7	265.6
IP	94.8	94.8
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	394.8	454.8
SW	242.7	251.2
SE	47.9	60.7
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	160.9	171.1
OJT	8.2	10.5
Sunnyway	10.5	13.6
IVTC(Day)	24.1	24.4
Residential services		
HWH	154.6	159.2
LSCH	183.8	193.9
IVTC(Res)	8.6	8.7
HMMH	177.7	201.2
HSMH	504.3	611.2
HSPH	94.5	102.2
C&A/SD	166.6	200.9

Type of service	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Estimate)
C&A/AB	118.1	119.4
SGH(MMHC)	6.1	7.9
SHOS	43.9	49.9
RSCCC	20.3	20.3

The provision of various types of rehabilitation services in the 2012-13 (revised estimate) and the 2013-14 (plan) is as follows –

Type of service	Number of places	
	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Plan)
Pre-school services		
EETC	2 613	3 094
SCCC	1 757	1 883
IP	1 860	1 860
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	4 801	5 177
SW	5 051	5 101
SE	1 633	1 633
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	4 257	4 257
OJT	432	432
Sunnyway	311	311
IVTC(Day)	453	453
Residential services		
HWH	1 509	1 534
LSCH	1 507	1 582
IVTC(Res)	170	170
HMMH	2 292	2 382
HSMH	3 382	3 648
HSPH	573	573
C&A/SD	959	989
C&A/AB	825	825
SGH(MMHC)	64	80
SHOS	596	616
RSCCC	110	110

The number of applicants on the waiting lists for various types of rehabilitation services as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at the end of December 2012)
Pre-school services	
EETC	3 507
SCCC	1 240
IP	1 401
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services	
DAC	1 231
SW	2 418
SE	105
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	N.A.
Residential services	
HWH	669
LSCH	1 300
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	N.A.
HMMH	1 477
HSMH	2 173
HSPH	433
C&A/SD	428
C&A/AB	113
SGH(MMHC)	73
SHOS	1 153
RSCCC	44

^[Note 1] Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for sheltered workshops and supported employment.

^[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not capture any statistics in this respect.

Legend:

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programmes in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

OJT – on the job training programme for people with disabilities

Sunnyway – sunnyway - on the job training programme for young people with disabilities

IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home
IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/ integrated small
group home
SHOS – supported hostel
RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)133

Question Serial No.

1375

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please advise on the details of providing additional support for demented elderly in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), and day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) in 2012-13, including the expenditure, number of places, number of the elderly on the waiting lists and the waiting time. What are the estimated expenditures, number of places, number of the elderly on the waiting lists and the waiting time in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: A Dementia Supplement (DS) has been provided as an additional support for demented elderly in subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating in EBPS and subsidised DEs/DCUs. The funding allocation of DS to these service units in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is presented as follows –

Type of service units	2012-13 Allocation (\$ million)	2013-14 Allocation (\$ million)
Subvented RCHEs/Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	190.7	202.2
Subsidised DEs/DCUs	12.6	14.7

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments for their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of elderly residents for DS in the RCHEs will be confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority. Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by PGTs in these RCHEs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in private RCHEs participating in EBPS and that in DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation of DS will be given to RCHEs and DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of demented elderly. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

With the allocation of DS, RCHEs and DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. DEs/DCUs may also use DS to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly as well as supportive services for their carers as necessary.

There is no waiting list nor waiting time for DS. It is estimated that DS will be allocated to 256 RCHEs and 66 DEs/DCUs for about 5 600 beneficiaries in 2013-14.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)134

Question Serial No.

1376

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provisions of various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The numbers of rehabilitation service places provided by subvented non-governmental organisations, residential care places provided by self-financing homes and private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and their enrolment rates at present respectively;
- (b) The number of persons with disabilities on the waiting lists for each type of rehabilitation services and residential care places, the average waiting time and the longest waiting time at present respectively; and
- (c) The cost of providing each type of rehabilitation services and residential care places per month on average at present?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The information on the rehabilitation service places provided by RCHDs of the following three financing modes is provided in the table below –

Type of RCHD	Number of places (as at the end of December 2012)	Average enrolment rate (2011-12)
Subvented home	11 730	97%
Self-financing home	393	84%
Private home	4 233	70%

- (b) The information on the persons with disabilities on the waiting lists for the following types of service is provided in the table below –

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at the end of December 2012)	Average waiting time in 2011-12 (in months) ^[Note 3]
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 507	15.7
SCCC	1 240	16.8
IP	1 401	12.2
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	1 231	44.4
SW	2 418	16.8
SE	105	2.2
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
Residential services		
HWH	669	8.4
LSCH	1 300	33.6
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	1 477	84.4
HSMH	2 173	81.6
HSPH	433	37.4
C&A/SD	428	31.2
C&A/AB	113	6.0
SGH(MMHC)	73	7.2
SHOS	1 153	31.5
RSCCC	44	15.6

^[Note 1] Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists of sheltered workshop and supported employment.

^[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not capture any statistics in this respect.

^[Note 3] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific homes indicated, the turnover rate of the homes selected by the applicants, etc.

- (c) The costs per place per month for different types of subvented rehabilitation services in 2012-13 are set out as follows –

Type of subvented service	Cost per place per month in 2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Residential services	10,919
Day services	
DAC	7,234
pre-school services for children with disabilities	6,692
Vocational rehabilitation services	3,792

The expenditure for different types of rehabilitation services in 2012-13 is as follows –

Type of service	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
Pre-school services	
EETC	149.8
SCCC	234.7
IP	94.8
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services	
DAC	394.8
SW	242.7
SE	47.9
IVRSC	160.9
OJT	8.2
Sunnyway	10.5
IVTC(Day)	24.1
Residential services	
HWH	154.6
LSCH	183.8
IVTC(Res)	8.6
HMMH	177.7
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C&A/AB	118.1
SGH(MMHC)	6.1
SHOS	43.9
RSCCC	20.3

Legend:

EETC – early education and training centre
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IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)
HWH – halfway house
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IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home
SHOS – supported hostel
RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)135

Question Serial No.

1377

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Administration will continue to implement and monitor the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities. Please inform this Committee of the details of the FAS, the vetting criteria, the number of applications and the amount approved in 2012-13 by each type of residential care homes. Please also provide the estimated number of applications and the amount to be approved in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: With the funding support of \$39 million earmarked under the Lotteries Fund, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) introduced the FAS for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in December 2011 to provide subsidies for private RCHDs to carry out improvement works for meeting the licensing requirements insofar as building and fire safety is concerned. The maximum amount of a grant allocated to individual private RCHDs is 60% of the recognised cost of the improvement works relating to building and fire safety requirements under the licensing regime. To be eligible under FAS, a private RCHD must have been in operation at the existing premises prior to the commencement of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance on 18 November 2011 and the operator should demonstrate a clear intention to improve the RCHD for meeting the licensing standards and undertake to continue operating the RCHD for at least two years after receiving the grant under FAS.

As at 1 March 2013, SWD has received two applications under FAS and is processing the applications. Most of the operators of private RCHDs have indicated interest in applying for grants under FAS and they are preparing their FAS applications. It is expected that most of the eligible private RCHDs will submit their FAS applications in 2013-14. The total amount of grants to be disbursed under FAS will depend on the items of improvement works required for individual RCHDs.

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Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)136

Question Serial No.

1378

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech that the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) will be launched in September 2013, adopting the “money-follows-the-user” approach in the provision of assistance. In this connection, please advise on the progress of preparation of the Scheme, the estimated number of elderly beneficiaries and the administration expenses required.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: The Pilot Scheme adopts the “money-follows-the-user” approach whereby the Administration provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers and eligible elderly persons (as voucher holders) may choose the service provider, the type of service and the service package that suit their individual needs. The Pilot Scheme will last for four years and the first phase (two years) will start from September 2013.

The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed by the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, i.e., Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS. A maximum of 1 200 vouchers will be issued during the first phase.

SWD has invited non-profit-making organisations and social enterprises with experience in providing CCS or RCS to participate as Recognised Service Provider in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The result will be announced in April 2013.

SWD has created three time-limited civil service posts at an annual estimated expenditure of \$1.7 million to deliver the scheme. Other administration expenses will be absorbed within SWD’s existing provision.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)137

Question Serial No.

1379

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will make preparation for a new Guangdong (GD) Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme to provide Old Age Allowance for eligible Hong Kong elders who choose to reside in GD. Please inform this Committee of the progress of the preparatory work, when it will be implemented, the expected number of elderly who will benefit and the administration costs required.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: The Administration is taking forward at full steam the preparatory work for the GD Scheme, including preparation for application procedures and related publicity, and recruitment of staff. Our aim is to implement the GD Scheme in the second half of 2013. The allowance payment is estimated at \$395 million per annum, assuming that about 30 000 elderly persons will join the Scheme. The administrative cost earmarked for 2013-14 is \$21.8 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)138

Question Serial No.

1383

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding paragraph 112 of the Budget Speech which states “To enhance the quality of life for elderly people aged 65 or above who are in need of financial support, we shall start making payments for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) this April. The new allowance, involving an additional allocation of about \$8.3 billion...”, please provide the following –

- (a) How much of the \$8.3 billion would be allocated for use between April 2013 and March 2014?
- (b) In preparing for the 2014-15 Budget, would the Administration make reference to the amount mentioned in (a) in projecting the expenditure for the year ahead, or to the \$8.3 billion mentioned in the Budget Speech for estimation of funding allocation?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The amount of \$8.3 billion includes an amount of \$6.2 billion for the additional expenditure on monthly payment of OALA from April 2013 to March 2014 and an amount of \$2.1 billion for back payment of OALA to the eligible elderly persons benefiting from the retrospective payment from December 2012 to March 2013.
- (b) The Administration will make reference to the number of applications for OALA in 2013-14 and the projected population growth when preparing for the 2014-15 Budget.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)139

Question Serial No.

2122

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Indicators under Programme (5), the percentage of cases satisfactorily completed in reformatory school (RS) was 100% in the financial year 2011-12, while the estimated percentage is reduced to 89% for both 2012-13 and 2013-14. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Why is the estimated indicator of cases satisfactorily completed in RS lowered? Is the lower indicator related to the estimated increase in the number of admissions?
- (b) Will the Administration increase the staffing and expenditure to cope with the increase in the number of admissions? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Both the numbers of residents in RS and discharged RS residents each year are very small. A slight increase in the number of residents who failed to complete their orders of detention satisfactorily would therefore lead to a relatively higher unsatisfactory completion rate of RS. The reasons for failure to complete the residential training include residents receiving other sentence options by the court for outstanding offences committed before admission to RS, serious violation of regulations in RS, and commission of other offences during after-care supervision in the community.
- (b) In 2007, the Social Welfare Department re-located and co-located all of its six probation homes, RS and remand homes/places of refuge into one residential training complex, i.e. the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH). The existing staff provision and resources of TMCJH are adequate to handle the current service demand.

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Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)140

Question Serial No.

2123

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description of Programme (5) that in 2012, the Social Welfare Department integrated the 11 Probation Offices, two Community Support Service Centres (CSSCs) and the Community Service Orders (CSO) Office into seven Probation and Community Service Orders Offices (PCSOs), while 132 and 27 social workers were engaged in the probation service and the CSO service respectively. Please provide the following information –

- (a) How are the resources and manpower distributed after the integration? Are the estimates for the resources and manpower for the offices higher than those before the integration? If yes, what are the details?
- (b) After the integration, have statutory supervision, and group work service for the offenders and their families been enhanced? If yes, please provide the details and figures in relation to such services for the past year (2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The implementation of the integrated model on Community-based Services for Offenders is a cost-neutral exercise. All resources of the former offices (i.e. 132 officers from the former Probation Offices, 27 from the former CSO Office and six from the former CSSCs) were allocated to the seven PCSOs and the Co-ordinating Office of Community Service Orders based on the workload of each office.
- (b) The integrated model can better meet the changing needs of society and enhance service efficiency by providing a more comprehensive and convenient one-stop professional service for the service users. Since the implementation of the integrated model in July 2012 until the end of January 2013, the numbers of probation cases and CSO supervision cases handled by the seven PCSOs were 4 226 and 1 462 respectively, and a total of 101 group sessions were conducted.

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

LWB(WW)141

Question Serial No.

0723

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the total number of the elderly who had once been put on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) places in 2011 and 2012 respectively? How many of them were allocated NH places, withdrew their applications or passed away while on the waiting list?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: There were 9 885 and 9 833 elderly applicants on the waiting list for NH places in 2011 and 2012 respectively. The number of the elderly who left the waiting list for various reasons in 2011 and 2012 was as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of the elderly	
	2011	2012
Allocated with places	775	829
Withdrawal	339	318
Passed away	1 925	1 973

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

LWB(WW)142

Question Serial No.

0735

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (2) Social Security, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) a breakdown of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments and the number of recipients, by nature of cases, in 2011-12 and 2012-13;
- (b) a breakdown of the number of cases and the numbers of recipients respectively under the “single parent”, “unemployment” and “low-earnings” case nature, by the duration of stay on CSSA, in 2011-12 and 2012-13;
- (c) a breakdown of the number of cases with employment earnings, by range of earnings, in 2011-12 and 2012-13;
- (d) a breakdown of the number of recipients with employment earnings, by range of earnings, in 2011-12 and 2012-13; and
- (e) a breakdown of the number of “low-earnings” CSSA cases transferred from other case nature (including the number of cases and the number of recipients) by comparing the figures as at the end of 2011 with those as at the end of 2012.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The average number of CSSA recipients per month and expenditure by case nature in 2011-12 were as follows –

Case nature	2011-12	
	Average number of recipients per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
Old age	196 749	10,294
Permanent disability	26 171	1,315
Ill health	42 423	1,942
Single parent	81 710	2,997
Low-earnings	42 763	982
Unemployment	49 448	1,575
Others	10 945	442
Overall	450 209	19,548

The estimated average number of CSSA recipients per month and expenditure by case nature in 2012-13 are as follows –

Case nature	2012-13	
	Average number of recipients per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
Old age	194 000	10,611
Permanent disability	26 000	1,348
Ill health	41 000	2,042
Single parent	76 000	2,915
Low-earnings	36 000	870
Unemployment	43 000	1,439
Others	11 000	462
Overall	427 000	19,688

- (b) (i) The number of CSSA single parent (SP), unemployment (UT) and low-earnings (LE) cases by duration of stay ^[Note 2] on CSSA in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was as follows –

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2011-12			2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	2 259	2 984	489	2 284	2 804	405
More than 1 - 2	2 594	2 421	657	2 215	1 901	490
More than 2 - 3	2 782	2 521	765	2 419	1 824	561
More than 3 - 4	2 538	2 015	753	2 655	2 206	718
More than 4 - 5	2 006	1 289	563	2 067	1 410	523
More than 5	18 439	10 959	7 254	17 069	10 263	6 398
Total	30 618	22 189	10 481	28 709	20 408	9 095

- (b) (ii) The number of recipients in CSSA single parent (SP), unemployment (UT) and low-earnings (LE) cases by duration of stay ^[Note 2] on CSSA in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was as follows –

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2011-12			2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	6 633	5 641	2 345	6 704	5 194	1 967
More than 1 - 2	7 220	4 690	2 858	6 360	3 848	2 292
More than 2 - 3	7 483	4 950	3 140	6 551	3 586	2 400
More than 3 - 4	6 682	4 047	3 096	7 011	4 379	2 821
More than 4 - 5	5 417	2 619	2 433	5 347	2 778	2 198
More than 5	45 760	24 185	25 187	41 423	21 672	21 583
Total	79 195	46 132	39 059	73 396	41 457	33 261

- (c) & (d) The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings, with breakdown by range of the employment earnings, in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was as follows –

Employment earnings	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	5 980	5 708
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	4 440	4 159
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	3 400	3 188
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	5 265	4 590
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	3 695	3 419
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	2 370	2 059
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	2 838	2 288
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	2 085	1 825
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	1 451	1 318

Employment earnings	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	789	742
\$10,000 or above	538	569
Total	32 851	29 865

- (e) Of the 10 339 low-earnings cases as at the end of December 2012, 1 540 cases involving 4 724 recipients belonged to other categories as at the end of December 2011. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2011	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2012	Number of recipients involved
Old age	292	846
Permanent disability	54	165
Ill health	139	463
Single parent	275	650
Unemployment	705	2 369
Others	75	231
Overall	1 540	4 724

[Note 1] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment in the respective year. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

[Note 2] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)143

Question Serial No.

0316

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Case Management Programme, which aims to enhance community support for persons with mental illness, will be rolled out to three more districts in 2013-14. Additional funding of \$12.5 million will be allocated to the Social Welfare Department to increase the staff resources. In this connection, please provide the number of new staff and their individual ranks.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of existing integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) to dovetail with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness to three more districts and to provide services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)144

Question Serial No.

1210

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), what will be the choices of community care services being planned by the Administration? Will nursing care services, physiotherapy and occupational therapy be included?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The Pilot Scheme will be delivered in two modes: (a) mixed mode: day care (part-time) and home care services; and (b) single mode: day care (part-time) services. The scope of day care services include personal care services, rehabilitative exercise (e.g. physiotherapy and occupational therapy), nursing care, health education, carer support services, counselling and referral services, meals, social and recreational activities, transportation services to and from the day care centre. The scope of home care services include care management, basic and special nursing care, personal care, rehabilitative exercise (e.g. physiotherapy and occupational therapy), carer support services, day respite service, counselling services, 24-hour emergency support, environmental risk assessment and home modifications, home-making and meal delivery services, transportation and escort services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)145

Question Serial No.

1212

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 113(e) of the Budget Speech that an additional sum of \$160 million would be allocated in the five-year period from 2013-14 to provide 1 200 training places to augment the enrolled nurses (ENs) supply.

- (a) Has the Administration evaluated whether 1 200 ENs can cater for the needs of residential care homes? If no, how to meet the needs?
- (b) Has the Administration evaluated the long-term manpower planning of nurses in the welfare sector, including the manpower requirement and ratio of ENs and registered nurses to cope with the needs? If yes, please give the details.
- (c) As training takes time, how would the problem of shortage of nursing manpower for residential care homes in 2013 and 2014 be addressed?
- (d) Although the Administration has increased the training places, the welfare sector has been experiencing serious wastage of nurses. How will the Administration solve the nursing manpower problem of the welfare sector on a long-term basis? Will the Administration consider providing designated funding allocation for nursing manpower to improve their pay package for retention of talents? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In planning for the 1 200 training places of EN Training Programme for the Welfare Sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has considered both the existing manpower demand of the welfare sector and the future requirement arising from service expansion and measures to enhance the quality and care level of subsidised residential care places.
- (b) The Administration advises the University Grants Committee (UGC) regularly on the demand for tertiary training places so that the tertiary institutions can make reference to such information when preparing academic development proposals. When UGC was working on the academic plans for the 2012-13 to 2014-15 trienniums, SWD had updated its projections on the demand (including present and future demand) for various types of nursing staff, among others, in social welfare sector. The projections had been relayed to UGC through the Education Bureau. The Administration has allocated resources in this triennium to increase 40 first-year first-degree nurse training places, among others. Furthermore, the Administration has set up a Steering Committee on Strategic Review on

Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development, chaired by the Secretary for Food and Health, to conduct a strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development in Hong Kong. It will put forward recommendations on how to cope with anticipated demand for healthcare manpower, strengthen professional training and facilitate professional development having regard to the findings of the strategic review.

- (c) To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise the two-year EN Training Programme for the Welfare Sector since 2006. A total of 12 training classes have been organised, providing a total of about 1 500 training places. The Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Administration. Trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. It is estimated that a total of about 490 ENs will be graduated under this Training Programme in 2013 and 2014.
- (d) SWD has obtained additional funding of \$356 million for allocation to the welfare non-governmental organisations concerned and private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) offering EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) for a further period of three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 to enable them to offer more competitive salaries for the recruitment and retention of nursing and paramedical staff or hire such services.

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

LWB(WW)146

Question Serial No.

1213

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In spite of the inadequate supply of residential care places, the estimated enrolment rates of care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NH), private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and contract homes in 2013-14 are only 95%, 95%, 92% and 97% respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee if there is any mismatch and waste of resources? What measures will be taken to optimise the use of residential care places so as to increase the enrolment rate?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: Owing to turnover of subsidised places, there will be causal vacancies at C&A homes, NH and private RCHEs under EBPS. Casual vacancies at subvented RCHEs and NHs, contract homes as well as all private RCHEs participating in EBPS are being utilised for providing residential respite service.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)147

Question Serial No.

1214

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), has the Administration increased the resources allocated for the implementation of the licensing system for RCHEs in order to step up the monitoring, inspection and enforcement actions to help prevent elder abuse while ensuring that the elderly are under proper care? Please provide details of the resources allocated and measures to be taken.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: A team of multi-disciplinary staff of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the services of RCHEs, including private RCHEs, to ensure service quality and compliance with relevant statutory requirements. In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure is \$40.1 million.

To ensure that the elderly residents at private RCHEs are under proper care, SWD will continue to monitor and upgrade the service quality of private RCHEs through various measures including surprise visits, investigations on complaints, issue of advisory/warning letters, promulgation of the updated Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) and guidelines on various issues such as care-related services and management etc., provision of training for RCHE staff to enhance their knowledge and skills in taking care of elderly residents, and collaboration with the Department of Health as well as Hospital Authority through mutual referrals and liaison on health-care issues. Prosecution actions will be taken as appropriate.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 29 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)148

Question Serial No.

1215

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the licensing system for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), does the Administration regularly assess the care needs of the elderly residing in various care homes, examine the existing Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance and revise the staffing requirements of nurses in order to enhance the service quality and meet the increasingly complex care needs of the elderly? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The current statutory requirements under the licensing system for RCHEs were devised upon extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders in the elderly care sector. The Administration has reviewed the requirements, including the staffing requirement of nurse, from time to time and considered them still appropriate for ensuring acceptable standards for RCHEs. To help enhance the service quality, the Administration has provided various supplements, including the Infirmary Care Supplement and Dementia Supplement, to RCHEs offering subsidised places for provision of additional care services for frail elderly or those with special needs, such as dementia. The supplements allow RCHEs, including private homes under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, to employ professional staff, including nurses, to provide enhanced care to the infirm and demented elderly. The Social Welfare Department, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Hospital Authority, will continue to organise training workshops for staff of RCHEs in 2013-14 to enhance their capabilities in meeting various care needs of the elderly residents.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 27 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)149

Question Serial No.

0618

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the numbers of places in day child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), residential child care centres (RCCCs), special child care centres (SCCCs), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) provided in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and what was the average waiting time for these places?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply: The numbers of places in aided full-day standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, SCCC, MHCCCs in each of the 11 Social Welfare Department (SWD) administrative districts in the past three years are provided in the table below –

SWD District	Number of places									
	Aided full-day standalone CCC [Note 1]	KG-cum-CCC [Note 2]			SCCC [Note 1]			MHCCC [Note 1]		
	2010-11 to 2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	2 879	3 057	3 461	199	199	199	67	67	67
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	3 713	3 556	3 028	204	204	204	0	0	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	3 215	3 468	3 987	24	24	24	14	14	14

SWD District	Number of places									
	Aided full-day standalone CCC [Note 1]	KG-cum-CCC [Note 2]			SCCC [Note 1]			MHCCC [Note 1]		
	2010-11 to 2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Kwun Tong	0	1 378	1 427	1 444	66	66	66	56	56	56
Sha Tin	70	1 746	1 796	1 897	138	138	138	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	52	636	712	739	157	205	205	51	51	37 [Note 3]
Tai Po/North	48	1 760	1 533	1 634	192	192	192	14	14	14
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	102	2 011	2 096	2 156	168	168	168	14	42	56
Tuen Mun	64	1 264	1 082	1 276	120	120	120	28	14 [Note 3]	14 [Note 3]
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	0	2 557	2 814	2 810	297	333	333	14	14	14
Yuen Long	64	1 145	1 175	1 157	81	108	108	42	42	42
Total	690	22 304	22 716	23 589	1 646	1 757	1 757	300	314	314

[Note 1] For standalone CCC, SCCC and MHCCC, figures for the financial year 2012-13 are available up to 31 December 2012.

[Note 2] Figures shown by school year i.e. from 1 October to 30 September of each year.

[Note 3] Some MHCCCs with low utilisation rate are being re-engineered into other welfare services to meet district needs. The target group of MHCCCs in these districts are served by NSCCP.

Regarding the number of places for NSCCP, upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP to 18 districts since October 2011, the service operator of each district is required to provide at least 26 home-based child care places and 14 centre-based care group places at any one time during the year. Thus, there are at least 720 places, including 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places over the territory.

There is no waiting list for aided full-day standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, MHCCCs and NSCCP. SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for waitlisting and matching of SCCC service. Since the applicants may indicate preference for more than one centre which may involve more than one district, the CRS does not capture information on the

average waiting time by district. The average waiting time in the past three years is indicated below –

SCCC	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Average waiting time (months)	12.8	14.9	16.8

RCCCs are not locality-based and SWD does not keep statistics on the average waiting time for admission by district. The number of places and average waiting time for admission for the past three years are listed below –

RCCCs	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of places	207	207	212
Average waiting time for admission (days)	38.5	39.4	69.5 ^[Note 4]

[Note 4] The average waiting time for admission to RCCCs from April to December 2012 is 69.5 days. The longer waiting time in 2012-13 is due to the increase in duration of stay by 5 months compared to the figure in 2011-12.

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

LWB(WW)150

Question Serial No.

3007

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to a study, residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) are facing a severe crisis of manpower shortage which has seriously affected their services for the elderly. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the existing standard staffing establishment of various types of residential care services (services for the elderly);
- (b) How serious was manpower shortage by nature of work in various types of RCHEs in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13); and
- (c) What were the turnover rates by types of work in various types of RCHEs in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) At present, manpower provision of all licensed RCHEs is bound by statutory requirements as stipulated in the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459) and the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulations (Cap. 459A).

The minimum requirements of each type of staff of the respective type of RCHEs are set out in Schedule 1 of Cap. 459A. Details are as follows –

Type of staff	Type of RCHEs		
	Care-and-attention home (C&A home)	Aged home	Self-care hostel
Home manager	1 home manager	1 home manager	1 home manager
Ancillary worker	1 ancillary worker for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	1 ancillary worker for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	1 ancillary worker for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Care worker (CW)	a. 1 CW for every 20 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.; b. 1 CW for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m.; c. 1 CW for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.	No CW is required	No CW is required
Health worker (HW)	Unless a nurse is present, 1 HW for every 30 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Unless a nurse is present, 1 HW for every 60 residents or part thereof	No HW is required
Nurse	Unless a HW is present, 1 nurse for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Unless a HW is present, 1 nurse	No nurse is required

[Note] As an additional requirement for a C&A home or an aged home, any two persons being a home manager, an ancillary worker, a CW, a HW or a nurse shall be on duty between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m.

RCHEs which provide nursing home places also have to be registered under the Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap. 165) enforced by the Department of Health and are required to meet the staffing standard under that Ordinance too.

In addition to complying with the minimum staffing standard as specified under Cap. 459A, subvented RCHEs and contract RCHEs are also required to comply with the staffing provision under the “essential service requirements” of the Funding and Service Agreements (FSA) and the service contracts signed between the RCHE operators and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) respectively. Such staffing requirements include registered social worker, qualified nurse and professional therapist, e.g. physiotherapist or occupational therapist. For subvented/contract RCHEs providing nursing home places, additional professional and paramedical provisions, for instance, medical practitioners, dispensers and dieticians are also required under FSAs/service contracts.

Private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) are required to have an enhanced staffing standard exceeding the minimum staffing requirement under Cap. 459A. EA1 homes under EBPS are subject to higher staffing requirements which include nurse and physiotherapist.

- (b) SWD does not capture figures on the job vacancies of RCHEs.
- (c) SWD does not capture figures on staff turnover of RCHEs.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)151

Question Serial No.

0937

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the three financial years of 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, what were the average numbers of clients served by clinical psychologists of the clinical psychological support service? What was the average waiting time? What was the interval of appointments with clinical psychologists? How long did each appointment last?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: The average active caseload of each clinical psychologist in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 was 44, 46 and 47 respectively. The average waiting time for a first appointment for new cases was four to eight weeks. Urgent cases normally were given the first appointment in a week or earlier. On average, a client met a clinical psychologist once every two to four weeks, each time for one to two hours, depending on the nature and severity of the case. For more intensive cases, the sessions were more frequent.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)152

Question Serial No.

0938

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the average waiting time for intensive counselling, brief counselling and supportive casework services provided by Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively? What was the average number of cases handled by each social worker per month?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: Social workers of IFSCs will assess the welfare needs of individuals or families who approach IFSCs for services and provide timely and appropriate assistance to them. Making reference to the total number of cases served by IFSCs as at the end of each month, the average number of cases served by each IFSC social worker per month was 45.1, 41.1 and 38.5 in 2010-11, 2011-12 and the first half of 2012-13 respectively.

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

LWB(WW)153

Question Serial No.

0939

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide in table form the number of recipients and the amount involved with breakdowns by the following categories in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 –

- (a) Nature of cases
- (b) Number of household members
- (c) Age group
- (d) Employment earnings
- (e) Duration of stay on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)
- (f) Type of accommodation (e.g. public housing estate, private housing)
- (g) Rent paid
- (h) District council district

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)(i) The number of CSSA recipients by case nature from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows ^[Note 1] –

Case nature	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	197 397	195 886	193 426
Permanent disability	26 405	25 853	25 460
Ill health	43 112	41 944	40 703
Single parent	84 172	79 462	73 833
Low-earnings	47 413	39 059	33 261
Unemployment	52 869	46 132	41 457
Others	11 196	10 880	10 628
Total	462 564	439 216	418 768

(a)(ii) CSSA expenditure by case nature from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Case nature	CSSA expenditures ^[Note 2] (\$ million)		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Old age	9,477	10,294	10,611
Permanent disability	1,168	1,315	1,348
Ill health	1,754	1,942	2,042
Single parent	2,942	2,997	2,915
Low-earnings	1,069	982	870
Unemployment	1,660	1,575	1,439
Others	423	442	462
Total	18,493	19,548	19,688

(b) The number of CSSA recipients by number of eligible members in a household from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows ^[Notes 1 & 3] –

Number of eligible members	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	156 825	155 594	155 599
2	117 282	114 140	112 646
3	88 821	81 615	75 795
4	60 624	53 824	46 212
5	26 460	22 940	19 000
6 and above	12 552	11 103	9 516
Total	462 564	439 216	418 768

(c) The number of CSSA recipients by age group from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows ^[Notes 1 & 3] –

Age group	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
0 – 14	80 934	73 722	69 219
15 – 59	194 143	179 424	164 684
60 and above	187 487	186 070	184 865
Total	462 564	439 216	418 768

- (d) The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings by range of such earnings from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows ^[Notes 1 & 3] _

Employment earnings	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	6 181	5 980	5 708
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	5 169	4 440	4 159
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	5 290	3 400	3 188
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	5 082	5 265	4 590
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	4 059	3 695	3 419
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	3 819	2 370	2 059
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	3 299	2 838	2 288
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	2 018	2 085	1 825
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	1 047	1 451	1 318
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	451	789	742
\$10,000 and above	476	538	569
Total	36 891	32 851	29 865

- (e) The number of CSSA recipients by duration of stay on CSSA from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows ^[Notes 1 & 3] _

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 or less	40 536	34 809	34 122
More than 1 - 2	40 352	35 278	31 506
More than 2 - 3	34 599	34 382	30 614
More than 3 - 4	27 515	30 041	31 685
More than 4 - 5	28 801	24 397	23 887
More than 5	290 761	280 309	266 954
Total	462 564	439 216	418 768

- (f) The number of CSSA recipients by type of accommodation from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows ^[Notes 1 & 3] _

Type of accommodation	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Public housing estate ^[Note 4]	318 374	301 358	284 851
Private housing	84 024	78 046	74 474
Institution	53 993	54 085	53 850
Others ^[Note 5]	6 173	5 727	5 593
Total	462 564	439 216	418 768

- (g) The number of CSSA cases residing in public and private housing by range of actual rent from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows ^[Notes 1 & 3] _

Actual rent	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$500	14 764	14 381	11 657
\$500 – less than \$1,000	81 448	81 418	71 855
\$1,000 – less than \$1,500	45 559	42 932	47 627
\$1,500 – less than \$2,000	25 753	24 006	23 874
\$2,000 – less than \$2,500	11 165	9 644	11 532
\$2,500 – less than \$3,000	6 676	5 935	6 007
\$3,000 – less than \$3,500	4 056	3 858	3 923
\$3,500 – less than \$4,000	2 637	2 681	2 914
\$4,000 – less than \$4,500	1 587	1 563	1 741
\$4,500 – less than \$5,000	956	1 013	1 050
\$5,000 and above	1 442	1 754	1 974
Total	196 043	189 185	184 154

- (h) The number of CSSA recipients by geographical district from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows ^[Notes 1 & 3] _

Geographical district ^[Note 6]	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Central & Western	4 501	4 149	3 899
Eastern	22 012	20 877	19 852
Islands	9 877	9 047	8 541
Kowloon City	18 652	17 912	17 590
Kwai Tsing	47 587	45 034	42 722
Kwun Tong	63 850	62 370	60 163
North	24 615	23 462	22 180
Sai Kung	16 908	15 882	14 574
Sha Tin	31 091	29 857	28 337
Sham Shui Po	38 432	36 368	35 862
Southern	12 748	12 115	11 598
Tai Po	15 442	14 846	14 144
Tsuen Wan	13 383	12 638	11 990
Tuen Mun	34 050	32 535	30 910
Wan Chai	2 363	2 190	2 063
Wong Tai Sin	37 005	35 222	33 334
Yau Tsim Mong	14 621	13 671	13 254
Yuen Long	52 761	48 656	45 496
Total ^[Note 7]	459 898	436 831	416 509

^[Note 1] Except for 2012-13, the numbers presented were numbers as at the end of the respective financial years.

^[Note 2] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment in the respective years. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

^[Note 3] CSSA expenditure with breakdown by the parameters in items (b) to (h) is not readily available.

^[Note 4] Including public housing estates under the Housing Authority and the Housing Society.

^[Note 5] Including street sleeping and other unclassified types of accommodation as well as cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

^[Note 6] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

^[Note 7] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

0940

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the Administration's expenditure on Old Age Allowance (OAA), and the respective number of recipients, in the years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, as well as the respective estimated expenditure and estimated number of recipients in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: The average number of OAA cases per month and the expenditure involved in 2010-11 and 2011-12 were as follows –

Year	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
2010-11	494 734	6,449
2011-12	506 533	6,894

The estimated average number of OAA cases per month and estimated expenditure involved in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as follows –

Year	Estimated average number of cases per month	Estimated expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
2012-13	526 000	7,502
2013-14 ^[Note 2]	120 000	1,641

[Note 1] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective years. The additional allowance for 2013-14 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

[Note 2] The estimated average number of OAA cases per month and estimated expenditure involved in 2013-14 are expected to decrease after the introduction of the Old Age Living Allowance in April 2013.

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Question Serial No.

3023

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the outcomes of the “Employment Assistance Scheme” in the past? In 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, how many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients benefiting from the projects have left the CSSA net? In what ways will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) collaborate with other government departments such as the Labour Department (LD) and the business sector to enhance the projects?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: SWD has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS), the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) and the New Dawn (ND) Project to encourage and assist employable CSSA recipients to become self-reliant and integrate into the community. From the commencement of these programmes^[Note] up to the end of December 2012, the number of participants of IEAS and ND Project who had secured employment was 26 079 and 7 582 respectively, and the number of participants of My STEP who had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling was 1 147.

The number of CSSA recipients who had participated in the IEAS, My STEP or the ND Project and left the CSSA net in the past three years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Employment assistance project	Number of CSSA recipients who had left the CSSA net from 2010-11 to 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
IEAS	6 138
My STEP	187
ND Project	394

Apart from referring participants to LD for employment assistance services or to the Employees Retraining Board for training/retraining services, NGOs also provided participants with job matching and job-attachment services through their employer network, including employers in the business sector.

^[Note] IEAS, My STEP and ND Project had commenced operation since October 2008, October 2006 and April 2006 respectively.

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Question Serial No.

3024

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: For the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and as estimated for 2013-14, please provide the number of people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the number of people passed away while on the waiting lists, and the estimated additional places required for clearing the queues within five years, with a breakdown by 18 districts and the mode of operation (run by public/private sector) as regards the following facilities –

- (a) District elderly community centres (DECCs);
- (b) Neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs);
- (c) Social centres for the elderly (S/Es);
- (d) Day care centres for the elderly/Day care units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs);
- (e) Self-care (S/C) hostels/Homes for the aged (H/A);
- (f) Care-and-attention (C&A) homes; and
- (g) Nursing homes (NHs).

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: The services provided by DECCs, NECs and S/Es are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above, and there is no limit on the number of members. There is no waiting list or waiting time for services provided by these centres.

The number of applicants for subsidised DEs/DCUs and the average waiting time for admission from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

As at the end of the financial year	Number of applicants	Waiting time (in months)
2010-11	1 423	9
2011-12	1 594	9
2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)	1 558	9

There is no separate waiting list for individual districts.

The number of applicants who passed away while waiting for subsidised DE places in the past three years was as follows –

Year	Number of applicants passed away while waiting for DE places
2010	18
2011	32
2012	26

For subsidised residential care services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new application for placement in S/C hostels and H/A since 1 January 2003. There is no waiting list nor waiting time for these two services. All applicants for subsidised residential care services (including subsidised NH places and C&A places) are put on the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis. There is no separate waiting list for individual districts.

Eligible elderly can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) homes. SWD only captures the total number of applicants waiting for subsidised C&A places as a whole. Similarly, SWD only captures the total number of applicants waiting for NH places provided by subvented NHs, self-financing NHs and contract homes.

The number of applicants for subsidised NH and C&A places from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

As at the end of the financial year	Number of applicants	
	NH place	C&A place
2010-11	6 049	20 342
2011-12	6 456	21 432
2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)	6 379	22 400

The average waiting time for admission to subsidised NH and C&A places from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

As at the end of the financial year	Average waiting time ^[Note] (in months)		
	NH place	C&A place in subvented/contract home	C&A place under EBPS
2010-11	39	32	8
2011-12	36	34	8
2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)	38	35	8

[Note] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months. The waiting time could be reduced if the applicant had no specific preference.

The number of applicants who passed away while waiting for subsidised residential care services in the past three years was as follows –

Year	Number of applicants passed away while waiting for subsidised residential care services	
	NH place	C&A place
2010	1 794	2 848
2011	1 925	3 049
2012	1 973	3 184

The waiting time for subsidised residential care services and subsidised community care services is affected by a number of factors e.g. the special preference of applicants, the turnover rates of services, etc. It is difficult to estimate the waiting time or the required additional provision to clear the waiting list. For residential care services, about 2 300 additional subsidised places over the territory are expected to commence service from 2012-13 to 2015-16, and an addition of some 430 day care places can be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16.

SWD has no statistics on the number of applicants and waiting time for elderly care services provided by private organisations.

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Question Serial No.

3025

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: (a) Regarding care for the demented elderly –

- (i) Please provide details on how the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had “strengthened the care for the demented elders in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)” and “strengthened the care for the infirm and demented elders in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)”. Please provide the information on the staffing establishment, amount of funding allocation, number of beneficiaries, manpower ratio of professional carers to beneficiaries, waiting time, priorities and details of the services; and
- (ii) Whether SWD has any plan to render support (such as counselling, emotional support, referral services, etc.) to carers of dementia patients?

- (b) Whether SWD has any plan to strengthen public education so as to enhance public awareness of dementia?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) (i) To enhance the support for demented elderly in subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and subsidised DEs/DCUs, as well as infirm elderly in subvented RCHEs and EBPS homes, a total recurrent allocation of \$216.9 million will be provided to RCHEs and DEs/DCUs by way of Dementia Supplement (DS) and \$95.3 million to RCHEs by way of Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) in 2013-14. The breakdown of the recurrent allocation of DS and ICS is as follows –

	Type of service units	Recurrent allocation (\$ million)
DS	Subvented RCHEs/Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	202.2
	Subsidised DEs/DCUs	14.7
ICS	Subvented RCHEs/Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	95.3

It is estimated that DS will be allocated to a total of 256 eligible RCHEs and 66 eligible DEs/DCUs for about 5 600 beneficiaries and ICS will be allocated to a total of 125 eligible RCHEs for about 1 500 beneficiaries.

Regarding DS, SWD will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments for their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of elderly persons for DS in the RCHEs will be confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority (HA). Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by PGTs in these RCHEs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in private RCHEs participating in EBPS and that in DEs/DCUs. Allocation of DS will be given to RCHEs and DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of demented elderly persons. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

With the allocation of DS, RCHEs and DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. DEs/DCUs can also use DS to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly as well as support services for their carers as necessary. SWD has not set compulsory manpower establishment/ratio regarding the deployment of DS. RCHEs are required to report information on staff employment and/or purchase of services to SWD annually. DEs/DCUs are also required to report to SWD the information on the provision of training programmes/services for demented elderly annually.

ICS is an additional resource for supporting frail elderly living in subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in EBPS who have been medically assessed to be in need of infirmary care. The eligibility of elderly for ICS is confirmed by the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams of HA. Based on the number of infirm elderly in individual RCHEs, SWD will allocate ICS to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis. The allocation exercise is conducted annually. ICS is to be used as an allowance for existing staff (including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, health workers, care workers and workmen) or for the employment of qualified staff on a part-time or temporary basis, including the purchase of such professional services. SWD has not set compulsory manpower establishment/ratio regarding the deployment of ICS. RCHEs are required to report information on staff employment and/or purchase of services to SWD annually for verification of the use of ICS.

There is no waiting list nor waiting time for DS or ICS.

- (ii) Support services to carers of the elderly, including carers of demented patients, are provided by various types of residential care service units as well as community care and support service units for the elderly. These include RCHEs, DEs/DCUs, elderly centres and home care service teams, etc. Services provided are day and residential respite services, provision of information, training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resource centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc.

Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes to enhance carers' capability in taking care of the elders. 119 elderly centres have participated in the Scheme and over 10 000 carers have been trained.

Furthermore, in addition to the respite services provided in all subvented homes and contract homes, private RCHEs under EBPS have also made use of the casual vacancies of bought places to provide more respite places for elderly residing in the community since 1 March 2012.

- (b) To promote public awareness about dementia, the Visiting Health Teams of the Department of Health have also been providing health education and training activities on dementia care for the general public and the family and carers of dementia patients in various community settings to enhance their knowledge on dementia.

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Question Serial No.

3183

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the number of applicants on the waiting lists for the following residential care facilities and their average waiting time in the three financial years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 –

- (a) Halfway houses for discharged mental patients;
- (b) Long stay care homes for discharged mental patients;
- (c) Mentally handicapped integrated vocational training centres;
- (d) Hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons;
- (e) Hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons;
- (f) Hostels for severely physically handicapped persons;
- (g) Care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled;
- (h) Care-and-attention homes for the aged blind; and
- (i) Sheltered workshops.

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: The waiting lists from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
HWH	784	735	669
LSCH	1 116	1 222	1 300
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	1 386	1 369	1 477
HSMH	1 995	2 082	2 173
HSPH	386	398	433
C&A/SD	361	389	428
C&A/AB	103	90	113
SW	2 543	2 450	2 418

The average waiting time from 2010-11 to 2011-12 was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 2]	
	2010-11	2011-12
HWH	8.2	8.4
LSCH	38.2	33.6
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	80.4	84.4
HSMH	73.2	81.6
HSPH	38.6	37.4
C&A/SD	39.6	31.2
C&A/AB	4.0	6.0
SW	16.9	16.8

[Note 1] Applicants may apply to the operating unit directly or through referral. There is no central waiting list for the service.

[Note 2] The average waiting time for 2012-13 is not yet available as the waiting time figures for individual services are compiled on a financial year basis covering the period from the first day of April of the year 2012 to the 31st day of March of the year 2013.

Legend:

HWH – halfway house
 LSCH – long stay care home
 IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
 HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
 HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
 HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
 C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
 C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
 SW – sheltered workshop

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Question Serial No.

3184

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the progress of setting up integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in the 18 districts? When will all ICCMWs secure permanent accommodation? How many people are benefiting from the services at present? How many people are on the waiting lists and what is the average waiting time? What is the estimated additional manpower for next year and how much average waiting time will be shortened?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) revamped community mental health support services and set up ICCMWs across the territory in October 2010 with a view to providing comprehensive, district-based and one-stop community support services for discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers, as well as residents living in the community. During the period from the commencement of ICCMWs service in October 2010 to December 2012, ICCMWs served about 27 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, with nearly 27 100 referrals handled and over 142 300 outreaching visits made. During the same period, ICCMWs also organised over 5 700 public education activities to enhance public awareness of mental health and around 295 000 persons including families and carers as well as local residents participated in these activities.

SWD has been proactively identifying suitable sites for use by ICCMWs. Of the 24 ICCMWs, seven are currently operating in permanent accommodation and another six are expected to commence service at their permanent accommodation in 2013-14 following the completion of fitting-out works. We have also identified suitable sites for three other ICCMWs, in respect of which local consultation will follow; and reserved a site for another ICCMWs in a redevelopment project. SWD will work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments to continue identifying suitable premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government properties, school premises and public housing units, etc. for the remaining seven ICCMWs. Meanwhile, SWD is also funding the rental expenses incurred for using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation of ICCMWs and will continue to consider such applications for rental support from individual ICCMWs operators.

The Administration has earmarked additional funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of the existing ICCMWs to dovetail with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness to three more districts and to provide services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-

governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

There is no waiting list for the ICCMWs service. Those who require the service may access the ICCMWs through self-approach or referrals by doctors, social workers, allied health workers or government departments.

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Question Serial No.

1782

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) How many youth outreaching teams (YOTs) are there in each district? What is the ratio of YOTs to the number of young people in a district?
 - (b) It is stated in the Brief Description of Programme (7) that in 2012, the Department set up three additional YOTs, one each in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung. Why did the Administration choose these three districts to set up the additional YOTs?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

- Reply:
- (a) There are 19 YOTs over the territory to address the needs of high-risk youths and tackle juvenile gang problems. While each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department is served by a YOT, districts with higher youth crime rate, higher concentration of young night drifters and a greater number of young drug abusers are provided with additional YOTs. These districts include Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing, Tai Po/North District, Yuen Long, Shatin, Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung, Central/Western/Southern/Islands and Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong.
 - (b) The setting up of three additional YOTs aims to enhance support services for youths at risk and better tackle the growing problem of juvenile gangs in new town areas including Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)161

Question Serial No.

1790

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As mentioned in the Brief Description of Programme (1), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides support for victims of domestic violence –

- (a) Please provide, by geographical district, the numbers of domestic violence cases handled and followed up by SWD in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012).
- (b) What are the details and the expenditure involved for SWD to provide support for victims of domestic violence?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The breakdown of domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases) served by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD by administrative district of SWD from 2010 to 2012 is as follows –

<u>SWD District</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	515	483	497
Eastern/Wanchai	564	459	424
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	660	585	491
Sham Shui Po	658	596	528
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	831	731	813
Kwun Tong	767	817	816
Shatin	640	588	555
Tai Po/North	838	713	713

<u>SWD District</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Yuen Long	1 148	1 099	1 092
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1 317	1 225	1 154
Tuen Mun	630	668	600
Total	8 568	7 964	7 683

- (b) SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Service Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure for family and child welfare services is \$2,218.7 million.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)162

Question Serial No.

1792

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “continue to provide and monitor the short-term food assistance service”.

- (a) Please list the details of the short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects), districts served, operating organisations, expenditure involved, estimated number of beneficiaries and service targets served in the past three years (i.e. year 2010-11 to 2012-13);
- (b) What are the details and expenditure involved regarding short-term food assistance service in year 2013-14?
- (c) Please list by geographical district the estimated number of individuals/families in need of such food assistance service;
- (d) Tons of food not yet expired are being discarded by chain supermarkets on a daily basis. Does SWD have any measures in place to encourage chain supermarkets to participate in the Projects? If yes, what are the details and the relevant expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD has commissioned five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in February 2009 to operate five Projects covering the whole territory to provide short-term food assistance to people who had temporary difficulty coping with basic food expenditure. The beneficiaries include low-income families, unemployed, new arrivals, street sleepers, and persons encountering sudden change or family facing immediate financial hardship.

The operating NGOs and the districts served are as follows –

Name of operating NGOs	District served
St. James' Settlement	Hong Kong Island, Outlying Islands (including Tung Chung), Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung
Hong Kong Women Development Association Ltd.	Sha Tin, Tai Po and North
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai

The expenditure and number of service users served by the Projects in the past three years were as follows –

Year	Total expenditure (\$ million)	No. of service users served
2010-11	15.6	19 600
2011-12	37.2	33 400
2012-13	63.1 (Revised Estimate)	34 000 ^[Note] (Projected)

^[Note] The estimated number of service users served in 2012-13 is projected from the actual number of the first ten months.

(b) The estimated expenditure in 2013-14 is \$66.1 million.

(c) The estimated number of service users by district in 2012-13 was as follows –

District	Number of service users served ^[Note]
Hong Kong Island	2 000
Tsuen Wan	1 000
Kwai Tsing	1 000
Other Islands and Tung Chung	1 000
Sham Shui Po	7 000
Yau Tsim Mong	3 000
Kowloon City	2 000
Kwun Tong	2 000
Sai Kung	1 000

District	Number of service users served ^[Note]
Wong Tai Sin	1 000
North District	1 000
Shatin	2 000
Tai Po	1 000
Tuen Mun	4 000
Tin Shui Wai	3 000
Yuen Long	2 000
Total	34 000

^[Note] The estimated number of service users served in 2012-13 is projected from the actual number of the first ten months.

- (d) While the operating NGOs have sourced sufficient amount of food for the service, SWD will continue encouraging NGOs to collaborate with different sectors to provide various forms of food assistance, including collecting unsold food from the markets, supermarkets, etc.

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Date: 3 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)163

Question Serial No.

1793

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the subsidised community care and support services for elders, please provide the following information –

- (a) How many people are currently on the waiting lists for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) and nursing home (NH) places?
- (b) At present, what is the estimated average waiting time for subsidised C&A and NH places?
- (c) At present, what is the age distribution of people on the waiting lists for subsidised C&A and NH places?
- (d) What are the estimated numbers of additional and vacant places available for allocation in both new and existing subsidised C&A homes and NHs in the coming year?
- (e) How many people passed away while waiting for subsidised C&A and NH places and had therefore left the waiting lists over the past five years (i.e. 2008 to 2012)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) As at the end of February 2013, there were 6 281 and 22 314 applicants on the waiting list for NH and C&A places respectively.
- (b) As at the end of February 2013, the average waiting time for NH and C&A places was 36 months and 24 months respectively. For C&A place, if applicants accepted places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, the average waiting time was shortened to 8 months.
- (c) As at the end of February 2013, the average age of applicants on the waiting list for NH and C&A places was 82.7 and 82.4 respectively. The age distribution was as follows –

Age Range	Number of applicants	
	NH	C&A
60 - < 70	516	1 583
70 - < 80	1 467	5 439
80 - < 90	2 991	11 448
90 or above	1 307	3 844
Total	6 281	22 314

- (d) The number of additional subsidised NH and C&A places to be provided in 2013-14 will be 366 and 418 respectively. As the turnover of existing places will vary from year to year, the number of places that can be made available in existing homes for allocation in the coming year cannot be estimated.
- (e) The number of applicants who passed away while waiting for subsidised NH and C&A places in the past five years was as follows –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
NH	1 844	1 802	1 794	1 925	1 973
C&A	2 546	2 641	2 848	3 049	3 184

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 2 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)164

Question Serial No.

0447

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Administration, additional subsidised residential care places are coming on stream. Please inform this Committee clearly of the following –

- (a) How many of these places are subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places provided by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)? When will the places be available for the elderly? What is the cost per place? In which District Council districts are such places located? What are the numbers of additional places in the respective districts?
- (b) How many of these places are subsidised nursing home (NH) places provided by NGOs? When will the places be available for the elderly? What is the cost per place? In which District Council districts are such places located? What are the numbers of additional places in the respective districts?
- (c) How many of these places are provided by private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)? When will the places be available for the elderly? What is the cost per place? In which District Council districts are such places located? What are the numbers of additional places in the respective districts?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The additional subsidised NH places and C&A places to be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are set out below –

Means	Number of places		Estimated time of service commencement	Estimated cost per place per month in 2013-14 (\$)
	NH	C&A		
(1) Provide additional places in existing contract RCHEs	346	3	2012-13 to 2014-15	12,997
(2) Set up new contract RCHEs	528	59	2012-13 to 2015-16	12,997
(3) Purchase through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme	229	0	2012-13 to 2013-14	13,531
(4) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs	0	241	2012-13 to 2013-14	13,577
(5) Purchase through EBPS	0	905	2012-13 to 2013-14	8,046
Total	2 311			

These residential care places will be provided over the territory. The new contract homes are located at Central & Western, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin and Wan Chai districts. For the additional subsidised C&A places provided through EBPS, the Social Welfare Department shall determine the exact number of bought places for each district with regard to the applications received and the demand for residential care places.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 27 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)165

Question Serial No.

0448

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please provide the total number of the elderly who had waited for nursing home (NH) places in the period from March 2012 to February 2013? How many of them were allocated NH places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waiting? What was their accommodation status (residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs (including those participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)), public housing and private housing)?

	March 2011 to February 2012	March 2012 to February 2013
Number of the elderly who were allocated with places		
Number of the elderly who withdrew their applications		
Number of the elderly who passed away while waiting		

Type of accommodation	Number of applicants	
	March 2011 to February 2012	March 2012 to February 2013
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)		
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)		
Public housing		
Private housing		
Others (e.g. hospitals)		

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: From March 2012 to February 2013, there were 9 747 elderly on the waiting list for subsidised NH places. The number of the elderly who left the waiting list for various reasons during this period is as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of the elderly
Allocated with places	839
Withdrawal	336
Passed away	1 947

The accommodation status of all the elderly on the waiting list for subsidised NH places over a period is not available. However, the accommodation status of 6 281 elderly waitlisted for subsidised NH places as at end of February 2013 is set out below –

Type of accommodation	Number of the elderly
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	731
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	3 579
Public housing	821
Private housing	1 093
Others (e.g. hospital)	57
Total	6 281

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 27 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)166

Question Serial No.

0449

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please provide the total number of the elderly who were on the waiting list for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places (excluding those who had been on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)) in the period from March 2011 to February 2013? How many of them were allocated subsidised C&A places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waiting? What types of subsidised C&A accommodation (private RCHEs, public housing or private housing) these elderly waitlisted for? What was the average waiting time required in various districts (excluding the elderly who had chosen designated homes as their preference or those who were given priority for service admission due to exceptional circumstances)?

	3/2011 – 2/2012	3/2012 – 2/2013
Number of the elderly who were allocated places		
Number of the elderly who withdrew their applications		
Number of the elderly who passed away while waiting		

	3/2011 – 2/2012	3/2011 – 2/2013
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)		
Private RCHEs (including those participating in the EBPS)		
Public housing		
Private housing		
Others (e.g. hospitals)		

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: From March 2011 to February 2012 and from March 2012 to February 2013, there were 33 928 and 35 127 elderly on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places respectively. The number of the elderly who left the waiting list for various reasons during these two periods was as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of the elderly	
	3/2011 – 2/2012	3/2012 – 2/2013
Allocated with places	4 241	4 386
Withdrawal	2 202	2 462
Passed away	2 917	3 259

Eligible elderly persons may choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes, and the choice may be changed by the elderly persons at any time during the waiting period. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only captures the total number of applicants waiting for subsidised C&A places as a whole.

The accommodation status of the 21 267 and 22 314 elderly on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places as at the end of February 2012 and 2013 respectively was set out below –

Type of accommodation	Number of the elderly	
	as at 29 February 2012	as at 28 February 2013
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	777	793
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	6 240	6 532
Public housing	8 075	8 542
Private housing	5 948	6 212
Others (e.g. hospital)	227	235
Total	21 267	22 314

All applicants for subsidised residential care places are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis and applicants may choose to wait for subsidised residential care places in different districts at the same time. SWD does not have information on the number of applicants and waiting time by district.

The average waiting time for admission to subsidised C&A places as at the end of February 2012 and 2013 is as follows –

Type of C&A places	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past three months)	
	As at the end of February 2012	As at the end of February 2013
Overall	22	24
Subvented and contract homes	34	35
EBPS homes	9	8

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)167

Question Serial No.

0450

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding residential services for persons with disabilities, there has always been a difference in the average cost per place per month for places provided by the government sector and the subvented sector, such that in terms of the average cost per place per month, the subvented sector is lagging behind the government sector. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The reasons for the said difference between the two sectors?
- (b) The reasons for the difference getting larger in the estimate for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) We could not draw any direct comparison between the average cost per place per month for places in residential services for persons with disabilities provided by the government sector and that of the subvented sector. The cost figures for the government sector reflect the full cost of services rendered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), which cover other non-cash expenditure such as depreciation, etc., while the cost figures for the subvented sector are the net total provision required after taking fee income into account.
- (b) SWD hived off the remaining two residential care homes for persons with disabilities to non-governmental organisations for operation in 2012-13. There will not be any cost figure relating to residential services for persons with disabilities in the government sector for 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)168

Question Serial No.

0451

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: A number of suicide or homicide cases happened during 2008 to 2013 in which mental patients were involved. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the enrolment rates of halfway houses (HWHs) and long stay care homes (LSCHs) during 2008 to 2013?
- (b) Did the patients need to wait for the services during 2008 to 2013? If yes, how long did they have to wait?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: (a) & (b) The enrolment rates and the average waiting time for HWHs and LSCHs during the period from 2008-09 to 2011-12 were as follows –

Year ^[Note 1]	Average enrolment rate ^[Note 2]	Average waiting time ^[Note 1] (in months)	
		HWH	LSCH
2008-09	98%	5.6	22.9
2009-10	98%	6.2	31.8
2010-11	95%	8.2	38.2
2011-12	97%	8.4	33.6

^[Note 1] The figure for 2012-13 is not yet available as the enrolment rate and the average waiting time are compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

^[Note 2] A short lead time is normally required for a successful applicant to fill a vacant place that arises, e.g. lead time between confirmation of acceptance of offer of an HWH or LSCH place and formal admission to HWH or LSCH, etc. Hence, the enrolment rate would not be 100% at any one time.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)169

Question Serial No.

0455

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Matters requiring attention in the current financial year include “continued to implement the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)”. I would like to know –

- (a) The amount allocated to the NSCCP by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for 2013-14 and the percentage change as compared with the previous year;
- (b) Please set out in table form the following items of expenditure: the incentive payment for home-based child carers, agency administration cost, meal cost, activities, equipment, and fee subsidy for low-income families; their respective percentage share as well as the percentage changes as compared with the previous year;
- (c) The total number of beneficiaries and the respective number of places in each of the 18 districts as estimated for 2013-14, as well as the changes in the number of places as compared with the previous year;
- (d) The number of children being put on the waiting list, by district, due to shortage of places in the year 2012-13;
- (e) Has SWD set a minimum cost for each place served in order that service quality will not be compromised due to supply shortage; and
- (f) Since the regularisation of NSCCP in October 2011, has the Administration reviewed the effectiveness of the whole project? If yes, what are the results? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated recurrent funding allocation for NSCCP in 2013-14 is \$37.1 million, which is at the same level as the allocation in 2012-13.
- (b) Save for setting aside an amount of \$16.6 million as fee subsidy to help low-income families and the required expenses for engaging at least one social worker for each project, service operators have the flexibility of deploying the remaining allocation of \$20.5 million on various items, such as incentive payment for child carers, meals, activities and equipment so as to meet the needs of different districts.
- (c) In 2013-14, each NSCCP operator of 18 districts is required to provide at least 26 home-based child care places and 14 centre-based care group places. Thus, there would be a total of at least 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places over the territory, which is at the same level as in 2012-13. The service operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet actual service demand.
- (d) As mentioned in (c) above, the service operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand. There has been no waiting list since the launch of NSCCP. In 2012-13, SWD has not received any report of children having to wait for NSCCP service.
- (e) SWD does not specify the minimum operating cost for each place. To ensure service quality, service operators of NSCCP have to comply with the requirements as laid down in the Service Specification, the Service Agreement and their service proposal.
- (f) SWD will review the overall service effectiveness of NSCCP by collecting views from service users and relevant stakeholders before the expiry of the Service Agreements on 31 March 2015. Meanwhile, SWD continues to monitor the operation of NSCCP through performance statistics and reports submitted by service operators on a monthly basis as well as pre-arranged site visits or ad hoc spot checks from time to time.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)170

Question Serial No.

0456

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: I would like to know the details regarding the after school care service subsidised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for children aged 6 to 12 for the financial year 2013-14, including –

- (a) Please set out in table form the funding allocation, the number of children served, the number of service agencies and their distribution in the 18 districts in the year 2013-14; and the comparison (including percentage changes) with the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13).
- (b) Has SWD reviewed the effectiveness of the service recently? If yes, what are the results? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) In the 2012/13 academic year, the Community Care Fund (CCF) and the Education Bureau have jointly rolled out the “After School Care Pilot Scheme (ASCPS)” for a period of one year, benefiting more than 4 400 children. As the children served are Primary one to Secondary three students, their service targets have partly overlapped with the SWD service. Does it show that the current regular after school care service is not sufficient to meet the demand?
- (d) As the scheme under CCF is limited to one year, does SWD intend to make it a regularised programme? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The After School Care Programme (ASCP) is operated through non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on a self-financing and fee charging basis. Through the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS), SWD provides fee waiving quotas (FWQs) for NGOs to waive the charges for needy families. The funding allocation for FWSS is \$15 million in the 2013-14 estimate, which is at the same level as the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13). The funding allocation of the FWQs for the 11 SWD districts for 2013-14 is still under planning.

The numbers of ASCP centres and FWQs by SWD district for the years between 2008-09 and 2012-13 are as follows –

SWD District	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (as at Dec 2012)	
	No. of centres	No. of FWQs	No. of centres	No. of FWQs	No. of centres	No. of FWQs	No. of centres	No. of FWQs	No. of centres	No. of FWQs
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	15	121.5	16 (+7%)	125.5 (+3%)	16 (+0%)	117 (-7%)	16 (+0%)	117.5 (0%)	17 (+6%)	153 (+30%)
Eastern / Wan Chai	12	202.5	11 (-8%)	198 (-2%)	11 (+0%)	186 (-6%)	12 (+9%)	206 (+11%)	12 (+0%)	198.5 (-4%)
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	9	51	9 (+0%)	55.5 (+9%)	9 (+0%)	61.5 (+11%)	9 (+0%)	85 (+38%)	11 (+22%)	97 (+14%)
Sham Shui Po	6	92	6 (+0%)	95 (+3%)	6 (+0%)	99.5 (+5%)	6 (+0%)	108 (+9%)	6 (+0%)	104 (-4%)
Kwun Tong	10	66	9 (-10%)	77 (+17%)	9 (+0%)	75 (-3%)	9 (+0%)	77.5 (+3%)	9 (+0%)	78 (+1%)
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	16	191	16 (+0%)	185.5 (-3%)	16 (+0%)	187.5 (+1%)	15 (-6%)	155 (-17%)	15 (+0%)	156.5 (+1%)
Sha Tin	15	87.5	15 (+0%)	91.5 (+5%)	15 (+0%)	92.5 (+1%)	15 (+0%)	111 (+20%)	14 (-7%)	118.5 (+7%)
Tai Po / North	12	69	12 (+0%)	57 (-17%)	12 (+0%)	68 (+19%)	12 (+0%)	67 (-1%)	13 (+8%)	88.5 (+32%)
Yuen Long	13	148.5	14 (+8%)	159 (+7%)	14 (+0%)	165.5 (+4%)	13 (-7%)	161.5 (-2%)	13 (+0%)	158.5 (-2%)
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	16	124	17 (+6%)	161.5 (+30%)	17 (+0%)	159 (-2%)	17 (+0%)	160.5 (+1%)	18 (+6%)	190.5 (+19%)
Tuen Mun	12	128	12 (+0%)	136.5 (+7%)	13 (+8%)	158.5 (+16%)	14 (+8%)	176 (+11%)	14 (+0%)	177 (+1%)
Total	136	1 281	137 (+1%)	1 342 (+5%)	138 (+1%)	1 370 (+2%)	138 (+0%)	1 425 (+4%)	142 (+3%)	1 520 (+7%)

- (b) SWD conducts half-yearly reviews on the demand for the fee waiving subsidies and liaises with the NGOs concerned to increase ASCP places to cope with the demand as and when required. The outcome of these reviews serves as the basis of allocating

appropriate number of fee waiving places for the districts to meet their respective demands.

- (c) The scope of the CCF-funded ASCPS is not the same as that of ASCP. While ASCP is a community-based service providing support on session basis to children aged 6 to 12 whose families, for various reasons, cannot take care of them temporarily; ASCPS is a school-based service aiming at coordinating and integrating the existing after-school learning and support activities for Primary one to Secondary three students who are receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or full fee reimbursement from the student financial assistance schemes of the Student Financial Assistance Agency. These schemes complement each other in supporting needy families.
- (d) As CCF-funded ASCPS will be reviewed in due course, SWD has no plan at this stage to include it for recurrent subvention.

Name in block letters:	<u>Patrick T K Nip</u>
Post Title:	<u>Director of Social Welfare</u>
Date:	<u>4 April 2013</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)171

Question Serial No.

0643

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of the elderly who passed away while they were on the waiting list for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes and subsidised nursing homes (NHs) in the past five years (including 2012-13) respectively.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The number of the elderly who passed away while on the waitlist for subsidised NH and C&A places in the past five years was as follows –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
NH	1 844	1 802	1 794	1 925	1 973
C&A	2 546	2 641	2 848	3 049	3 184

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)172

Question Serial No.

0644

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department continued to monitor the implementation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) throughout the territory to provide one-stop district-based community support services for ex-mentally ill persons, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and local residents. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many persons with suspected mental health problems and their families were served under this scheme in 2011-12 and 2012-13?
- (b) Will the service be expanded in 2013-14, such as increasing the number of community mental health intervention project teams and the number of their team members?
- (c) What was the expenditure involved in 2012-13 and what is the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 for this scheme?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) In October 2010, the Social Welfare Department revamped community mental health support services and set up ICCMWs across the territory, with a view to providing comprehensive, district-based and one-stop community support services for discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers, as well as residents living in the community. From October 2010 to December 2012, ICCMWs served about 27 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, with nearly 27 100 referrals handled and over 142 300 outreaching visits made. During the same period, ICCMWs also organised over 5 700 public education activities to enhance the public's awareness of mental health and around 295 000 persons participated in these activities. At present, there is no plan to set up additional ICCMWs.
- (c) The total recurrent funding allocated to ICCMWs since their service commencement amounts to over \$180 million in 2012-13. With additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million earmarked for ICCMWs in 2013-14, the total recurrent funding for ICCMWs will be increased to over \$190 million in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)173

Question Serial No.

0649

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee as per the table below the statistical figures relating to the number of reported, prosecuted and convicted cases of suspected fraud involving applicants on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA).

Financial Year	Reported cases	Prosecuted cases	Convicted cases
2001-02			
2002-03			
2003-04			
2004-05			
2005-06			
2006-07			
2007-08			
2008-09			
2009-10			
2010-11			
2011-12			
2012-13			

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Information on CSSA fraud cases since 2001 is provided as follows –

Financial year	(a) Number of reported cases	(b) Number of cases referred to the Police	(c) Number of cases found guilty ^[Note]
2001-02	1 972	51	Not available
2002-03	2 680	96	Not available
2003-04	2 774	131	Not available
2004-05	3 311	107	Not available
2005-06	3 495	282	Not available
2006-07	3 702	362	Not available
2007-08	3 545	330	247
2008-09	3 485	346	213
2009-10	3 061	381	212
2010-11	2 935	586	269
2011-12	2 871	494	247
2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)	1 806	553	197

^[Note] We have not kept the number of fraud cases found guilty before 2007-08.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 1 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)174

Question Serial No.

0650

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: All

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide a list of the subvented organisations for the past five years (including 2012-13) and the amount of subvention for each of them.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The lists of subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs), together with the amount of subventions allocated to each of these NGOs from 2008-09 to 2012-13, are attached at Annex.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

Social Welfare Department
Subvention Allocations 2008-09 (Actual) to
Subvented Non-Governmental Organisations

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2008-09 (Actual)</u> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	47,996,024
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	1,047,765
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	9,040,957
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,475,360
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	659,643
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	1,285,216
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,459,495
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	35,485,600
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,553,067
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	8,797,154
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	12,064,075
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	30,695,349
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HONG KONG) LIMITED	12,619,794
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	102,733
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	1,788,487
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	43,687,271
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	3,650,436
18	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	211,158,882
19	BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG (THE)	3,505,896
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	31,527,026
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	12,560,400
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	640,483,470
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	469,673
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTERGATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,605,802
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,088,029
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	32,678,411
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	989,534
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	6,619,681
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	44,937,926
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	129,532,109
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	20,587,754
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HONG KONG) LIMITED	12,747,741
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	5,758,164
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	141,763,542
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	2,731,922
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	1,006,255
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	18,600,426
38	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	22,461,574
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	21,775,986
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	8,362,416
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	972,186
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	413,138,884
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	945,869
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	10,081,692
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	450,942
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	5,879,060
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,573,086
48	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	133,305,438
49	FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION (THE)	4,240,184
50	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	14,311,922

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2008-09 (Actual) \$</u>
51	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	783,100
52	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	1,959,782
53	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	13,009,576
54	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	3,041,590
55	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	4,151,875
56	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	157,752,513
57	HELPING HAND	38,756,512
58	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	97,127,094
59	HONG KONG & KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	3,539,992
60	HONG KONG & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	8,880,748
61	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	156,570,344
62	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	3,049,299
63	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	10,787,422
64	HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	117,204,539
65	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	22,794,451
66	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,106,859
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,389,164
68	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	216,397,912
69	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	29,349,813
70	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	8,593,637
71	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,258,607
72	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	1,027,742
73	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	185,981,656
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,018,971
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,407,510
76	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	178,375,606
77	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	11,427,360
78	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	159,705,008
79	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,991,024
80	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	23,416,793
81	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	75,549,500
82	HONG KONG RED CROSS	3,498,043
83	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	2,163,597
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	185,646,806
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	86,523,575
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	22,137,398
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	24,465,543
88	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	33,789,191
89	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,390,865
90	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	35,702,312
91	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	16,813,991
92	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	1,303,349
93	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	168,496,516
94	HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	10,167,677
95	KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL	376,599
96	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	969,603
97	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	119,938,104
98	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	946,590
99	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,042,464
100	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	112,985,463
101	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	16,278,696
102	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,309,783
103	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	104,185,775
104	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	9,256,764
105	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	10,460,737

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2008-09 (Actual)</u> \$
106	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	1,502,344
107	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	1,042,913
108	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON (THE)	29,610,499
109	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	2,348,102
110	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	3,288,806
111	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	122,591,148
112	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	1,422,776
113	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	35,551,000
114	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	24,024,863
115	MOTHER'S CHOICE	13,704,972
116	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	153,227,396
117	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,434,518
118	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	1,994,318
119	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	156,579,813
120	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	4,776,138
121	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	4,688,850
122	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,424,438
123	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	18,257,541
124	PO LEUNG KUK	271,205,929
125	POK OI HOSPITAL	117,025,872
126	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	8,758,800
127	PROJECT CARE	6,170,089
128	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	29,646,446
129	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	5,770,035
130	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	263,615,991
131	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	28,127,411
132	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	846,010
133	SIK SIK YUEN	98,903,422
134	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,497,822
135	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	1,606,686
136	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	73,127,078
137	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	36,447,426
138	FU HONG SOCIETY	214,913,051
139	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	577,657
140	SAHK	196,083,243
141	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,608,501
142	S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	34,687,931
143	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	130,899,788
144	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	733,343
145	STEWARDS LIMITED	40,453,764
146	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,418,493
147	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	14,184,795
148	METHODIST CENTRE	20,246,263
149	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	1,468,515
150	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	924,887
151	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	5,174,414
152	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	2,989,231
153	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	2,682,622
154	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	1,666,215
155	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED (THE)	21,465,497
156	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	1,978,081
157	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	6,785,533
158	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	3,759,836

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2008-09 (Actual)</u> \$
159	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	647,939,818
160	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	6,565,957
161	WATCHDOG LIMITED	3,400,442
162	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	916,878
163	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	19,650,271
164	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	3,416,893
165	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	215,496,088
166	YAN OI TONG	68,754,835
167	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	937,448
168	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	86,315,188
169	YOUTH OUTREACH	8,098,890
170	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	20,410,884
171	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	22,951,446
172	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	6,273,616
	TOTAL	<u>8,042,565,514</u>

Social Welfare Department
Subvention Allocations 2009-10 (Actual) to
Subvented Non-Governmental Organisations

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2009-10 (Actual)</u> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	49,014,096
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	1,072,772
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	9,181,226
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,474,521
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	665,822
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	1,286,271
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,471,912
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	35,930,888
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,365,572
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	8,798,351
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	12,031,237
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	30,552,568
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HONG KONG) LIMITED	12,861,073
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	102,966
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	1,790,294
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	44,079,262
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	3,971,685
18	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	210,488,435
19	BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG (THE)	3,504,782
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	31,795,592
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	13,147,302
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	649,269,331
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	615,044
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTERGATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,564,182
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,232,655
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	32,619,886
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	997,034
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	6,480,219
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	45,441,501
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	129,213,704
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	20,404,304
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HONG KONG) LIMITED	12,583,427
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	6,727,620
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	146,656,998
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	2,756,309
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	927,025
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	18,429,654
38	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	22,621,541
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	21,995,101
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	8,408,883
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	912,670
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	424,488,831
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	952,612
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	10,344,413
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	475,860
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	5,929,172
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,229,601
48	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	142,557,725
49	FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION (THE)	4,925,736
50	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	14,512,075

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2009-10 (Actual) \$</u>
51	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	839,373
52	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	1,969,037
53	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	13,303,336
54	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	3,054,458
55	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	5,387,720
56	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	158,524,678
57	HELPING HAND	43,057,178
58	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	98,138,672
59	HONG KONG & KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	3,518,512
60	HONG KONG & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	9,201,598
61	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	162,398,710
62	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	2,841,747
63	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	10,512,285
64	HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	118,662,462
65	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	22,503,883
66	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	986,908
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,341,036
68	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	214,978,865
69	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	29,241,619
70	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	8,651,911
71	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,601,870
72	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	1,037,503
73	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	185,771,137
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,043,058
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,410,186
76	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	179,605,604
77	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	12,029,288
78	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	165,374,423
79	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,011,185
80	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	23,453,057
81	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	77,121,570
82	HONG KONG RED CROSS	3,542,238
83	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	2,175,933
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	185,125,029
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	87,016,825
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	22,159,544
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	24,702,649
88	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	33,242,502
89	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,403,382
90	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	35,989,760
91	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	17,091,779
92	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	1,318,310
93	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	169,726,867
94	HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	10,162,729
95	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	992,694
96	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	189,433,049
97	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	961,260
98	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,053,957
99	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	121,192,652
100	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	16,278,971
101	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,332,416
102	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	106,943,802
103	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	9,356,957
104	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	10,537,480
105	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	1,552,488

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106	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	1,051,358
107	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON (THE)	29,519,994
108	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	2,654,048
109	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	3,266,606
110	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	123,295,584
111	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	1,738,096
112	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	35,642,543
113	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	24,289,907
114	MOTHER'S CHOICE	13,953,027
115	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	187,564,512
116	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,448,046
117	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	2,006,733
118	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	160,392,206
119	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	4,834,508
120	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	5,284,373
121	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,336,098
122	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	18,545,349
123	PO LEUNG KUK	284,324,165
124	POK OI HOSPITAL	118,890,208
125	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	9,531,113
126	PROJECT CARE	6,234,137
127	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	29,405,418
128	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	5,831,059
129	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	266,485,387
130	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	28,324,368
131	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	848,670
132	SIK SIK YUEN	98,540,009
133	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,490,350
134	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	1,611,731
135	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	74,611,208
136	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	36,876,835
137	FU HONG SOCIETY	215,751,298
138	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	573,735
139	SAHK	194,737,421
140	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,607,107
141	S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	34,873,403
142	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	133,162,892
143	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	848,501
144	STEWARDS LIMITED	40,455,303
145	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,430,947
146	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	14,331,485
147	METHODIST CENTRE	20,605,670
148	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	1,610,821
149	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	959,610
150	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	5,537,990
151	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	3,017,783
152	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	2,681,366
153	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	1,663,797
154	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED (THE)	21,320,586
155	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	1,998,479
156	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	6,880,551
157	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	3,896,594
158	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	675,954,158

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159	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	6,603,507
160	WATCHDOG LIMITED	3,407,808
161	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	920,924
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	19,973,139
163	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	3,371,370
164	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	228,688,730
165	YAN OI TONG	69,178,326
166	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	954,664
167	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	99,133,260
168	YOUTH OUTREACH	8,392,463
169	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	20,305,324
170	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	23,097,465
171	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	6,342,917
	TOTAL	<u>8,304,822,921</u>

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<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2010-11 (Actual)</u> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	49,982,714
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	1,086,291
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	10,117,659
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,473,339
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	672,160
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	1,296,410
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,652,393
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	36,301,572
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,371,191
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	8,854,833
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	12,016,892
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	30,419,961
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HONG KONG) LIMITED	13,173,887
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	103,120
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	1,879,224
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	47,426,736
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	4,971,937
18	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	212,932,767
19	BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG (THE)	3,534,573
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	32,624,927
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	12,782,046
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	652,085,418
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	538,019
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTERGATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,539,271
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,185,042
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	32,571,328
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	1,008,455
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	6,591,807
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	46,933,074
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	133,557,015
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	20,475,478
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HONG KONG) LIMITED	12,961,734
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	8,220,375
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	149,881,802
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	3,057,462
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	1,018,536
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	18,896,670
38	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	22,449,049
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	22,463,765
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	8,338,482
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	927,270
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	429,390,565
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	970,831
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	10,522,182
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	472,868
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	5,977,548
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	8,939,024
48	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	144,352,760
49	FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION (THE)	5,459,447

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50	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	15,129,770
51	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	780,109
52	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	1,998,304
53	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	13,489,728
54	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	3,116,779
55	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	5,456,223
56	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	158,556,434
57	HELPING HAND	44,985,836
58	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	100,733,019
59	HONG KONG & KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	3,452,164
60	HONG KONG & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	8,961,665
61	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	166,101,504
62	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	2,624,913
63	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	10,587,471
64	HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	122,060,173
65	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	22,930,804
66	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,016,317
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,334,732
68	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	219,429,327
69	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	29,081,640
70	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	8,659,003
71	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,745,199
72	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	1,057,810
73	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	184,617,617
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	2,894,949
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,423,243
76	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	179,969,007
77	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	12,139,692
78	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	172,930,078
79	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,047,035
80	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	23,566,128
81	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	77,489,840
82	HONG KONG RED CROSS	3,739,124
83	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	2,198,164
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	187,470,208
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	86,007,164
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	22,433,337
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	24,870,431
88	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	33,038,119
89	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,407,303
90	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	36,447,301
91	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	17,377,701
92	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	1,332,322
93	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	171,465,503
94	HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	10,196,903
95	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	1,004,025
96	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	217,446,957
97	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	992,900
98	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,074,541
99	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	120,586,704
100	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	17,171,968
101	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,354,890
102	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	109,701,161
103	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	9,707,798
104	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	10,558,325

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105	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	1,572,623
106	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	1,060,711
107	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON (THE)	30,232,592
108	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	2,602,397
109	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	3,262,733
110	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	128,471,816
111	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	2,273,207
112	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	35,716,592
113	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	24,448,224
114	MOTHER'S CHOICE	13,967,683
115	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	199,197,844
116	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,460,554
117	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	2,031,578
118	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	169,627,221
119	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,052,693
120	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	6,131,904
121	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,329,952
122	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	18,470,521
123	PO LEUNG KUK	313,473,458
124	POK OI HOSPITAL	119,386,446
125	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	9,416,079
126	PROJECT CARE	6,366,143
127	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	31,874,205
128	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	5,909,248
129	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	272,651,364
130	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	28,841,110
131	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	872,188
132	SIK SIK YUEN	99,570,791
133	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,490,128
134	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	1,621,881
135	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	76,344,682
136	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	37,108,962
137	FU HONG SOCIETY	221,787,519
138	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	633,013
139	SAHK	199,882,627
140	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,634,295
141	S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	35,855,308
142	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	133,603,175
143	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	727,659
144	STEWARDS LIMITED	43,892,705
145	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,445,087
146	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	14,464,772
147	METHODIST CENTRE	21,314,229
148	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	1,674,493
149	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	970,940
150	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	7,066,478
151	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	3,151,975
152	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	2,702,260
153	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	1,673,928
154	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED (THE)	21,536,199
155	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,045,590
156	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	7,194,673
157	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	4,083,144

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158	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	698,982,659
159	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	6,762,914
160	WATCHDOG LIMITED	3,429,727
161	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	933,323
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	20,477,840
163	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	3,385,708
164	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	232,961,565
165	YAN OI TONG	70,437,921
166	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	910,850
167	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	102,777,716
168	YOUTH OUTREACH	9,988,013
169	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	20,144,689
170	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	23,093,324
171	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	6,383,581
	TOTAL	<u>8,521,256,699</u>

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<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12 (Actual)</u> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	53,550,568
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	998,186
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	10,240,245
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,571,891
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	698,281
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	1,371,507
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,596,303
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	38,358,163
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,408,022
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	9,522,636
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	13,740,035
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	32,359,732
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HONG KONG) LIMITED	13,853,729
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	123,325
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	1,883,177
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	58,185,370
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,472,378
18	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	227,400,427
19	BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG (THE)	4,101,541
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	35,149,771
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	13,887,459
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	699,065,251
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	460,204
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTERGATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,613,060
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,742,815
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	35,069,895
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	1,076,596
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	8,211,279
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	50,966,318
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	141,719,775
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	21,530,463
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HONG KONG) LIMITED	13,195,204
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	9,076,323
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	166,055,083
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	3,444,322
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	1,087,964
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	20,071,376
38	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	24,085,138
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	24,197,741
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	9,051,375
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	1,006,356
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	458,578,649
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	1,033,408
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	11,268,086
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	408,750
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	6,379,455
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,041,445
48	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	154,579,950
49	FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION (THE)	6,017,419
50	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	16,247,014

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12 (Actual) \$</u>
51	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	794,500
52	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	2,166,005
53	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	14,853,460
54	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	2,983,418
55	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	5,685,533
56	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	170,026,246
57	HELPING HAND	47,727,724
58	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	109,245,050
59	HONG KONG & KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	3,606,300
60	HONG KONG & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	9,813,513
61	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	178,125,808
62	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	2,799,409
63	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	10,983,706
64	HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	134,590,427
65	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	24,268,641
66	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,078,052
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,460,184
68	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	240,310,779
69	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	30,762,349
70	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	9,144,554
71	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,515,853
72	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	1,141,529
73	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	196,957,557
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,239,108
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,519,783
76	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	192,705,872
77	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	13,065,791
78	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	191,785,090
79	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,254,103
80	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	28,970,840
81	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	82,992,958
82	HONG KONG RED CROSS	4,112,538
83	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	2,331,697
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	202,603,660
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	92,286,481
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	24,699,175
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	26,447,711
88	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	33,788,786
89	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,493,391
90	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	39,444,766
91	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	18,628,323
92	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	1,425,064
93	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	187,094,730
94	HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	11,027,829
95	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	1,071,335
96	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	214,519,549
97	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	1,075,155
98	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,123,701
99	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	128,683,619
100	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	19,390,000
101	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,498,966
102	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	116,650,254
103	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	10,525,535
104	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	11,485,048
105	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	1,255,187

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12 (Actual) \$</u>
106	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	1,054,152
107	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON (THE)	31,820,542
108	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	2,702,900
109	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	3,346,493
110	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	145,541,323
111	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	4,241,980
112	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	38,085,138
113	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	25,894,561
114	MOTHER'S CHOICE	14,598,296
115	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	216,111,095
116	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,604,575
117	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	2,153,432
118	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	193,056,610
119	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,157,704
120	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	6,774,962
121	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,329,720
122	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	19,328,813
123	PO LEUNG KUK	378,969,036
124	POK OI HOSPITAL	127,656,259
125	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	10,010,213
126	PROJECT CARE	7,116,708
127	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	37,777,534
128	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	6,110,193
129	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	292,237,392
130	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	31,258,739
131	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	921,946
132	SIK SIK YUEN	107,104,275
133	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,549,337
134	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	1,698,217
135	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	85,694,667
136	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	39,888,641
137	FU HONG SOCIETY	239,213,428
138	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	602,552
139	SAHK	238,554,778
140	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,728,454
141	S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	39,248,233
142	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	142,983,239
143	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	785,824
144	STEWARDS LIMITED	51,856,215
145	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,572,146
146	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	15,091,720
147	METHODIST CENTRE	22,376,400
148	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	1,749,787
149	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,048,343
150	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	7,142,884
151	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	4,045,813
152	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	2,898,004
153	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	1,717,057
154	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED (THE)	26,269,011
155	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,179,817
156	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	7,653,059
157	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	4,589,541
158	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	760,844,834

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12 (Actual)</u> \$
159	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	7,125,600
160	WATCHDOG LIMITED	3,822,533
161	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	1,004,009
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	21,430,599
163	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	3,522,554
164	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	254,778,136
165	YAN OI TONG	75,794,439
166	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	874,861
167	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	107,757,943
168	YOUTH OUTREACH	10,670,307
169	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	20,992,789
170	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	24,821,832
171	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	6,781,824
	TOTAL	<u>9,263,314,120</u>

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2012-13 Subvention Allocations to
Subvented Non-Governmental Organisations
(Position as at the end of February 2013)

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2012-13 \$</u>
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	56,303,200
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	1,075,828
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	10,643,571
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,659,162
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	738,954
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	1,447,444
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,650,965
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	40,773,646
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,480,294
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	10,078,695
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	14,026,852
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	35,733,363
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HONG KONG) LIMITED	14,264,995
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	140,964
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	1,991,294
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	62,122,157
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,777,266
18	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	237,445,641
19	BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG (THE)	4,096,834
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	39,134,982
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	15,338,762
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	747,293,194
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	461,607
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTERGATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,734,609
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	10,004,375
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	39,850,359
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	1,129,525
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	7,117,269
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	55,990,942
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	148,965,434
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	24,226,490
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HONG KONG) LIMITED	13,475,882
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	9,665,360
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	179,476,084
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	3,603,838
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	1,140,739
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	22,221,956
38	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	26,502,491
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	26,036,570
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	9,612,347
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	1,041,746
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	491,243,842
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	1,085,586
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	12,139,578
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	426,635
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	6,667,758
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,427,477
48	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	164,066,222
49	FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION (THE)	6,275,318

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGOs</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2012-13 \$</u>
50	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	18,075,146
51	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	830,980
52	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	2,267,011
53	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	16,098,923
54	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	2,806,957
55	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	5,990,802
56	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	179,157,222
57	HELPING HAND	51,867,486
58	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	120,388,335
59	HONG KONG & KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	3,799,429
60	HONG KONG & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	11,173,199
61	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	190,913,912
62	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	2,946,697
63	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	11,688,166
64	HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	141,366,026
65	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	26,860,047
66	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,140,894
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,547,513
68	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	265,339,920
69	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	31,833,466
70	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	9,595,281
71	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,740,011
72	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	1,182,398
73	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	212,577,722
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,249,551
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,607,874
76	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	203,057,842
77	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	13,774,944
78	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	207,342,665
79	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,355,608
80	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	31,059,449
81	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	87,342,631
82	HONG KONG RED CROSS	4,343,633
83	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	2,460,832
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	223,926,951
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	99,976,604
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	26,520,409
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	27,840,850
88	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	35,422,501
89	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,572,293
90	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	42,290,284
91	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	20,312,904
92	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	1,504,664
93	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	196,262,071
94	HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	11,319,085
95	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	1,123,431
96	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	78,447,414
97	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	1,135,812
98	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,178,681
99	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	136,655,263
100	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	23,272,026
101	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,617,628
102	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	123,954,626
103	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	11,854,885
104	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	11,566,713

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105	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	1,152,485
106	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	1,106,251
107	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON (THE)	35,599,964
108	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	2,790,534
109	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	3,494,704
110	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	157,266,539
111	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	4,124,274
112	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	40,110,794
113	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	27,280,776
114	MOTHER'S CHOICE	16,510,222
115	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	234,000,625
116	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,789,557
117	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	2,281,643
118	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	210,624,817
119	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,343,840
120	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	7,174,337
121	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,381,984
122	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	20,167,044
123	PO LEUNG KUK	431,323,019
124	POK OI HOSPITAL	139,938,840
125	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	10,441,593
126	PROJECT CARE	7,460,485
127	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	41,929,254
128	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	6,640,768
129	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	313,652,284
130	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	33,364,822
131	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	974,317
132	SIK SIK YUEN	118,756,002
133	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,607,244
134	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	1,801,419
135	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	92,377,093
136	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	42,285,318
137	FU HONG SOCIETY	251,436,089
138	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	648,700
139	SAHK	255,535,572
140	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,817,103
141	S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	42,469,575
142	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	151,466,778
143	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	836,063
144	STEWARDS LIMITED	57,411,216
145	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,702,654
146	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	15,897,845
147	METHODIST CENTRE	23,056,983
148	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	1,840,630
149	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,103,140
150	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	7,471,829
151	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	4,363,595
152	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	3,058,858
153	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	1,804,562
154	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED (THE)	25,663,814
155	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,318,523
156	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	8,600,620
157	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	5,226,200

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158	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	841,249,561
159	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	7,656,522
160	WATCHDOG LIMITED	3,895,107
161	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	1,057,779
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	23,701,904
163	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	3,640,240
164	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	276,019,158
165	YAN OI TONG	78,610,763
166	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	947,595
167	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	113,673,323
168	YOUTH OUTREACH	10,904,632
169	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	21,795,137
170	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	27,523,862
171	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,154,531
	TOTAL	<u>9,828,659,080</u>

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is estimated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) that the number of cases served under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme would increase from 710 000 for last year to 800 000, representing an increase of over 10% (12.6%). However, taking the number of recipients under the Old Age Allowance (OAA) for 2012-13 as an example, there is an increase of 6% from 2011-12. I would like to know the basis on which the estimation on the increase in the number of SSA recipients is made and the number of recipients of each allowance and its percentage change.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: A total of about 710 000 SSA cases were served in 2011-12. This figure included existing cases, new applications and cases closed in the year. The number of SSA cases served in 2013-14 is estimated to be 800 000 ^[Note]. It represents an annual increase of 6% over the two-year period. Estimation on the number of SSA recipients for 2013-14 was made on the basis of the up-to-date statistics available at the time of preparing the Estimates.

The average numbers of OAA, Disability Allowance (DA), and Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) cases per month in 2011-12 and their respective estimates in 2013-14 are as follows –

Type of allowance	Average number of cases per month in 2011-12	Average number of cases per month in 2013-14
OAA	506 533	120 000
DA	130 916	104 000
OALA	Not applicable	494 000
Total	637 449	718 000 (representing an annual increase of 6% over the two-year period)

^[Note] In 2013-14, it is estimated that some OALA cases will be converted from OAA or Normal DA. Since OAA, DA and OALA are all under SSA Scheme, switching between different allowances under SSA Scheme is not counted as extra case served.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)176

Question Serial No.

3026

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Due to the introduction of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the Guandgong Scheme, and the upward adjustment of various allowance payments, the expenditure on the Social Security Allowance (SSA) will rise by 93.7% this year. Would the Administration please provide the amount of each allowance and its percentage change (in real terms after discounting inflation) under the SSA Scheme?

As for the increase of 73 posts under this Programme, what is the additional administrative costs involved and its percentage of the increase in provision (i.e. \$9,151.2 million)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The estimated expenditure for Old Age Allowance (OAA), Disability Allowance (DA) and OALA in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as follows –

Type of allowance	2012-13 expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]	2013-14 expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
OAA	7,502	1,641
DA	3,084	2,483
OALA	-	16,228
Total	10,586	20,352

^[Note] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective years. For 2013-14, the estimated expenditure for OAA and DA is expected to decrease after the introduction of OALA in April 2013. The expenditure for OALA also includes the back payment to the eligible elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013. The payment of one additional month of the allowance for 2013-14 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

The expenditure on each allowance would depend on a number of factors. Apart from inflation, other factors such as conversion of cases from OAA or DA to OALA, conversion of cases to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, and change in population profile would also affect the caseload and expenditure of each allowance. As such, percentage change is not considered an appropriate basis for comparison.

As for the net increase of 73 posts under this Programme, the estimated annual expenditure involved is \$21.0 million, or about 0.2% of \$9,151.2 million (i.e. increase in provision for 2013-14 under this Programme).

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)177

Question Serial No.

3027

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: While the Administration has increased the recurrent funding by \$137 million for assessing the pressure borne by the demented elderly with behavioural problems scoring over 70 marks, there is still a large percentage of the elderly who have not been included (i.e. elderly with behavioural problems scoring below 70 marks). How many elderly are scoring below 70 marks?

Number of elderly people scoring over 70 marks	Number of elderly people scoring below 70 marks

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: To enhance the support for demented elderly in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, and subsidised day care centres/units (DEs/DCUs), recurrent funding allocation of \$216.9 million will be provided to RCHEs and DEs/DCUs by way of Dementia Supplement (DS).

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments for their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of the elderly residents for DS in the RCHEs will be confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority. Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by PGTs in these RCHEs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme and that in subsidised DEs/DCUs. Allocation of DS will be given to RCHEs and DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of demented elderly. We believe that it is appropriate to confirm the eligibility of the elderly persons based on PGTs' assessment. In 2012-13, 3 423 demented elderly living in subvented RCHEs were assessed by PGTs as eligible for DS and 123 were not.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)178

Question Serial No.

3028

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Does the Administration provide the elderly living in the community with any service for the timely identification of early cognitive impairment and appropriate training in order to slow down the deterioration of their condition and improve their quality of life?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Administration supports the frail elderly (including those with cognitive impairment) living in the community through 64 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 24 enhanced home and community care services teams, 60 integrated home care services teams and three service teams under the Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders.

To further enhance the support for demented elderly residing in the community, a Dementia Supplement has been provided to subsidised DEs/DCUs. With additional funding, DEs/DCUs can employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services to enhance training programmes and services for demented elderly as well as support services for their carers as necessary.

To promote the public awareness about dementia, the Visiting Health Teams of the Department of Health have also been providing health education and training activities on dementia care for the general public and the family and carers of dementia patients in various community settings to enhance their knowledge on dementia.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 27 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)179

Question Serial No.

3187

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Will the Administration allocate additional resources for the district elderly community centres (DECCs) to recruit social workers and train assessors with a view to easing the workload of the existing staff, and for assessment of long-term care needs of the elderly to be conducted as early as possible?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: DECC is one of the various services units, such as medical social services unit, integrated family service centre, etc., in handling applications from the elderly for subsidised long-term care services.

An additional recurrent funding of \$18 million has already been allocated to 41 DECCs since 2008-09 to enable each of them to recruit a social worker to strengthen their casework services including counselling and referral services, and the processing of applications for subsidised long-term care services for the elderly.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)180

Question Serial No.

3188

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Currently the Housing Department has the performance pledge that the elderly will be allocated a public housing unit in three years' time. As regards the subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) and nursing home (NH) places provided by non-governmental organisations, will the Social Welfare Department also make a performance pledge for the elderly's admission to such places in three years' time?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The waiting time for subsidised C&A and NH places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes; whether the applicant accepts subsidised place provided under various bought place schemes; whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home; and the turnover rates of individual homes, etc. It is difficult to estimate the waiting time and set a performance pledge on the time required for admission.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)181

Question Serial No.

3189

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the amount of funding allocation for integrated home care services (IHCS) of the Social Welfare Department in 2013-14? What is the difference in the allocation for “food ingredients” as compared with the financial year 2012-13? What is the utilisation rate of IHCS? What is the waiting time for meal delivery service and home cleaning service of each district?

District Council District	Meal delivery service		Home cleaning service	
	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions	Average waiting time	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions	Average waiting time
Central & Western				
Eastern				
Southern				
Wan Chai				
Kowloon City				
Kwun Tong				
Sham Shui Po				
Wong Tai Sin				
Yau Tsim Mong				
Islands				
Kwai Tsing				
North				
Sai Kung				
Tai Po				
Sha Tin				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				
Total				

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The funding allocation for IHCS in 2013-14 is \$503.1 million. We do not have breakdown of food cost because it is included under Other Charges of the Lump Sum Grant.

As at the end of January 2013, the utilisation rate of IHCS for frail cases (including meal delivery and household cleansing) was 95.1%. The frail elderly who had gone through the standardised assessment could wait for either IHCS for frail cases and/or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services. The average waiting time was about two months. We do not keep statistics on waiting time specifically for meal delivery and household cleansing services under IHCS.

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Date:	<u>26 March 2013</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)182

Question Serial No.

3190

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the funding allocation for day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in the financial year 2013-14? How many DEs are providing such service? What is the waiting time for such service? As the enrolment rate of DEs has already exceeded 110%, will the Administration provide more space and funding for these DEs in view of the enrolment rate, in order to meet the requirements of the Fire Services Ordinance, as well as activity space and care needs of the elderly?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure on day care services is \$229.4 million. There are currently 64 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs). As at the end of January 2013, the average waiting time for day care places was about nine months.

Since some elderly occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the centres every day, it is therefore possible for the DEs/DCUs to take in additional elderly to fill the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of the day care places is set at 110% accordingly to maximise the utilisation. As such, it does not mean over-enrolment. The Social Welfare Department makes reference to the service capacity and standard schedule of accommodation of DEs/DCUs in allocating funding and providing additional space for the centres, which is subject to availability of premises, to meet the service needs of users. The design and fitting-out of all DEs/DCUs projects comply with fire safety requirements.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 27 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)183

Question Serial No.

3191

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the funding allocation for services for hidden elderly in 2013-14. Please provide the number of social workers dedicated to serve hidden elderly in various districts as per the following table –

District	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions	Number of social workers serving hidden elderly
Central & Western		
Eastern		
Southern		
Wan Chai		
Kowloon City		
Kwun Tong		
Sham Shui Po		
Wong Tai Sin		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Islands		
Kwai Tsing		
North		
Sai Kung		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Tsuen Wan		
Tuen Mun		
Yuen Long		
Total		

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2007-08, an additional recurrent funding allocation of about \$42 million was provided to all district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in the territory for each of them to recruit one more social worker to enhance the outreaching services for singleton and hidden elders. As the strengthening of outreach services will result in higher demand for DECC services, a further recurrent funding of \$18 million has been provided since June 2008 for each DECC to recruit one more social worker to strengthen their counselling and referral services. These additional recurrent funding allocations have been included in the annual subvention of DECCs and NECs thereafter. There is no separate breakdown of this expenditure in 2013-14.

The number of active cases of hidden and vulnerable elderly (active cases) as at the end of December 2012 and the number of additional social workers allocated to DECCs and NECs in 18 districts for this initiative are as follows –

District	Number of active cases as at the end of December 2012	Number of additional social workers
Central & Western	250	8
Eastern	469	15
Southern	419	12
Wan Chai	129	5
Kowloon City	330	11
Kwun Tong	830	22
Sham Shui Po	615	16
Wong Tai Sin	684	20
Yau Tsim Mong	386	11
Islands	158	5
Kwai Tsing	649	16
North	132	4
Sai Kung	307	9
Tai Po	217	6
Sha Tin	542	16
Tsuen Wan	295	8
Tuen Mun	253	8
Yuen Long	249	8
Total	6 914	200

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Patrick T K Nip

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Director of Social Welfare

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29 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)184

Question Serial No.

3268

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Administration will continue to launch publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The details and the relevant expenditure of such programmes in 2012;
- (b) The number of vulnerable families served under such programmes through telephone contacts, home visits and other outreaching services in the past year; and
- (c) The details and the estimated expenditure of the family support programmes in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2012-13, the expenditure for the publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence. For example, a short-film cum storyboard creation competition on prevention of child sexual abuse was launched, a poster and leaflet on promoting joint parental responsibilities and co-operation of divorced parents for the best interest of their children as well as a series of leaflets introducing the services for victims of domestic violence in different languages were produced. The poster was posted in public transportation systems to attract public attention while the publication materials were distributed to the public through social service units in the territory. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have also been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.
- (b) & (c) The Family Support Programme (FSP) has been launched in Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres (IFSCs/ISCs), Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) and Psychiatric Medical Social Service Units (MSSUs) since early 2007 with an annual recurrent funding of \$30 million. Under FSP, families at risk of domestic violence, psychiatric problems and social isolation to various support services available are outreached through telephone contacts, home visits and other outreaching programmes. Volunteers including those who have personal experience in overcoming family problems or crises have been recruited and

trained to contact these families and to motivate them to receive services to prevent further deterioration of their problems. There were 9 844 and 7 051 vulnerable families engaged and referred to services of IFSCs/ISCs/FCPSUs/MSSUs or other community services in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (April to December 2012) respectively. SWD will continue to provide these services in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)185

Question Serial No.

0135

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure over the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) on funding the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme, Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme and Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) administered by the Social Welfare Department? How many people are benefited from each of the schemes? After the fire at Fa Yuen Street, the vessel collision incident near Lamma Island and the hot-air balloon tragedy in Egypt, would the Administration consider setting up an “Emergency Disaster Relief Fund” to assist Hong Kong victims and their families in dealing with the aftermath? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply: TAVA, CLEIC and ERF provide financial assistance to victims and/or their dependants of road traffic accidents, crimes of violence or use of weapon by law enforcement officers, and natural disasters respectively. For incidents not falling under the ambits of these schemes, there are currently a number of charitable funds providing direct and prompt assistance to victims and/or their families in special and urgent circumstances.

The expenditure under TAVA, CLEIC and ERF in the past three years was as follows –

Scheme	Expenditure (\$ million)		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
TAVA Scheme	187.2	170.3	145.9
CLEIC Scheme	5.9	5.3	3.6
ERF	4.7	4.4	4.0

The numbers of beneficiaries under TAVA, CLEIC and ERF in the past three years were as follows –

Scheme	Number of beneficiaries		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
TAVA Scheme	13 888	12 643	10 015
CLEIC Scheme	426	394	293
ERF	1 526	1 529	1 235

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)186

Question Serial No.

0138

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the existing mental health and rehabilitation services, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The expenditure involved in the operation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in all districts in Hong Kong since October 2010; the estimated number of people benefited from such centres; and the estimated increase in expenditure in this regard in the coming three years (i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16)?
- (b) The expenditure involved in the community Case Management Programme for ex-mentally ill persons in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13); and the increase in expenditure in this regard in the coming three years?
- (c) The expenditure for the publicity of the message of accepting ex-mentally ill persons in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13); the breakdown of various publicity programmes or work by category and the relevant expenditure involved; and the increase in expenditure in this regard in the future?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Administration allocated \$135 million in October 2010 to set up ICCMWs at 24 service points across the territory. Additional recurrent funding totalling \$48 million was made available to ICCMWs in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to strengthen their manpower in dovetailing with the implementation of the Case Management Programme (CMP) of the Hospital Authority (HA) for patients with severe mental illness and providing services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. From October 2010 to December 2012, ICCMWs served about 27 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, with nearly 27 100 referrals handled and over 142 300 outreaching visits made. In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million to strengthen the manpower of existing ICCMWs to tie in with the extension of CMP to three more districts. The total recurrent funding for ICCMWs will be increased to over \$190 million in 2013-14. The estimated expenditure for ICCMWs in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is not available.
- (b) In April 2010, HA launched CMP in three districts (i.e. Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong and Yuen Long) to provide intensive, continuous and personalised support for patients with

severe mental illness living in the community. By 2012-13, CMP was extended to a total of 12 districts (i.e. Eastern, Wan Chai, Central & Western, Southern, Islands, Kowloon City, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Tsing, Sha Tin, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long). HA will extend CMP to three more districts (i.e. Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung and North) in 2013-14 and the remaining three districts in 2014-15.

The estimated recurrent expenditure incurred for CMP in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is \$78 million, \$151 million and \$178 million respectively. The additional recurrent expenditure for 2013-14 is estimated at \$38 million. The estimated expenditure for 2014-15 and 2015-16 is not available.

- (c) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), in collaboration with more than 20 government departments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public organisations and the media, has been organising annually the "Mental Health Month" since 1995, whereby territory-wide and district-based publicity campaigns, such as television and radio programmes, Announcements in the Public Interest, newspaper supplements, walkathon, and publicity programmes targeting residents in the community, are launched to promote public understanding on mental health and acceptance of persons recovering from mental illness.

In addition, LWB provides funding support for NGOs, public organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities, etc. every year to organise public education activities for promotion of mental health and full integration of persons recovering from mental illness into the community. From 2010-11 to 2012-13, the expenditure on relevant public education activities incurred by LWB is as follows –

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$)
2010-11	1,249,104
2011-12	889,402
2012-13	843,026
Total	2,981,532

It is estimated that the expenditure of relevant public education activities to be incurred by LWB in 2013-14 will be comparable with that of 2012-13.

In tandem, ICCMWs, in collaboration with government departments and local stakeholders, have been organising various kinds of public education activities including promotion of mental health and full integration of persons recovering from mental illness into the community. As at the end of December 2012, over 5 700 public education activities with 295 000 participants had been launched through the ICCMWs to enhance the community's awareness of mental health. As public education activities form an integral part of the ICCMW service, there is no breakdown of expenditure for this area.

Both the Department of Health (DH) and HA organise publicity programmes to promote mental health. The direct expenditure on mental health promotion by HA (mainly for supporting clusters in implementing carers' support programmes) in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 was \$0.14 million, \$0.21 million and \$0.2 million respectively.

For DH, mental health promotion is undertaken in a variety of formats by a number of different service units involving Family Health Service, Student Health Service, men's health programme, Central Health Education Unit and Elderly Health Service, etc. Mental health promotion is an integral part of existing programmes and services. The expenditure involved is not separately accounted for.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)187

Question Serial No.

0252

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113 of the 2013 Budget Speech that the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) would be launched this September. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee whether the Pilot Scheme would cover disabled elderly?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed by the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, that is, Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)188

Question Serial No.

0253

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On elderly care services, the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$9 million to add 100 day care (DC) places and extend the service hours of new DC centres and units for the elderly. What will be the distribution and staffing establishment of the 100 additional DC places?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The geographical distribution of the additional DC places for the elderly which are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards is as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Sai Kung	60
Wan Chai	20
Sham Shui Po	10
Sha Tin	10
Total	100

Although the Social Welfare Department has not specified any staff establishment, the operators should ensure an appropriate and adequate staff mix in providing DC service.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)189

Question Serial No.

0471

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On elderly care services, the Administration will increase recurrent funding by \$73 million for the additional provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly through constructing three contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), among others. Where will the three new contract RCHEs be located?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The three new contract homes will be located at Hoi Fai Road, Yau Tsim Mong; the Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters Site, Sham Shui Po; and the junction of Lee Tung Street and McGregor Street, Wan Chai.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 3 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)190

Question Serial No.

0472

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

214 Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding elderly care services, the Government will allocate funding in 2013-14 to provide 1 200 additional training places to augment the enrolled nurses supply. Please provide the number of enrolled nurses in current residential care services.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: As at 1 March 2013, about 890 enrolled nurses were employed by residential care homes for the elderly licensed under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459).

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)191

Question Serial No.

0473

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):
000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million to increase the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities. Please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities in meeting the needs of ageing service users. The funding covers the provision of additional care staff for residential care homes for persons with intellectual or physical disabilities as well as sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres operating the Work Extension Programme and day activity centres operating the Extended Care Programme. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the residential care homes and day training centres concerned will have the flexibility to deploy the additional funding in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 31 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)192

Question Serial No.

0474

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 121 of the 2013 Budget Speech that additional funding of \$12.5 million will be allocated to the Social Welfare Department to increase the staff resources of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the staffing establishment concerned?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of the existing ICCMWs to dovetail with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness to three more districts and to provide services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses and occupational therapists, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)193

Question Serial No.

2005

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 121 of the 2013 Budget Speech by the Financial Secretary that additional funding of \$12.5 million will be allocated to the Social Welfare Department to increase the staff resources of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs). As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of such increase of staff resources?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of the existing ICCMWs to dovetail with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness to three more districts and to provide services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to meet service needs and ensure service quality.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)194

Question Serial No.

2766

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration sticks to the old ways and has continued to propose one-off relief measures to address livelihood issues. Over the past few years, the one-off relief payments have amounted to nearly \$200 billion, without the grass-roots having been lifted out of poverty. Will the Administration provide additional child care services for children aged six to 12 in order to release more women to join the labour force? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration is concerned about the child care need of working women. For children aged six to 12, if their parents are unable to take care of them temporarily because of work or other reasons, they may consider using the services of the After School Care Programme (ASCP). ASCP is operated through non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on a self-financing and fee charging basis. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides fee waiving/reduction for needy families.

At present, a total of 142 ASCP centres operated by NGOs offer about 5 400 service places in all 18 districts across the territory. As at the end of December 2012, the overall utilisation rate of these ASCP places was about 87%; there were also unused fee waiving/reduction quotas.

According to the present situation, ASCP can address the service demand. SWD will continue to conduct reviews from time to time on the demand for the fee waiving subsidies in various districts and liaises with the NGOs concerned to increase in ASCP places to cope with the demand as and when required.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 29 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)195

Question Serial No.

2737

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Financial Secretary has mentioned in paragraph 113 of the 2013 Budget Speech that the Administration will “launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly this September”. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee whether priority will be given to applications made by the disabled elderly under the Pilot Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, that is, Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)196

Question Serial No.

2738

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On elderly care services, the Government will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$9 million to add 100 day care places and extend the service hours of new day care centres and units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs). Please give the details on the extension of service hours of the centres.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The new DE/DCUs are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards. The service hours of these new DE/DCUs will be extended to 8:00 p.m. from Mondays to Saturdays and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and public holidays.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)197

Question Serial No.

2739

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On elderly care services, the Administration will increase recurrent funding by \$73 million for the additional provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the construction of three contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), among others. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the criteria based on which the sites of the three new contract RCHEs will be chosen?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: In identifying suitable sites to set up contract RCHEs, the Administration will take into consideration, among others, the accessibility and feasibility of the location/premises, the size and scale of the premises to achieve cost effectiveness, as well as the air, noise and pollution conditions in order to ensure a healthy living environment for the frail elderly.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)198

Question Serial No.

2740

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On elderly care services, the Administration will allocate funding to provide 1 200 more training places to augment the enrolled nurses supply. Would the Administration please provide the current average number of clients served by each enrolled nurse?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: As at 1 March 2013, about 890 enrolled nurses (EN) were employed by residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) licensed under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459). RCHEs can employ suitable nursing and care staffing, including registered nurses, ENs or health workers to provide health care related services for elderly residents where appropriate, as long as the statutory requirements under Cap. 459 and other service/contractual requirements (for RCHEs offering subsidised places) are met. The EN-client ratio cannot truly reflect the level of health care services offered to elderly residents.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)199

Question Serial No.

2741

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):
000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million will be allocated to increase the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities. What will be the distribution of the increased manpower and the staffing establishment?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities in meeting the needs of ageing service users. The funding aims to enable the provision of additional care staff for residential care homes for persons with intellectual or physical disabilities as well as sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres operating the Work Extension Programme and day activity centres operating the Extended Care Programme. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating these services have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to meet the service needs and ensure the service quality.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)200

Question Serial No.

2776

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is proposed in the Budget that additional recurrent funding of \$9 million will be allocated to add 100 day care (DC) places and extend the service hours. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of DC places and the expenditure involved in 2012-13? In addition, with the extension of the service hours, what will be the number of additional staff and the expenditure required for the new day care centres and units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) in the coming year (2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply: The planned provision of DC places for the elderly in 2012-13 is 2 669 and the estimated expenditure is \$206.7 million.

The 100 additional DC places at the new DE/DCUs, with estimated recurrent expenditure of \$9 million, are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards. There will be extension of service hours at these DE/DCUs. Although the Social Welfare Department has not specified any staff establishment, the operators should ensure an appropriate and adequate staff mix in providing DC service.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)201

Question Serial No.

0129

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: There is a keen demand for child care services among women in employment. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The number of places provided under the After School Care Programme (ASCP) and the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and in subsidised day child care centres (CCC) for children aged 0 to 2, as well as the number of people waiting for such places;
- (b) The percentage change in estimated expenditure for the financial year 2013-14 as compared to the previous year (i.e. financial year 2012-13) for ASCP, NSCCP, and subsidised day CCC for children aged 0 to 2;
- (c) As the Administration has increased child allowances this year (2013-14) to encourage parenthood in Hong Kong, please advise whether additional child care services will be provided to cater for the needs of women in employment. If yes, what are the specific support plans?
- (d) What are the assessments of the Administration regarding the impacts of doubly non-permanent resident (DNR) children coming to Hong Kong on the demand for child care services and on other related matters?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

- Reply:
- (a) Currently, there are around 5 400 places for children aged 6 to 12 under ASCP, and at least 720 places for children aged 0 to 6 under NSCCP. The service operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care places under NSCCP on top of the minimum requirement set in order to meet the district service demand. In addition, there are 676 and 985 places provided by standalone CCCs and kingergartens cum CCCs respectively for children aged 0 to 2. There is no waiting list for ASCP, NSCCP and CCC services.
 - (b) For ASCP and CCC, the funding allocations in the 2012-13 revised estimate and 2013-14 estimate are comparable. As for NSCCP, the funding allocation in the 2013-14 estimate has increased by 51.3% as compared with the 2012-13 revised estimate. The estimated increase is due to the increase in service demand and utilisation.
 - (c) Different forms of child care services have been developed to meet different family needs. They include the CCC service, occasional child care service, extended hours service,

mutual help child care centres, NSCCP and ASCP. We will continue to monitor the demand for different child care services and enhance the provision as necessary.

- (d) A wide range of welfare services is available for Hong Kong residents, including DNR children. To enhance the support for families and children, the funding allocation for family and child welfare services in the 2013-14 estimate is \$2,218.7 million, an increase of 7.7% as compared with the 2012-13 revised estimate of \$2,060 million.

Name in block letters:	<u>Patrick T K Nip</u>
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)202

Question Serial No.

1152

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Budget Speech that additional funding of \$12.5 million will be allocated to the Social Welfare Department to increase the staff resources of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs). In this connection, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) What was the expenditure incurred by individual ICCMWs in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13)?
- (b) What are the estimated numbers of additional staff (by professional grade) for individual ICCMWs?
- (c) After the increase of staff resources, how many additional ex-mentally ill persons can be served by the ICCMWs?
- (d) Has the Administration assessed whether the staffing establishment of individual ICCMWs will be sufficient to meet the service needs of the districts concerned? If yes, what are the findings of the assessment? If not, why not?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The Administration allocated \$135 million to set up ICCMWs at 24 service points across the territory in October 2010. Additional recurrent funding totalling \$48 million was made available to ICCMWs in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to strengthen their manpower in dovetailing with the Case Management Programme (CMP) of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness and providing services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million to further strengthen the manpower of ICCMWs to tie in with the extension of the CMP to three more districts and to provide services for around 2 000 additional persons with mental health problems. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses and occupational therapists, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)203

Question Serial No.

1156

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description of the Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to assist in the implementation of Child Development Fund (CDF) projects, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please give the details of the latest situation on the implementation of CDF projects. So far, how many children have participated in the projects? How many operating organisations are involved?
- (b) Please list the number of volunteer personal mentors by year;
- (c) Please list the number of participants who failed to meet the saving target of \$200; failed to receive the matching contribution at the ratio of at least 1:1; and failed to complete the two-year savings programme; and
- (d) In the view of SWD, how effective are the projects? If it is considered effective, will the scope of participants in the projects be expanded in the future? If yes, what will be the additional expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Since the establishment of the CDF in December 2008, three batches involving 40 projects, operated by 18 non-governmental organisations (NGOs), were rolled out in April 2009, October 2010 and January 2012 respectively. More than 4 000 children have benefited from the projects.

The seven projects in the first batch were successfully completed in March 2012 while the other two batches of projects are in progress. For the 15 projects in the second batch, the participating children have completed their two-year savings programme in September 2012 and are now implementing their personal development plans. For the 18 projects in the third batch, training programmes are being organised by the operating NGOs for the participating children, parents and mentors, while the children have started the two-year savings programme.

- (b) Information on the number of serving mentors for the three batches of CDF projects is provided as follows –

	First batch projects (as at the end of project by 31 Mar 2012)	Second batch projects (as at 31 Dec 2012)	Third batch projects (as at 31 Dec 2012)
Number of serving mentors	652	1 310	1 526

- (c) The number of participating children whose monthly saving target has been set at below \$200; who have failed to receive the matching contribution at the ratio of at least 1:1; and who have withdrawn from the targeted savings programme are set out as follows –

	First batch projects	Second batch projects	Third batch Projects
Number of participating children	728	1 464	2 106
Number of children whose monthly saving target has been set at below \$200	16	19	27
Number of children who failed to receive the matching contribution at the ratio of at least 1:1	0 ^[Note 1]	0 ^[Note 1]	Not applicable ^[Note 2]
Number of children who have withdrawn from the targeted savings programme	7	23	0 ^[Note 3]

[Note 1] All projects were able to attain the minimum requirement of providing at least 1:1 matching fund ratio for each participating children who had completed the targeted savings programme.

[Note 2] The participating children will only receive the matching donation after completing their targeted savings programme, which are still on-going for the third batch.

[Note 3] The targeted savings programme is still in progress.

- (d) A consultant has been commissioned to conduct a longitudinal study to evaluate the effectiveness of the first batch pioneer CDF projects. According to the final report submitted by the consultancy team, the pioneer projects have achieved the aims of CDF in providing favourable conditions for the participating children to overcome inter-generational poverty. Taking into account the results and recommendations of the study and the practical experience in implementing the first three batches of CDF projects, enhancement measures for the future batches are being contemplated and the Administration will brief the Legislative Council members in due course.

Name in block letters:	<u>Patrick T K Nip</u>
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)204

Question Serial No.

1160

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech that \$160 million will be allocated in the five-year period from 2013-14 for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to organise ten more classes of two-year full-time Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme), providing more than 1 200 training places. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the details of the additional classes of EN Training Programme? How much average expenditure per place would be borne by the Government?
- (b) Do the additional places cover psychiatric ENs? Please list the respective ratio of general and psychiatric ENs each year.
- (c) The existing trainees of EN Training Programme are required to serve as ENs in non-governmental organisations or private organisations in the welfare sector dedicated to elderly services, rehabilitation services, family and child services or probation services for at least two years upon graduation. Please list the percentage of trainees who had continued to work in the social welfare sector upon completion of the two-year compulsory service in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD will organise ten more classes of the two-year full-time EN Training Programme to provide more than 1 200 training places in five years from 2013-14. Estimated expenditure per training place is around \$127,000.
- (b) The training places will be divided into two streams, namely EN (General) and EN (Psychiatric), with the ratio of training places being around 9 : 1.
- (c) Trainees of the EN Training Programme are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. Among the graduates of the first four classes, over 90% have entered the welfare sector after graduation. SWD does not capture information on the number of graduates who remain in the welfare sector after completion of the terms of employment in the undertaking.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)205

Question Serial No.

1161

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Brief Description under the Programme that the Social Welfare Department will continue to help implement the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Scheme) for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many RCHEs are participating in the Scheme? How many pharmacists are providing support?
- (b) What are the estimated numbers of additional RCHEs participating in the Scheme and pharmacists providing support in the coming year?
- (c) Please provide the number of medication incidents in RCHEs over the past three years (i.e. 2010 to 2012).
- (d) How would the Administration evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme? If it is found to be not that effective, will additional resources be allocated to strengthen the manpower under the Scheme? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Since the launching of the three-year Scheme in 2010-11, a total of 70 RCHEs have been served. Three full-time and five part-time pharmacists were involved in 2010-11, three full-time and nine part-time pharmacists were involved in 2011-12, whereas three full-time and 13 part-time pharmacists were involved in 2012-13.
- (b)&(d) The Administration will review the effectiveness of the Scheme in mid-June 2013 and decide on the way forward in light of the review findings.
- (c) From 2010 to 2012, there were 69 substantiated medication incidents in RCHEs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 27 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)206

Question Serial No.

1174

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to paragraph 114 of the Budget Speech, the manpower of residential care homes (RCHDs) and day training centres (DTCs) for persons with disabilities is to be increased to meet the needs of ageing service users. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The number of ageing service users on the waiting list and the waiting time by service target group at present?
- (b) The number of additional staff to be employed in RCHDs and DTCs by service target group in the coming year?
- (c) The numbers of additional personal care workers, registered nurses, physiotherapists and occupational therapists to be employed in RCHDs and DTCs in the coming year?
- (d) Whether the Administration will make additional training arrangements in response to the manpower needs for individual nursing professions such as physiotherapists and occupational therapists? If yes, please give the details. What is the expenditure to be involved?
- (e) In achieving the target of enhancing manpower, whether the Bureau will consider labour importation? If so, please give the details. What is the expenditure to be involved?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million in 2013-14 to provide additional care staff for residential care homes for persons with intellectual and/or physical disabilities, sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres operating the Work Extension Programme and day activity centres operating the Extended Care Programme, with a view to strengthening personal care for ageing users of these rehabilitation service units.

The number of applicants aged 50 or above on the waiting lists for residential care homes for persons with intellectual and/or physical disabilities and the average waiting time is provided as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at the end of December 2012)	Number of applicants aged 50 or above ^[Note] (as at the end of December 2012)	Average waiting time for 2011-12 (months)
HMMH	1 477	181	84.4
HSMH	2 173	291	81.6
C&A/SD	428	168	31.2
HSPH	433	177	37.4
SHOS	1 153	235	31.5

[Note] In general, the welfare sector is of the view that enhanced support services should be provided for ageing service users aged 50 or above.

Legend:

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

SHOS – supported hostel

- (b)&(c) The Administration has identified suitable premises/sites to provide 522 additional residential care places and 426 additional day training and vocational rehabilitation places for persons with disabilities in 2013-14. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating these services have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and personal care workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.
- (d) The Administration advises the University Grants Committee (UGC) regularly on the demand for tertiary training places, so that the tertiary institutions may make reference to such information when drawing up their academic development proposals. With the support of UGC, the number of first-year first-degree places in nursing has increased by 40 and that for allied health professions (e.g. physiotherapists and occupational therapists) by 146 per cohort in the 2012-15 triennium.

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University has implemented a two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy (MOT) programme and a two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy (MPT) programme from January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage graduates from the MOT and MPT programmes to join the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for NGOs to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled on these two programmes. A total of 59 students have joined the Scheme and undertaken to serve the sponsoring NGOs for no less than two consecutive years immediately after graduation. The total allocation for the Scheme is about \$18 million.

SWD has also collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise a two-year full-time Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector since 2006. A total of 12 training classes have been organised, providing about 1 500 training places. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. SWD will organise ten more classes for the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector providing more than 1 200 training places in five years from 2013-14. The total estimated expenditure for the ten classes is \$160 million.

- (e) The Administration will closely monitor the manpower supply and demand in the social welfare sector and put in place facilitating measures as appropriate. Apart from the measures mentioned in (d) above, the Administration has set up the Steering Committee on Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development to conduct a strategic review of healthcare manpower planning and professional development in Hong Kong. It will put forward recommendations to address the anticipated demand for healthcare manpower, strengthen professional training and facilitate professional development having regard to the findings of the strategic review.

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Date: 26 March 2013

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

LWB(WW)207

Question Serial No.

1175

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to paragraph 114 of the Budget Speech, the Administration will allocate additional funding to regularise the home care service for persons with severe disabilities and extend the services to all districts to cover persons with severe disabilities, regardless of whether they are on the waiting lists for places in residential care homes. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The numbers of persons with severe disabilities on the waiting lists and those not on the waiting lists for places in residential care homes and the average waiting time by 18 districts at present?
- (b) The list of organisations that provide home-based care services for persons with severe disabilities and the number of places thus provided, by 18 districts?
- (c) The estimated number of additional places of home-based care services for persons with severe disabilities after the extension of the services to all districts in the coming three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16)? What will be the expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of persons on the waiting list for subvented residential care service for persons with severe disabilities as at December 2012 and the average waiting time in 2011-12 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at the end of December 2012)	Average waiting time in 2011-12 (months)
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	2 173	81.6
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons	433	37.4
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	428	31.2

An applicant for a subsidised residential care service for persons with disabilities may concurrently waitlist for places in different districts for the same type of subsidised residential care service and the Social Welfare Department does not keep statistics on the numbers of persons on the waiting list and the average waiting time by district. There is also no comprehensive data regarding the number of persons with severe disabilities who are not on the waiting list for subsidised residential care service.

- (b) The pilot Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities was first launched in Tuen Mun and Kwun Tong districts in March 2011 and extended to Kwai Tsing and Wong Tai Sin districts in September 2011. As at end-February 2013, the pilot scheme had served a total of 459 persons with severe disabilities. A list of the non-governmental organisation (NGO) service operators and a breakdown of the number of cases served by the four districts are provided as follows –

District	Name of NGO service operator	Number of cases served
Tuen Mun	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	119
Kwai Tsing		106
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	135
Wong Tai Sin		99

- (c) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the pilot Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities in March 2014 and to extend it to persons with severe disabilities in all districts, regardless of whether they are on the waiting list for subsidised residential care services or not. We estimate that each year about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities over the territory will benefit from this service initiative.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)208

Question Serial No.

1176

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the residential care services for ex-mentally ill persons, mentally handicapped persons, physically handicapped persons, persons with severe disabilities and blind persons, etc., would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The number of the following residential care homes and the number of subsidised residential care places provided in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong –
 - (i) hostels for severely and moderately mentally handicapped persons, care-and-attention (C&A) homes for severely disabled persons and supported hostels;
 - (ii) C&A homes for the aged blind;
 - (iii) hostels for severely physically handicapped persons, C&A homes for severely disabled persons and supported hostels; and
 - (iv) long stay care homes, halfway houses and supported hostels?
- (b) The number of persons on the waiting lists for the above services in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012)?
- (c) The breakdown of the expenditure involved in the provision of additional places for the above services in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of existing service units and places for the aforementioned residential care services for persons with disabilities in each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department are provided as follows –

District	Number of service units							
	HMMH	HSMH	C&A/SD	HSPH	SHOS	C&A/AB	LSCH	HWH
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	5	11	4	2	3	7	1	4
Eastern / Wan Chai	2	4	2	1	2	0	0	3
Kwun Tong	6	5	0	2	3	0	0	2
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	3	8	2	2	4	0	0	6
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	4	2	0	1	2	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	4
Sha Tin	3	6	2	2	1	0	0	5
Tai Po / North	2	2	2	0	3	0	0	2
Yuen Long	4	2	2	1	2	1	0	3
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	5	10	3	1	2	0	2	3
Tuen Mun	5	7	2	1	1	1	2	4
Total	40	59	19	13	24	11	6	36

District	Number of places							
	HMMH	HSMH	C&A/SD	HSPH	SHOS	C&A/AB	LSCH	HWH
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	333	547	200	100	79	375	170	168
Eastern / Wan Chai	85	173	100	58	40	0	0	119
Kwun Tong	308	230	0	65	61	0	0	84
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	188	359	88	100	76	0	0	237
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	0	20	29	52	0	0
Sham Shui Po	60	104	0	0	30	78	200	169
Sha Tin	186	470	102	88	20	0	0	206
Tai Po / North	80	104	100	0	70	0	0	80
Yuen Long	187	106	100	50	46	80	0	104
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	218	557		25	83	0	525	162
Tuen Mun	364	431	67	67	20	240	612	180
Total	2 292	3 218	908	573	554	825	1 507	1 509

- (b) The number of applicants on the waiting lists for the residential care services concerned over the past three years was as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants		
	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
HMMH	1 386	1 369	1 477
HSMH	1 995	2 082	2 173
C&A/SD	361	389	428
HSPH	386	398	433
SHOS	1 001	1 012	1 153
C&A/AB	103	90	113
LSCH	1 116	1 222	1 300
HWH	784	735	669

- (c) A breakdown of the expenditure involved by each type of the residential care services concerned in the 2013-14 estimate is as follows –

Type of service	Planned number of places	Expenditure in 2013-14 Estimate (\$ million)
HMMH	2 382	201.2
HSMH	3 648	611.2
C&A/SD	989	200.9
HSPH	573	102.2
SHOS	616	49.9
C&A/AB	825	119.4
LSCH	1 582	193.9
HWH	1 534	159.2

Legend:

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
SHOS – supported hostel
C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
LSCH – long stay care home
HWH – halfway house

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)209

Question Serial No.

1177

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding family support services under the Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The numbers of outreaching services and vulnerable families successfully contacted by each of the seven Family Support Networking Teams (FSNTs); as well as the number of families successfully referred to their required services last year;
- (b) For cases not referred out or cases where the families are unwilling to have their cases referred, how will FSNTs follow up;
- (c) Currently, the seven FSNTs only provide services in three districts, namely Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po and Kowloon City. How is the relevant work in other districts being followed up? Does the work fall under the Family Support Programme (FSP)? How would the Administration review and evaluate FSNTs and the support services being provided under the Programme? and
- (d) The effectiveness of the FSP in each District Council district last year, including the numbers of cases of outreaching services provided, the families successfully contacted and successful referral.

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) FSNTs provide outreaching services to vulnerable families and refer needy families to various welfare service units for follow-up action as appropriate. From April to December 2012, the seven FSNTs have together successfully contacted 3 386 new vulnerable families through outreaching attempts and referred 2 502 of them to their required services, i.e. an average of 483 families outreached and 357 referred for each FSNT.
- (b) For families not referred or not willing to be referred, FSNTs will advise them on the community and welfare resources available, including the range of services available at the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres (IFSCs/ISCs) so that they may seek assistance as and when needed.
- (c) FSNTs were formed in 2003 in pursuit of a recommendation of the Consultancy Study on the Review of Integrated Neighbourhood Projects (INPs) in Targeted Old Urban Areas. FSNTs were formed in the same Social Welfare Department (SWD) administrative

districts of the respective INPs, i.e. Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong, so as to continue serving the vulnerable living in these old urban districts.

To reach out to needy families who are reluctant to seek help, FSP has been launched in IFSCs/ISCs, Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) and Psychiatric Medical Social Services Units (MSSUs) since early 2007. Through telephone contacts, home visits and other outreaching programmes, FSP seeks to introduce families-at-risk, including those at risk of domestic violence, psychiatric problems and/or social isolation, to various support services available and motivate them to receive services to prevent further deterioration of their problems. Volunteers including those who have personal experience in overcoming family/personal problems or crises have been recruited and trained to contact these families and to provide them with support and assistance. Under the Service Performance Monitoring System, SWD conducts on-going assessment to monitor the service delivery and performance of the FSNTs and FSP.

- (d) The effectiveness of FSP is reflected by the number of volunteers serving as Family Support Persons and the number of families/individuals engaged. As at December 2012, there were a total of 3 110 Family Support Persons in IFSCs, ISCs and FCPSUs; and 6 693 families/individuals were engaged under the FSP during the period April to December 2012. The breakdown is as below –

SWD District	No. of family support persons as at December 2012	No. of families/individuals engaged (April-December 2012)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	444	598
Eastern/ Wan Chai	173	452
Kwun Tong	274	323
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	298	536
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	236	563
Sham Shui Po	279	428
Sha Tin	220	1 386
Tai Po/North	504	898
Yuen Long	158	452
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	353	687
Tuen Mun	171	370
Total	3 110	6 693

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)210

Question Serial No.

3070

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) under this Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The number of places and service users in each of the 18 districts in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 to 2012-13). Among the service users, how many were using the home-based child care service and how many the centre-based care group service?
- (b) In the past two years, how many home-based child carers could provide service at night in each of the 18 districts? What are the ratio of service, the service subsidy or the average fees per hour in each district?
- (c) Would the Administration increase the number of places and the incentive payment to home-based child carers in order to attract more local residents to undertake service duties so that the burden of the dual working families can be alleviated?
- (d) The expenditure of the Administration on home-based child care service and centre-based care group service in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) NSCCP was regularised and extended to 18 districts in October 2011. The NSCCP operator of each of the 18 districts is required to provide at least 26 home-based child care (HCC) places and 14 centre-based care group (CCG) places. The number of children served in each district under HCC and CCG services in the past two years is provided in the table below –

District	Number of children served ^[Note 1]							
	2011-12 ^[Note 2]				2012-13 (up to December 2012)			
	HCC	CCG	HCC & CCG	Total	HCC	CCG	HCC & CCG	Total
Central & Western	37	0	0	37	95	0	0	95
Eastern	80	0	0	80	226	0	1	227
Islands	223	0	0	223	344	0	0	344
Kowloon City	236	6	7	249	453	26	13	492
Kwai Tsing	158	169	17	344	216	276	25	517
Kwun Tong	283	35	3	321	440	75	21	536
North	170	5	2	177	237	4	1	242
Sai Kung	308	0	0	308	436	0	2	438
Sha Tin	234	6	1	241	352	0	0	352
Sham Shui Po	337	22	14	373	622	98	27	747
Southern	47	45	4	96	129	41	7	177
Tai Po	137	7	0	144	352	1	10	363
Tsuen Wan	25	1	1	27	211	1	1	213
Tuen Mun	388	86	49	523	602	96	47	745
Wan Chai	40	0	0	40	127	2	1	130
Wong Tai Sin	131	74	16	221	321	163	16	500
Yau Tsim Mong	75	133	15	223	609	142	82	833
Yuen Long	413	107	18	538	606	171	44	821
Total	3 322	696	147	4 165	6 378	1 096	298	7 772

[Note 1] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) captures service utilisation by counts of children using the service in the month. One child is counted once each month.

[Note 2] Since the extension of NSCCP to 18 districts in October 2011.

- (b) Every NSCCP operator of each of the 18 districts is required to provide at least 26 HCC places till 11:00 p.m. daily, covering all weekends and public holidays. The basic fees for HCC service range from \$18 to \$24 per hour.
- (c) On top of the minimum requirement set by SWD, NSCCP service operators have exercised the flexibility to increase the number of HCC places to meet actual service demand. SWD has not received any report of needy children having to wait for NSCCP places because of insufficient service places. NSCCP is a mutual help

project and not an employment project. It aims to promote community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood, and at the same time provide flexible child care support to needy families. The home-based child carers of NSCCP are providing service as volunteers in the spirit of care for others.

- (d) The estimated recurrent allocation for NSCCP in 2013-14 is \$37.1 million and there is no breakdown between HCC and CCG.

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

LWB(WW)211

Question Serial No.

3071

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the enhancement of the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) under this Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please list the current staffing establishment of each ICCMW and the caseload per social worker;
- (b) Please list the number of cases served by each ICCMW last year by type of service targets (i.e. ex-mentally ill persons aged 15 or above, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and local residents);
- (c) Among the 24 existing ICCMWs, how many of them have yet to secure permanent accommodation, how many have secured permanent accommodation but are still at the preparatory stage and how many are having to find another location owing to local objections during the process of identifying permanent accommodation? When will all ICCMWs secure permanent accommodation in the districts?
- (d) What is the estimated expenditure on each ICCMW in the coming year? Will there be additional resources and manpower to address the increasingly severe mental health problems in the community?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing and strengthening their manpower to meet service needs and ensure service quality. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the statistics on the number of cases handled by each social worker. During the period from the commencement of ICCMWs service in October 2010 to December 2012, ICCMWs provided casework services for around 20 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems as well as their families and carers.
- (c) SWD has been proactively identifying suitable sites for use by ICCMWs. Of the 24 ICCMWs, seven are currently operating in permanent accommodation and another six are expected to commence service at their permanent accommodation in 2013-14 following the completion of fitting-out works. We have also

identified suitable sites for three other ICCMWs, in respect of which local consultation will follow; and reserved a site for another ICCMW in a redevelopment project. SWD will work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments to continue identifying suitable premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government properties, school premises and public housing units, etc. for the remaining seven ICCMWs. Meanwhile, SWD is also funding the rental expenses incurred for using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation of ICCMWs and will continue to consider such applications for rental support from individual ICCMW operators.

- (d) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of existing ICCMWs to dovetail with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness to three more districts and to provide services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. The total recurrent funding for ICCMWs will be increased to over \$190 million in 2013-14.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)212

Question Serial No.

3229

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the day care centres for the elderly (DEs)/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) and the relevant services mentioned under the Indicators, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Why is the enrolment rate not dropping but being maintained at 110%?
- (b) What is the actual utilisation rate of DEs/DCUs?
- (c) What were the number of service users and number of elderly on the waiting lists for DEs/DCUs in Hong Kong in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 to 2012-13)? What was the average waiting time?
- (d) What were the number of respite places provided by DEs/DCUs, number of service users and number of elderly on the waiting lists for DEs/DCUs in the past two years?
- (e) It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that additional recurrent funding of \$9 million will be allocated to add 100 day care places. Please provide the details of geographical distribution of the additional places. Will the funding be used for any additional manpower?
- (f) Is the waiting time anticipated to be shortened with the addition of places? If yes, how much time will be shortened?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Since some elderly occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the centres every day, it is therefore possible for the DEs/DCUs to take in additional elderly persons to fill the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of the DC places is therefore set at 110%. Although the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not specified the number of full-time and part-time users, operators of DEs/DCUs are required to arrange the attendance of the service users according to their care needs.
- (b) As at the end of January 2013, the number of elderly persons receiving DC services was 3 485. We do not keep statistics on the utilisation rate of DC places.

- (c) The numbers of service users and applicants for subsidised DEs/DCUs and the average waiting time in 2011-12 (as at 31 March 2012) and 2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013) were as follows –

DC Service	2011-12 (as at 31 March 2012)	2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)
No. of service users	3 240	3 485
No. of applicants	1 594	1 558
Average waiting time (by months)	9	9

- (d) As at the end of January 2013, SWD had designated 114 day respite places in DEs/DCUs. In addition, individual DEs/DCUs may also make use of the casual vacancies to provide respite service. SWD does not keep statistics on the number of service users receiving day respite service.
- (e) The geographical distribution of the additional 100 DC places for the elderly which are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards will be as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Sai Kung	60
Wan Chai	20
Sham Shui Po	10
Sha Tin	10
Total	100

Although SWD has not specified any staff establishment, the operators will need to ensure an appropriate and adequate staff mix in providing DC service.

- (f) The waiting time for DC places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the preference of the applicants on service providers, change in service demand, different turnover rates of individual DE/DCUs, etc., it is difficult to estimate the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the provision of additional places. In any case, the additional DC places should help ease the pressure on waiting time.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)213

Question Serial No.

3280

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the spectrum of home care services under this Programme, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) Concerning the integrated home care services (IHCS), how many of such cases involved frail elderly over the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 to 2012-13)? How many frail elderly are currently waiting for these services?
- (b) Please provide the respective waiting time for the following types of home care services over the past two years: personal care, basic and special care, rehabilitation exercise, meals and home environment safety assessment and improvement.
- (c) As regards IHCS for non-frail elderly, how many service users benefited from meals, cleaning or personal care and escorting services and how long was the waiting time over the past two years?
- (d) Will the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) to be introduced in the coming year cover the abovementioned home-based care services?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of service users of IHCS (Frail Cases) was 1 443 in 2011-12 and 1 364 in 2012-13 (up to the end of January 2013). As at the end of January 2013, there were 524 frail elderly waiting for IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS).
- (b) & (c) The frail elderly who had gone through the standardised assessment could wait for either IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS. As at the end of January 2013, the average waiting time was about two months.

SWD does not capture information on (i) the waiting time for specific home care service items under IHCS ((Ordinary Cases) and (Frail Cases)); and (ii) the number of services users of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) receiving specific home care service items.

- (d) The Pilot Scheme will be delivered in two modes: (i) mixed mode: day care (part-time) and home care services; and (ii) single mode: day care (part-time) services. Under the mixed mode, the recognised scope of home care services include care management,

basic and special nursing care, personal care, rehabilitative exercise (e.g. physiotherapy and occupational therapy), carer support services, day respite services, counselling services, 24-hour emergency support, environmental risk assessment and home modifications, home-making and meal delivery services, transportation and escort services.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)214

Question Serial No.

3281

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the residential care services provided under this Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many scheduled and surprise inspections of various subvented and private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) were carried out by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)? How many times were non-compliances detected and what were the numbers of advice and warnings given and prosecution actions taken?
- (b) How many cases of elder abuse, drug dispensing errors and misappropriation of the property of the elderly in RCHEs were reported in the past three years? In how many cases have follow-up actions been taken and how many RCHEs concerned have been successfully prosecuted by SWD?

What are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the monitoring of the RCHEs in the coming year?

- (c) To tackle the problems of shortage of residential care places and the continual rise in rents, how will the Administration increase the land provision for RCHEs and will the Administration require private developers to earmark lower floor areas for use as RCHEs in the land sale conditions? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) All inspections conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of SWD are surprise ones. The number of inspections and the follow-up actions taken on RCHEs from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were set out as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of February 2013)
Inspections conducted	5 569	5 373	4 640
Advisory letters issued ^[Note]	3 264	3 097	2 664
Warning letters issued	404	377	296
Prosecution actions taken	18	5	10

^[Note] Advisory letters were issued for both service improvement and service non-compliance purposes. SWD, however, does not keep further breakdown on the type of advisory letters issued.

- (b) Statistics on reported cases of elderly abuse, drug dispensing errors and misappropriation of property of the elderly in RCHEs from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of reported cases	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of February 2013)
Elderly abuse	1	4	3
Drug dispensing error	36	17	12
Misappropriation of property of the elderly	0	2	0

The Administration had taken follow-up actions on all of the above cases through surprise inspections, investigations, referral to service units and/or the police, issue of advisory or warning letters and prosecution if required. Among which, four RCHEs had been successfully prosecuted.

In 2013-14, an estimated expenditure of \$40.1 million for a team of 38 staff will be earmarked for the monitoring of RCHEs.

- (c) The Administration has been proactively identifying suitable sites for setting up new contract RCHEs. SWD maintains close contact with relevant government departments with a view to reserving sites in new development and re-development projects, vacant school premises, government accommodation that is surplus to the requirement, etc. as far as practicable for provision of elderly service facilities. We have already earmarked sites in eight development projects for the construction of new contract RCHEs. We are also discussing with social welfare organisations on how to make better use of the sites held by non-governmental organisations through redevelopment or expansion to provide diversified subvented and self-financing facilities.

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

LWB(WW)215

Question Serial No.

0678

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is reported by the media that “there are 110 refugees still remaining in Hong Kong. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Sub-Office Hong Kong was recently informed by the UNHCR that the expenditure would be cut and the monthly cash allowance of \$500 for refugees in Hong Kong would be cancelled starting from July this year. As the refugees cannot work in Hong Kong and have no income while the local rent is high, their lives will become more difficult with the cancellation of the \$500-allowance, despite the Government’s rent subsidy of about \$1,200 and food provision every 10 days for each refugee. It is thus hoped that the Hong Kong Government will help these refugees by providing them with an accountable rent allowance.” The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides rent allowance and in-kind assistance to refugees in Hong Kong through the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the amount of public money spent on the provision of financial and other kinds of assistance to refugees in Hong Kong each year?
- (b) Please list the duration of stay of the 110 refugees in Hong Kong. Why are they remaining in Hong Kong?
- (c) How much longer are these refugees expected to remain in Hong Kong? As the UNHCR will no longer provide a monthly allowance of \$500 to refugees in Hong Kong starting from July this year, will it mean more allowance payments for the SAR Government? and
- (d) Will the number of refugees in Hong Kong decrease gradually or will it increase? If it will increase, what is the trend? What is the estimated allocation for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. NG Leung-sing

Reply: The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 protocol have never been applied to Hong Kong. Claims for refugee status lodged in Hong Kong are dealt with by the UNHCR Office in Hong Kong. On UNHCR’s advice that an illegal immigrant or overstayer has lodged a refugee claim with its Office, the Director of Immigration will, as a matter of established practice, withhold the removal or deportation action against the concerned asylum seeker until the completion of refugee status determination and refugees so mandated by the UNHCR (“mandated refugees”) pending resettlement to a third country. As for the time

between UNHCR's conclusion of a claim and the removal of the person from Hong Kong, it varies considerably from case to case depending on individual circumstances (e.g. whether the person is accepted for entry by overseas authorities). It is difficult for the HKSAR Government to estimate how much longer the concerned persons will remain in Hong Kong and whether their number will increase or decrease.

According to UNHCR, as at 31 January 2013, 110 mandated refugees were staying in Hong Kong pending resettlement to a third country. Their duration of stay is as follows –

Duration of stay (as at 31 January 2013)	Number of cases
0 – 1 year	3
1 – 2 years	10
2 - 3 years	27
3 - 4 years	19
4 - 5 years	5
5 years or above	46
Total	110

On humanitarian grounds, the HKSAR Government, in collaboration with non-governmental organisations and on a case-by-case basis, offers in-kind assistance to torture claimants, asylum seekers, and mandated refugees who cannot meet their basic needs while their claims are being processed. The Social Welfare Department, as a service delivery agent in support of the overall policy on asylum seekers, torture claimants and mandated refugees under the Security Bureau, has commissioned the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) to provide assistance-in-kind to them in the form of temporary accommodation, food, clothing, other basic necessities, appropriate transport allowances, and medical service. The 2012-13 revised estimate on humanitarian assistance is \$158.8 million, of which \$3.4 million accounts for assistance provided to mandated refugees.

In formulating the policy regarding the nature, level and form of support to be given to those refugees, asylum seekers and torture claimants who are in need, consideration has been given to a basket of factors including the needs of the individual concerned and the reasonableness of his demands. The aim is to provide support which is considered sufficient to prevent a person from becoming destitute while at the same time not creating a magnet effect which could have serious implications to the sustainability of our current support systems. It is considered that the present arrangement of providing assistance-in-kind strikes an appropriate balance having regard to the aforesaid relevant factors.

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 Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)216

Question Serial No.

2628

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the 2012-13 Budget that the Administration plans to upgrade 600 EA2 places to EA1 in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). What is the actual situation regarding the upgrade of such places throughout 2012-13? Among the 7 920 places in private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in the 2012-13 revised estimate, what is the ratio of EA1 to EA2 places? Moreover, how many existing EA2 places are planned to be upgraded to EA1 in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply: In 2012-13, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) planned to upgrade about 600 EA2 places to EA1 standard. Relevant service operators were requested to provide the upgraded EA1 places in 2013-14. As at 31 January 2013, among the 7 387 EBPS places purchased, 42% were EA1 places and 58% were EA2 places. SWD will consider upgrading additional EA2 places in 2013-14, taking into account the service demand and operating standard of EBPS homes concerned.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)217

Question Serial No.

2629

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the progress of the development of the new Computerised Social Security System. In the reply to a question raised by a Member in 2012-13, the Administration said, “The target completion date of Phase 1 (i.e. live run of the new computer system) is August 2013, while those for Phase 2 (i.e. enhancement of management information system) and Phase 3 (i.e. provision of e-services) are November 2013 and February 2014 respectively.” In view of the progress made, can the targets be achieved as expected?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply: The System Analysis and Design stage of the new system was completed by the end of December 2012. At present, Phase 1 programme development is in progress with preparatory work of system test being carried out in parallel. As a result of implementing two new initiatives, i.e. the Old Age Living Allowance and Guangdong Scheme, which will be launched in one go with Phase 1, the target rollout date of Phase 1 has been revised from August 2013 to October 2013 while the target rollout dates of Phase 2 and 3 remain unchanged as at current estimate.

The coming months will be critical for determining whether the target rollout dates can be met. The Social Welfare Department will continue to closely monitor the project progress.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)218

Question Serial No.

2632

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The number of places in day care centres for the elderly (DEs)/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) will increase by 182 from 2 669 in the revised estimate for the financial year 2012-13 to 2 851 for the financial year 2013-14. However, it is mentioned in paragraph 113 (b) of the Budget Speech that the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$9 million to add 100 day care (DC) places. Why is there a difference of 82 places? What will be the actual number of additional DEs/DCUs in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply: The number of additional DC places expected to commence service in 2013-14 is 182 and the additional 100 DC places as announced in the Budget Speech are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)219

Question Serial No.

2633

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the net increase of 73 posts in 2013-14 under Programme (2), would the Administration please provide this Committee with a breakdown by division, rank and function of the posts to be deleted and created. Please also list the number of “non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff”, “agency workers” and “outsourced workers” included in these posts.

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply: The net increase of 73 posts involves the creation of posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant grades and supporting general grades in the Social Welfare Department. The new posts are created to implement the Old Age Living Allowance and Guangdong Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, to strengthen the manpower support in the provision of social security services in the centralised teams as well as the Social Security Field Units (SSFUs), including the splitting of a large SSFU into two. All are civil service posts and no NCSC staff, agency worker or outsourced worker are involved.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)220

Question Serial No.

2634

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 114 of the Budget Speech that additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million will be allocated to increase the job attachment allowance and wage subsidy under the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. Specifically how much allowance or subsidy will be increased under each of the programmes?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply: In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million to enhance the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. Under these two programmes, the job attachment allowance will be raised from \$1,250 to \$2,000 per month for a maximum period of three months whereas the cap for the job trial wage subsidy will be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month, with the maximum subsidy period extended from three months to six months.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)221

Question Serial No.

2636

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration plans to allocate additional funding of \$203 million in 2013-14 to regularise the home care service for persons with severe disabilities. How many service places does the Administration expect to provide with this funding?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply: To enhance community support services for persons with severe disabilities living in the community and help relieve the burden of their carers, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the pilot Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities starting from March 2014 with a view to providing home-based support services (i.e. personal care and escort service, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training service and nursing care service) for persons with severe disabilities living in the community. We estimate that about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities over the territory will benefit from the service, regardless of whether they are on the waiting list for subvented residential care service for persons with disabilities.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)222

Question Serial No.

2113

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13) as well as in 2013-14, the number of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) subvented agencies providing occasional child care service (OCCS) has remained at 217.

- (a) Please list the names and addresses of these 217 agencies.
- (b) How many OCCS places in total are being provided by these 217 agencies?
- (c) Has SWD assessed whether the present demands could be met by the subvented agencies providing OCCS? If yes, how many are receiving the service? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) There are 214 child care centres operated by 50 subvented agencies, providing a total of 217 OCCS service units. The list of centres is provided in the table below –

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre	Address
1	Alice Lan & Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	Alice Lan & Vera Shen Education Fund Delia Pei Nursery	Wing B, G/F, Fu Shing House, Fung Shing Court, Sha Tin, New Territories
2		Alice Lan & Vera Shen Education Fund Gordon Pei Nursery	G/F, Block 3, Bo Shek Mansion, 328 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
3	Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (HK) Limited	Prosperous Garden Baptist Nursery School	G/F, 14 Tung Kun Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon
4		Garden Estate Baptist Nursery School	Room 37, 2/F, Lotus Tower 2, Garden Estate, 297 Ngau Tau Kok Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
5		Heng On Baptist Nursery School	Units 1-5, Heng Sing House, Heng On Estate, Ma On Shan, Sha Tin, New Territories
6	Baptist Mid-Missions	Kin Sang Baptist Church Bradbury Pre-School	G/F, Tai Sang House, Kin Sang Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
7		Ka Fuk Baptist Church Pre-school	G/F, Fuk Lok House, Ka Fuk Estate, Fanling, New Territories

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre	Address
8	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Pui Yan Pre-primary School	G/F, 1 Fortune Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon
9	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	Christian & Missionary Alliance Lei Tung Nursery School	102-112, G/F, Tung Hing House, Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong
10		Christian & Missionary Alliance South Horizons Nursery School	Upper G/F, 29 Yi Nam Road, Phase IV, South Horizons, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong
11		Christian & Missionary Alliance Sha Tin Nursery School	Units No. 1-13, Ground Floor, Oriole House, Sha Kok Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories
12		Christian & Missionary Alliance Plover Cove Nursery School	Level 1, Shop 106, Plover Cove Garden, 3 Plover Cove Road, Tai Po, New Territories
13		Christian & Missionary Alliance Fu Shan Nursery School	No. 1-6, Lower Ground 1, Fu Shun House, Fu Shan Estate, Po Kong Village Road, Kowloon
14		Christian & Missionary Alliance Tin Chung Nursery School	1/F, Tin Chung Court Ancillary Facilities Block, Tin Chung Court, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories
15		Caritas - Hong Kong	Caritas Nursery School - Kennedy Town
16	Caritas Zonta Club of Hong Kong Nursery School		G/F, Fu Ming House, Wah Ming Estate, Fanling, New Territories
17	Caritas Lions Club of Hong Kong (Pacific) Nursery School		G/F, Carport Block, Harmony Garden, 9 Siu Sai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
18	Caritas Nursery School - Yau Tong		Level 2, 60 Lei Yue Mun Road, Yau Tong, Kowloon
19	Caritas Nursery School - Lei Yue Mun		G/F, Wing B & C, Lei Sang House, Lei Yue Mun Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
20	Caritas Nursery School - Ta Kwu Ling		G/F, Caritas Ta Kwu Ling Centre, Ping Che Road, Ta Kwu Ling, Fanling, New Territories
21			Caritas Nursery School - Tsui Lam
22		Caritas Nursery School - Sha Tin	23-25 Man Lai Road, Sha Tin, New Territories
23		Caritas Kai Yau Nursery School	Unit 1-8, G/F, Fu Tung House, Tung Tau Estate, Kowloon
24	Christian Family Service Centre	Christian Family Service Centre Tak Tin Day Nursery	Top Floor, Carpark Block, Hong Nga Court, Lam Tin, Kowloon

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre	Address
25	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery	310-316, 3/F, Lai Kwai House, Lai Kok Estate, Kowloon
26	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong	Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Ling On Nursery School	Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre, 5/F, 71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin, Kowloon
27		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Ling Kung Nursery School	Wing A, G/F, Yee Kui House, Tsing Yi Estate, Tsing Yi, New Territories
28		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Amazing Grace Nursery School	3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex, 2 High Street, Hong Kong
29		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Grace Nursery School	G/F, Fung Yat Social Service Complex, 364 Kwai Shing Circuit, Kwai Chung, New Territories
30		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Kin Ming Nursery School	Wing B & C, G/F, Ming Sing House, Kin Ming Estate, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories
31	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	Five Districts Business Welfare Association Nursery	Wang Chak House (Block 4), Phase IV, Wang Tau Hom Estate, Kowloon
32		Five Districts Business Welfare Association Cheung Chuk Shan Nursery	Level 5, Commercial Complex, Lung Poon Court, Diamond Hill, Kowloon
33	Hong Kong Christian Service	Hong Kong Christian Service Lei Cheng Uk Nursery School	No. 316, Podium Level, Shun Yee House, Lei Cheng Uk Estate, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
34		Hong Kong Christian Service Tai Hang Tung Nursery School	4/F, & Roof Playground, Tai Hang Tung Community Centre, 17 Tong Yam Street, Tai Hang Tung, Kowloon
35		Hong Kong Christian Service Kwun Tong Nursery School	4th Floor, Kwun Tong Community Centre, 17 Tsui Ping Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
36		Hong Kong Christian Service Central Nursery School	3/F, Mongkok Complex, 557 Shanghai Street, Kowloon.
37		Hong Kong Christian Service Shek Kip Mei Nursery School	Unit 201-218, 1/F, Block 23, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Woh Chai Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
38		Hong Kong Christian Service Times Nursery School	G/F, Shop B & 1st Floor, Times Towers, 391-407 Jaffe Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
39		Hong Kong Christian Service Tin Heng Nursery School	Wing B & C, G/F, Heng Kwai House, Tin Heng Estate, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre	Address
40	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Aw Hoe Day Nursery	Unit 4-10, G/F, Sui Keung House, Siu Sai Wan Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
41		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children SIA Whampoa Nursery School	First Floor, Willow Court, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom, Kowloon
42		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Mr & Mrs Thomas Tam Nursery	3/F, Sai Cho Wan Neighbourhood Community Centre, Cha Kwo Ling Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
43		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children The Jockey Club Hok Sam Nursery School	No. 101-108, G/F, Hok Sam House, Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories
44		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Lam Woo Nursery School	3/F, Fu Heng Neighbourhood Community Centre, Fu Heng Estate, Tai Po, New Territories
45		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Thomas Tam Nursery School	King George V Memorial Park, Hospital Road, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong
46		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Ma Tau Chung Nursery School.	2nd Floor and 3rd Floor, 107 Ma Tau Chung Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon
47		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Portland Street Nursery School	4/F, & Penthouse (Laundry), 387 Portland Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon
48		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Jessie Tam Day Creche	Lower Ground Floor, Yuk Ming Towers, 204 Third Street, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong
49		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children SIA Shaukiwan Day Creche Centre	458, Shaukiwan Road, Hong Kong
50		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children William Grimsdale Day Creche	G/F, Ka Lei Lau, Ka Wai Chuen, Hung Hom, Kowloon
51		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Park'N Shop Staff Charitable Fund Nursery	6/F, 387, Portland Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon
52		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children BOC Nursery	G/F, GIC Building, Olympian City, 11 Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon
53		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Air Cargo Community Day Creche	1/F & Portion of Penthouse, 387 Portland Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon

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54		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Operation Santa Claus Fanling Nursery	G/F, Wah Koon House, Wah Sum Estate, Fanling, New Territories
55		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Esther Lee Day Creche	G/F, Hong Ming House, Wah Ming Estate, Fanling, New Territories
56		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Sze Wu Shu Min Nursery School	G/F, Kwong Sun House, Kwong Ming Court, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories
57		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Ocean Shore Nursery School	LG2, Phase 3, Ocean Shores, 88 O King Road, Tiu Keng Leng, Kowloon
58		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Cheung Sha Wan Nursery School	5/F, Cheung Sha Wan Community Centre, 55 Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon
59		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Butterfly Estate Nursery School	No. 124-130, Tip Mo House, Ground Floor, Butterfly Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
60		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Sham Tseng Nursery School	Room 501, Level 5, Commercial Block, Bellagio, 33 Castle Peak Road, Sham Tseng, New Territories
61		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Hong Kong Bank Foundation Nursery School	6/F, Henry G, Leong Yau Ma Tei Community Centre, Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon
62	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Cheung Ching Nursery School	5/F, Cheung Ching Estate Community Centre, Tsing Yi, New Territories
63		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Lung Hang Nursery School	5/F, Lung Hang Estate Community Centre, Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories
64		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tsuen Wan Nursery School	4/F, Princess Alexandra Community Centre, Tai Ho Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
65		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tai Hon Fan Nursery School	G/F, The Centre, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong
66		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Chiu Oi Wah Nursery School	G/F, Wing B & C, Un Fung House, Un Chau Estate, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre	Address
67		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association On Ting Nursery School	5/F, On Ting/Yau Oi Community Centre, On Ting Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
68		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Choi Wan Nursery School	No.109-114, Ground Floor, Ngan Ho House, Choi Wan Estate, Kowloon
69		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Faith Hope Nursery School	G/F, Lung Hong House, Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate, Kowloon
70	Heep Hong Society	Heep Hong Healthy Kids Nursery School	Portion of G/F & Portion of 1/F, Hoi Yan House, Hoi Fu Court, Mong Kok, Kowloon
71	Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung Nursery	Unit No. G37, Ground Floor, Commercial Complex, Sui Wo Court, Sha Tin, New Territories
72		Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Ting Yuk Chee Nursery	Podium, Level 6, Perfect Mount Garden, Po Man Street, Shauiwan, Hong Kong
73		Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Ting Sun Hui Chiu Nursery	Ground Floor, Block 3, Mei Yeung House, Mei Lam Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories
74		Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Wan Tsui Nursery	G/F, Hei Tsui House, Wan Tsui Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
75	The Hong Kong Council of The Church of Christ in China	The Church of Christ in China Fuk Yau Child Care Centre	Nos. 14-17, G/F, Shek Tsui House, Shek Wai Kok Estate, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
76		The Church of Christ in China Fuk Yau No. 2 Child Care Centre cum Day Creche	Nos. 3-16, 18 & 20, G/F, Shek Lin House, Shek Wai Kok Estate, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
77	HK Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - HK Synod Ltd	Heng Fa Chuen Lutheran Day Nursery	Ground Floor, 100 Shing Tai Road, Heng Fa Chuen, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
78		Lei Tung Lutheran Day Nursery	Flat 113-123, G/F, Tung Mau House, Lei Tung Estate, Hong Kong
79		Chan En Mei Lutheran Day Nursery	Ground Floor, 150A Tai Tsoi Yuen Road, Cheung Chau
80		Lui Kwan Pok Lutheran Day Nursery	G/F and 1/F, 7 Church Road, Cheung Chau
81		Martha Boss Lutheran Nursery	4th Floor, Martha Boss Community Centre, 89 Chung Hau Street, Homantin, Kowloon

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre	Address
82		Cheung Ching Lutheran Day Nursery	Room 309-314, 2/F, Ching Kwai House, Cheung Ching Estate, Tsing Yi Island, New Territories
83		Maritime Square Lutheran Day Nursery	Portion of Ground Floor, Maritime Square, 33 Tsing King Road, Tsing Yi, New Territories
84		King Lam Lutheran Day Nursery	3/F, King Lam Neighbourhood Community Centre, King Lam Estate, Tseung Kwan O, Kowloon
85		Leung King Lutheran Day Nursery	5/F, Leung King Estate Community Centre, Leung King Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
86	Hong Kong Student Aid Society	Hong Kong Student Aid Society Po Tat Nursery	Wing B & C, G/F, Tat Yan House, Po Tat Estate, Sau Mau Ping, Kowloon
87	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The)	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club Nursery	G/F, 42 Shing Tak Street, Kowloon City, Kowloon
88	Lutheran Philip House Limited	Lutheran Philip House Hing Man Nursery School	Level 3, Community Building, Hing Man Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
89		Lutheran Philip House Ma Tau Wai Nursery School	No. 115, 117 and 118, Magnolia House, Ground Floor, Ma Tau Wai Estate, Kowloon
90		Lutheran Philip House Kai Yip Nursery School	No. 15-18 & 24-27, Kai Ning House, Ground Floor, Kai Yip Estate, Kowloon
91		Lutheran Philip House Oi Lun Nursery School	3/F, Hin Keng Neighbourhood Community Centre, Hin Wo Lane, Sha Tin, New Territories
92	Methodist Centre	Tin Wan Methodist Day Nursery	Unit 1-10, G/F, Tin Hong House, Tin Wan Estate, Hong Kong
93	New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association - Cheung Fat Estate Children Garden	5/F, Cheung Fat Estate Community Centre, Cheung Fat Estate, Tsing Yi Island, New Territories
94		New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Fanling Children Garden	Wing B & C, G/F, Chun King House, King Sing Court, Fanling, New Territories
95		The New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Limited Sheung Shui Children Garden	5/F, North District Community Centre, 2 Lung Wan Street, Sheung Shui, New Territories
96		New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Ltd. Pok Hong Estate Children Garden	Unit No. 21-28, G/F, Pok On House, Pok Hong Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre	Address
97		New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Limited Yuen Long Children Garden	4, Tai Yuk Road, 3rd Floor, Yuen Long Town Hall, Yuen Long, New Territories
98	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung Day Nursery	1/F, Carpark 2, Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Lantau Island
99		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Yan Day Nursery	1/F, Tower 15, Caribbean Coast, 1 Kin Tung Road, Tung Chung, Lantau Island
100		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Fanling Day Nursery	Shop No. 37, Level 1, Shopping Arcade, Regentville I, 8 Wo Mun Street, Luen Wo Hui, Fanling, New Territories
101		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Sun Chui Day Creche [Note]	G/F, Sun Kit House, Sun Chui Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories
102		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Yau Oi Day Creche [Note]	Unit 101-105, G/F, Oi Tak House, Yau Oi Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
103		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Yuen Long Day Nursery	G/F (Entrance) & 1/F, Orion Court, 23 Mau Tan Street, Yuen Long, New Territories
104	New Kowloon Women Association Limited	New Kowloon Women Association Lok Wah Nursery	5/F, Lok Wah Estate Community Centre, Chun Wah Road, Ngau Tau Kok, Kowloon
105		New Kowloon Women Association Sha Kok Nursery	28-40, G/F, Bean Goose House, Sha Kok Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories
106		New Kowloon Women Association Sun Chui Nursery	1-8, G/F, Sun Wai House, Sun Chui Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories
107		New Kowloon Women Association Tsz Wan Shan Day Nursery	G/F, Ching Yuk House, Tsz Ching Estate, Tsz Wan Shan, Kowloon
108	Po Leung Kuk	Po Leung Kuk Lek Yuen Nursery	No. 223-232, 1st Floor, Kwai Wo House, Lek Yuen Estate, Sha Tin, New Territories
109		Po Leung Kuk Kim Huynh Nursery	G/F, 125-132, Wong Shek House, Ping Shek Estate, Kowloon
110		Po Leung Kuk Kwai Fong Nursery	15-22, G/F, Kwai On House, Kwai Fong Estate, Kwai Chung, New Territories
111		Po Leung Kuk Lui Kam Tai Nursery	Flat 2, First Floor, Hoi Hong Building, 43 Tit Shu Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon
112		Po Leung Kuk Butterfly Bay Nursery	5/F, Butterfly Estate Community Centre, Tuen Mun, New Territories
113		Po Leung Kuk Wai Yin Nursery	Unit A, 1/F, Quarry Bay Community Complex, 1 Greig Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong

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114		Po Leung Kuk Chan Lai Wai Lin Nursery	G/F, 1/F & 2/F, Honour Court, 188-194 Ma Tau Wai Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon
115		Po Leung Kuk Lam Ting Lai Ling Nursery	G/F, Ka On Lau, Ka Wai Chuen, Hung Hom, Kowloon
116		Po Leung Kuk Kwun Tong Nursery	Unit 21-34, Podium Level, Tsui To House, Tsui Ping Estate, Tsui Ping Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
117		Po Leung Kuk Lee Siu Chan Nursery	5th floor, Shun Lee Estate Community Centre, Shun Lee Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
118		Po Leung Kuk Cheng Kwan How Yin Nursery	Unit 2, 1/F, Tak Hong House, Tak Tin Estate, Lam Tin, Kowloon
119		Po Leung Kuk Chi Pui Nursery	1st Floor, Block 2, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Kwai Chung, New Territories
120		Po Leung Kuk Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Lee Nursery	Wing B & C, Podium Level, Shing Yat House, Kwai Shing East Estate, Kwai Chung, New Territories
121		Po Leung Kuk Mrs. Vicwood K.T. Chong (Wah Kwai) Nursery	4/F, Neighbourhood Community Centre, Wah Kwai Estate, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
122		Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau Nursery	Wing B & C, G/F, Choi Fu House, Choi Ming Court, Tseung Kwan O, Kowloon
123		Po Leung Kuk Fung Pak Lim Nursery	Flat No. 201-205, Block 3, 2/F, Upper Pak Tin Estate, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
124		Po Leung Kuk Yau Oi Nursery	G/F, Block 6, Oi Lai House, Yau Oi Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
125		Po Leung Kuk Kwong Fuk Nursery	G/F, Kwong Lai House, Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po, New Territories
126		Po Leung Kuk Fong Tam Yuen Leung Nursery	M/F, Block 1, Belvedere Garden, Castle Peak Road, 9 1/2 Miles, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
127		Po Leung Kuk Chu Lee Yuet Wah Nursery	66 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
128		Po Leung Kuk Fong Tam Yuen Leung (Tsz Wan Shan) Nursery	Unit 1, 2 and 5-12, G/F, Man Tai House, Tsz Man Estate, Tsz Wan Shan, Kowloon
129		Po Leung Kuk Wong Siu Ching Nursery	5th floor, Choi Wan Estate Community Centre, Choi Wan Estate, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon
130	Po Leung Kuk Yuen Long Child Care Centre	Shops 1-8, G/F, 44 Shui Che Kwun Street, Yuen Long, New Territories	

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131	Pok Oi Hospital	Pok Oi Hospital Chan Hsu Fong Lam Day Nursery	Unit No. 204, 2/F, Kwong Tin Shopping Centre, Kwong Tin Estate, Kowloon
132		Pok Oi Hospital Chan Poon Pui Ching Memorial Day Nursery	Ground Floor, Block 9, Hor Ping House, Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long, New Territories
133		Pok Oi Hospital Mrs. Chu Kwok King Memorial Day Nursery	G/F, Wing B & C, Shui Moon House, Tin Shui Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long, New Territories
134	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Nam Cheong Nursery School	5/F, Nam Cheong Community Centre, Nam Cheong Estate, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
135		Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Tai Wo Nursery School	3rd Floor, Neighbourhood Community Centre, Tai Wo Estate, Tai Po, New Territories
136	The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Lai Chi Kok Nursery School	1/F, 150-174 Lai Chi Kok Road, Kowloon
137		The Salvation Army Tai Wo Hau Nursery School	215, 217, 219 and 221-232, 1/F, Fu Keung House, Tai Wo Hau Estate, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
138		The Salvation Army Tin Ping Nursery School	Units 106-110, (Wing B), Ground Floor, Tin Hor House, Tin Ping Estate, Sheung Shui, New Territories
139		The Salvation Army Wah Fu Nursery School	Nos. 123-127, 223-229, Wah Sang House, Wah Fu Estate, Hong Kong
140		The Salvation Army Sam Shing Nursery School	Ground Floor Adjacent to Moon Yu House, Sam Shing Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
141		The Salvation Army Tsuen Wan Nursery School	1/F, Clague Garden Estate, 22 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
142	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Nicholas' Nursery School	6/F, Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
143		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tung Chung Nursery School	3/F, Fu Tung Shopping Centre, Fu Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Lantau Island
144		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Kei Oi Nursery School	103-116 and 118, G/F, Lai Kuk House, Lai Kok Estate, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
145		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre Day Nursery	3/F, 22 Wo Yi Hop Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories
146		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady Maclehorse Centre Joyful Children World	Portion of 3/F, 22 Wo Yi Hop Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories
147		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Thomas' Child Care Centre	Unit 101-108, Block 21, G/F, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon

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148		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Ha Sui Wan Nursery School	G/F, 4 Tin Lung Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long, New Territories
149	S.K.H. St. Simon's Social Services	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Sai Kung Nursery School	D.D. 215, Tan Cheung Village, Sai Kung, New Territories
150		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Leung King Nursery School	No. 9-16, G/F, Leung Chi House, Leung King Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
151		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Tai Hing Nursery School	G/F, Phase I, Commercial Complex, Tai Hing Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
152	Sik Sik Yuen	Ho Oi Day Nursery (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)	G/F, Shops 1A, 1B, 2A & 2B, Harmony Garden, 55 Kowloon City Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon
153	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Gospel Sau Mau Ping Child Care Centre	G/F, Wing B & C, Sau Yue House, Sau Mau Ping Estate, Kowloon
154		Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wong Tai Sin Day Care Centre	4/F, Wong Tai Sin Community Centre, Ching Tak Street, Kowloon
155	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council - Hong Kong	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery School	2/F, Bo Fung Building, 5 Horse Shoe Lane, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
156	St. James' Settlement	St. James' Settlement Kathleen McDouall Child Care Centre	2/F, & 3/F, 1 Li Chit Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
157		St. James' Settlement Belcher Child Care Centre	Podium Level 2, 8 Belcher's Street, Hong Kong
158		St. James' Settlement Causeway Bay Child Care Centre	G/F, Shop 3,8-10 & 1/F, Progress Commercial Building, 7-17 Irving Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
159	S.K.H. St. Matthias' Church Nursery School Limited	St. Matthias' Church Nursery School	No. 15-20, G/F, Woo Shui House, Shui Pin Wai Estate, Yuen Long, New Territories
160	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	TWGHs Fong Lai Ming Nursery School	5/F, Tai Po Community Centre, Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po Market, New Territories
161		Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Fong Shu Chuen Nursery School	Portion of Ground Floor, Causeway Bay Community Centre, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
162		TWGHs Chan Han Nursery School	Unit 2, G/F, Sau Fu House, Sau Ming Road, Sau Mau Ping (I) Estate, Kowloon
163		TWGHs Lo Wong Pik Shan Nursery School	Units 425-434, G/F, Po Man House, Oi Man Estate, Ho Nan Tin, Kowloon
164		TWGHs Lions Club of the Peak, Hong Kong Nursery School	G/F, Block 10, Kwai Shing West Estate, New Territories

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165		TWGHs Hung Wong Kar Gee Nursery School	104-108, 113-115, Cheung Wo House, Ground Floor, Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling, New Territories
166		TWGHs Shiu Wong Lee Moon Fook Nursery School	Shops 1 & 2, Upper G/F, Comfort Centre, 18 Yue Fai Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong
167		TWGHs Fong Tam Yuen Leung Day Nursery	Flat No. 1-5, G/F, Tin Yue House, Tin King Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
168		TWGHs Tin Ka Ping Nursery School	Floor 2, Tip Ling House, Butterfly Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories
169		TWGHs Ng Sheung Lan Memorial Nursery School	Tung Wah Mansion, 2nd Floor, 199 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong
170		TWGHs Fong Shiu Yee Nursery School	F12, 1/F, Commercial Centre, Tin Ma Court, Lung Cheung Road, Kowloon
171	The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong	The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong - Evangelical Free Church of China - Po Nga Nursery School	117-124, G/F, Hing Wo House, Po Nga Court, Tai Po, New Territories
172		The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong - Evangelical Free Church of China - Abundant Grace Church Abundant Grace Nursery	G/F, Tak Yue House, Hau Tak Estate, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories
173		The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong - Evangelical Free Church of China - Verbena Nursery School	Podium Level, Block 1, Verbena Heights, 8 Mau Tai Road, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories
174		The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong Evangelical Free Church of China - Tin Yan Nursery School	Shop No. 122, 1/F, Tin Yan Shopping Centre, Tin Yan Estate, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories
175	The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong	The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong Lee On Nursery	G1, G/F, Lee Hing House, Lee On Estate, Ma On Shan, Sha Tin, New Territories
176	The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Cheerland Nursery School (Kowloon Bay)	G/F, Shops 11-13, Chevalier Commercial Centre, 8 Wang Hoi Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon

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177		The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Cheerland Nursery School (Tseung Kwan O)	G/F, Tong Wong House, Tong Ming Court, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories
178		The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Cheerland Nursery School (Wong Tai Sin)	G/F, Tat Sin House, Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate, Kowloon
179	The Chinese Rhenish Church of Hong Kong Synod	Lai King Rhenish Nursery	1/F, Block 5, Yeung King House, Lai King Estate, Kwai Chung, New Territories
180		Shun Tin Rhenish Nursery	Units No. 19-31, G/F, Tin Wan House (Low Block), Shun Tin Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
181		Lok Fu Rhenish Nursery	G/F, Wang Cho House, Wang Tau Hom Estate, Kowloon
182		San Po Kong Rhenish Nursery	G/F, A23-A26, A36-A42, A48-A52, A53a-A56, San Po Kong Plaza, 33 Shung Ling Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon
183		Yuen Long Rhenish Nursery	Shop No. 111, 1/F, Tin Yiu Shopping Centre, Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long, New Territories
184		Yuen Long Rhenish Day Creche [Note]	Shop No. 112, 1/F, Tin Yiu Shopping Centre, Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long, New Territories
185	The Hong Kong Buddhist Association	Buddhist Chi Wai Day Nursery	Unit 3, G/F, Hon Chung House, Wan Hon Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
186	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Nursery School	G/F, Yiu Fook House, Yiu Tung Estate, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong
187	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Ching Lok Nursery	G/F, Lee Ga Building, 129 Sai Wan Ho Street, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong
188		The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Ching Lok Nursery (Yaumatei)	G/F, Shop 3, 8-13 and 1/F, Units 1-10, Boss Commercial Centre, 28 Ferry Street, Yaumatei, Kowloon
189	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service Company Limited	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Yee Nursery School	G/F, Ko Shing House, Ko Yee Estate, Ko Chiu Road, Yau Tong, Kowloon
190		Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Hong Nursery School	Block C, 2/F, Prince Centre, 70 Tai Po Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
191		Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Yan Nursery School	Fu Shin Estate, Tai Po, New Territories
192		Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Kei Nursery School	Podium Floor, Block 9, Site 5, Oak Mansions, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom, Kowloon

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193		Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Keung Nursery School	5/F, Fung Tak Estate Community Centre, Fung Tak Estate, Diamond Hill, Kowloon
194	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of The World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	W.F.B. Manjusri Nursery School	G/F, Hong On House, Cheung Hong Estate, Tsing Yi, New Territories
195		W.F.B. Avalokitesvara Nursery School	1/F, Carport Block, Lung Mun Oasis, Tuen Mun, New Territories
196		W.F.B. Mantra Institute Nursery School	Shop 2, G/F, Siu Hei Commercial Centre, Siu Hei Court, Tuen Mun, New Territories
197	The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong	Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong Lai Kwai Tim Day Nursery	2/F, Island Place, 53 Tanner Road, North Point, Hong Kong
198	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	Women's Welfare Club - West Day Nursery, Hong Kong	G/F, 1/F & 3/F, 60 Bridges Street, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong
199		Women's Welfare Club Western District David Woo Memorial Day Nursery	G/F, Yiu Ming House, Yiu Tung Estate, Yiu Hing Road, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong
200		Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Ap Lei Chau Day Nursery, Hong Kong	1-12, G/F, Lei Ning House, Ap Lei Chau Estate, Hong Kong
201	Yan Chai Hospital	Yan Chai Hospital Kwok Chi Leung Child Care Centre	Upper Ground Floor (South), 9 High Street, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong
202		Yan Chai Hospital Wing Lung Child Care Centre	Unit No. 107-120, 122 & 124, G/F, Choi Yuk House, Choi Yuen Estate, Shek Wu Hui, Sheung Shui, New Territories
203		Yan Chai Hospital Nina Lam Child Care Centre	G/F, Yan Chai Hospital 24th Term Board of Directors Social Service Centre, 6 Tin Ho Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long
204		Yan Chai Hospital Fong Kong Fai Child Care Centre	Shop A, G/F, Lung Cheung Garden, 26 Praya Kennedy Town, Hong Kong
205		Yan Chai Hospital Ju Ching Chu Child Care Centre	G/F, Chak Yam House, On Yam Estate, Kwai Chung
206		Yan Chai Hospital Tung Pak Ying Child Care Centre	Wing B & C, G/F, Shek Tai House, Shek Lei (I) Estate, Kwai Chung, New Territories
207		Yan Chai Hospital Zonta Club of Kowloon Child Care Centre	Wing B and Part of Wing A, Ground Floor, Hang Yip House, Cheung Hang Estate, Tsing Yi Island, New Territories
208		Yan Chai Hospital Shan King Child Care Centre	Shan King Estate Phase I (Adjacent to Community Hall), Tuen Mun, New Territories
209		Yan Chai Hospital Yau Oi Child Care Centre	Ground Floor, Oi Fai House (Block 4), Yau Oi Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre	Address
210	Yan Oi Tong Limited	Yan Oi Tong Lau Wong Fat Nursery	3/F, Yan Oi Tong Community and Indoor Sports Centre, 18 Kai Man Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories
211		Yan Oi Tong Mrs Augusta Cheung Nursery	3/F, Neighbourhood Community Centre, Phase II, Wan Tau Tong Estate, Tai Po, New Territories
212		Yan Oi Tong Ng Wong Fung Ying Nursery	5/F, Tin Yiu Community Centre, Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long, New Territories
213	The Methodist Church, Hong Kong	Homantin Yang Memorial Methodist Pre-school	G/F, Unit 1, Ching Man House, Homantin Estate, Kowloon
214		Yaumatei Yang Memorial Methodist Pre-school	3/F, 54 Waterloo Road, Kowloon

[Note] Centre numbers 101, 102 & 184 are providing 2 units of OCCS.

- (b) These 217 units provide a total of 434 subvented OCCS places (including 51 value-added places) over the territory .
- (c) The provision of the service can meet the OCCS service demand. The total number of children served under OCCS from April to December 2012 was 8 842.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)223

Question Serial No.

2114

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch the Guangdong Scheme (GD Scheme) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme in 2013-14. How many elderly persons will benefit from the GD Scheme? Please advise on the details of the manpower requirement, publicity activities and financial arrangements.

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply: Assuming that about 30 000 elderly persons will benefit from the GD Scheme, the expenditure for allowance payment is estimated at \$395 million per annum. The administrative cost earmarked for 2013-14 is \$21.8 million, including expenditure on publicity, appointment of an agent for SWD in Guangdong, and the creation of an additional 20 posts for planning and implementation. SWD would publicise the operational arrangements (including the eligibility criteria and application procedures) through various publicity channels such as leaflets, TV and radio Announcement of Public Interest before launch of the GD Scheme.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)224

Question Serial No.

3285

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: All

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department indicates that its non-directorate posts will be increased by 116 posts to 5 597 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 estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 116 posts is about \$32.9 million. Details of the net increase of 116 posts are as follows –

Programme	Number and type(s) of posts	Estimated annual expenditure involved in net creation of posts (\$ million)	Purpose for post creation
(1) Family and Child Welfare	Net increase of 26 posts in the supporting general grades.	5.7	To strengthen the support to social workers in the provision of family and child welfare services.
(2) Social Security	Net increase of 73 posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant grades and supporting general grades.	21.0	(i) To implement the Old Age Living Allowance under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme to supplement the living expenses of eligible Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above who are in need of financial support; (ii) To introduce the Guangdong Scheme under the SSA Scheme to provide Old Age Allowance for eligible Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above who choose to reside in Guangdong; and

Programme	Number and type(s) of posts	Estimated annual expenditure involved in net creation of posts (\$ million)	Purpose for post creation
			(iii) To strengthen the manpower support in the provision of social security services in Social Security Field Units (SSFUs) and centralised teams, including splitting a large SSFU into two.
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	Net increase of 14 posts in the Social Work Officer grade and supporting general grades.	4.8	(i) To set up a Medical Social Services Unit (MSSU) in the new North Lantau Hospital; (ii) To strengthen general support in some MSSUs; and (iii) To strengthen the manpower support for the planning and implementation of new works projects relating to rehabilitation services.
(5) Services for Offenders	Net increase of three posts in the Social Work Officer grade.	1.4	To extend the coverage of the enhanced probation service for young drug offenders to all Magistrates' Courts in Hong Kong.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)225

Question Serial No.

0597

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Government please provide the following information regarding occasional child care service (OCCS) –

- (a) The number of places provided in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong in the previous three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the corresponding estimated number this year (i.e. 2013-14); and
- (b) The actual annual expenditure of OCCS in the previous three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the estimated expenditure for this year (i.e. 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of OCCS places in each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is provided in the table below –

SWD district	Number of OCCS places				
	2010-11	2011-12 (April to August 2011)	2011-12 (September 2011 to March 2012) ^[Note]	2012-13	2013-14
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	46	46	33	33	33
Eastern/Wan Chai	36	36	28	28	28
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	57	57	44	44	44
Kwun Tong	47	47	40	40	40
Sha Tin	35	35	26	26	26

SWD district	Number of OCCS places				
	2010-11	2011-12 (April to August 2011)	2011-12 (September 2011 to March 2012) ^[Note]	2012-13	2013-14
Sham Shui Po	33	33	25	25	25
Tai Po/North	49	49	35	35	35
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	65	65	49	49	49
Tuen Mun	38	38	28	28	28
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	54	54	46	46	46
Yuen Long	34	34	29	29	29
Total	494	494	383	383	383

^[Note] In view of the low utilisation rate of the service following the implementation of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, SWD reviewed the demand for OCCS in September 2011 and reduced the number of service places to optimise the use of resources. Savings resulting from the reduction of service places were provided to the service operators to conduct family support activities for parents and carers in service units to promote the proper care of children and the message of “not leaving children alone at home”.

There is no waiting list for OCCS and the provision of the service can meet the service demand.

(b) The expenditure for OCCS from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is provided in the table below –

2010-11 (Actual) (\$ million)	2011-12 (Actual) (\$ million)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Estimate) (\$ million)
16.2	18.0	19.6	19.9

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)226

Question Serial No.

0598

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the adoption service –

- (a) The number of children available for adoption placed into local homes within three months has decreased from 114 in 2011-12 to 76 in 2012-13 and 2013-14. Please explain the reasons for such a decrease.
- (b) In general, how many months on average would it take for a child available for adoption to be successfully placed into local homes?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimate of children available for adoption placed into local homes within three months in 2013-14 is based on the revised estimate in 2012-13 and the two figures are the same. The revised estimate in 2012-13 dropped to 76 because there were fewer children available for adoption in 2012-13 for various reasons including enhanced support services to needy parent(s) who need not resort to relinquishment of parental right as the last resort. Also, more time is required for the matching of children with special needs with suitable prospective adoptive parents.
- (b) In general, over 90 % of children available for adoption can be placed into local adoptive homes within 3 months. The rest of the children, usually with special needs such as ill-health, disabilities and/or older age, require longer waiting time for successful matching with suitable prospective adoptive parents.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)227

Question Serial No.

0599

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), please advise –

- (a) The number of NSCCP places in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the current waitlisting situation for such places; and
- (b) The hourly incentive payment for home-based child carers under NSCCP in the previous three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and in the coming year (i.e. 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) NSCCP operator of each of the 18 districts is required to provide at least 26 home-based child care places and 14 centre-based care group places at any one time during the year. Thus, there are at least 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places over the territory. The service operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care places on top of the minimum requirement set by the Social Welfare Department to meet the actual service demand. There is no waiting list since the launch of NSCCP.
- (b) The incentive payment of home-based child carers in 2013-14 ranges between \$18 and \$22 per hour, which are similar to the levels adopted in the past three years.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)228

Question Serial No.

0600

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please advise when the Guangdong (GD) Scheme is expected to be implemented? What will be the expected number of applicants, the allowance payment involved and the relevant administration costs of handling the GD Scheme in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration aims to implement the GD Scheme in the second half of 2013. The allowance payment is estimated at \$395 million per annum, based on the assumption that about 30 000 elderly persons will join the Scheme. The administrative cost earmarked for 2013-14 is \$21.8 million.

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Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 31 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)229

Question Serial No.

0601

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the fraud cases on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Administration please advise –

- (a) the number of successful prosecutions of CSSA fraud and the amount involved over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) by nature of CSSA cases; and
- (b) the number of successful prosecutions of SSA fraud and the amount involved over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) by nature of SSA cases.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of established CSSA fraud cases and the amount of overpayment involved in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012) with breakdown by types were as follows –

Type of fraud cases	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
Concealing or false claim of income	431	317	278
Concealing or false claim of total assets	322	262	330
Fraudulent claim for rent	88	59	57
Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence from Hong Kong or household conditions, etc.)	173	168	175
Total number of established fraud cases	1 014	806	840
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	48.6	51.5	45.6

- (b) The number of established SSA fraud cases and the amount of overpayment involved in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012) with breakdown by types were as follows –

Type of fraud cases	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
Concealing or false claim of income	6	0	8
Concealing or false claim of total assets	28	22	25
Total number of established fraud cases	34	22	33
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	0.6	0.5	0.5

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 31 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)230

Question Serial No.

0602

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the social security schemes, please provide the number of cases of 60-years-olds or above receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), and the details of expenditure involved in each of the following years –

(a) Year 2012-13 (up to the latest month)

Item	Age	Number of cases				Total amount involved (\$)
		60-64	65-69	70-74	75 or above	
SSA	Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA)	-	-			
	Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA)	-				
	Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)	-				
	Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)	-				
CSSA	Able-bodied cases					
	Cases with 50% disability					
	Cases with 100% disability					
	Cases requiring constant attendance (CA)					
	Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme					

(b) Year 2013-14 (estimate)

Item		Age	Number of cases				Total amount involved (\$)
			60-64	65-69	70-74	75 or above	
SSA	HOAA		-	-			
	NOAA		-				
	HDA		-				
	NDA		-				
CSSA	Able-bodied cases						
	Cases with 50% disability						
	Cases with 100% disability						
	CA						
	PCSSA Scheme						

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: (1) The number of SSA (including HOAA, NOAA, HDA and NDA) and CSSA recipients aged 60 and above together with their corresponding estimated expenditure in 2012-13 are as follows –

(i) The number of SSA recipients aged 60 and above and their corresponding estimated expenditure –

Type of allowance	2012-13				
	Number of recipients (as at the end of December 2012)				Estimated expenditure ^[Note 1] (\$ million)
	Aged 60-64	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
HOAA	-	-	148 594	305 656	6,371
NOAA	-	84 921	-	-	1,131
HDA	1 059	1 133	1 493	11 077	520
NDA	12 877	9 285	7 593	31 349	1,096

- (ii) The number of CSSA recipients aged 60 and above ^[Note 2] and their corresponding expenditure ^[Note 3]

Category of recipient	2012-13				Estimated expenditure ^[Note 5] (\$ million)
	Number of recipients (as at the end of December 2012)				
	Aged 60-64	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^[Note 4]	20 437	22 181	23 923	56 875	9,926
100% disabled	6 896	4 987	4 869	27 716	
Requiring constant attendance	948	995	1 547	13 475	

- (2) There are no breakdown figures on the number of recipients of elderly persons aged 60 or above receiving SSA and CSSA in accordance with their age group or health condition for 2013-14. The estimated average number of HOAA, NOAA, HDA, NDA and Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) cases per month and the corresponding estimated expenditure in 2013-14 are as follows –

Type of allowance	2013-14	
	Average number of cases per month	Estimated expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
HOAA	111 000	1,548
NOAA ^[Note 6]	9 000	93
HDA	20 000	768
NDA	84 000	1,715
OALA ^[Note 7]	494 000	16,228
Total	718 000	20,352

^[Note 1] The estimated expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective years. The additional allowance for 2013–14 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

^[Note 2] Including cases under the PCSSA Scheme.

^[Note 3] Expenditure breakdown by health condition is not available.

^[Note 4] Breakdowns for able-bodied and 50% disabled elderly are not available.

^[Note 5] The estimated expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment.

^[Note 6] After the introduction of OALA in April 2013, all existing NOAA cases will switch to OALA. The number of NOAA cases in 2013–14 refers to new cases under the Guangdong Scheme to be launched in the second half of 2013.

^[Note 7] The estimated expenditure for OALA also includes the back payment to the eligible elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 1 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)231

Question Serial No.

0603

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), in which the recipients were aged less than 18 and not living with their parents. Please advise the average amount of allowance receivable per case and the total amount involved in each of the years.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The number of CSSA cases with recipients who were aged less than 18 and not living with their parents from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	7 822
2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	7 606
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	7 534

We do not have available figures regarding the average or total amount of allowances receivable in the above cases.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 1 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)232

Question Serial No.

0604

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the nursery services provided by the Child Care Centres (CCCs) for babies aged under two –

- (a) How many places were provided in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), and how many estimated places are to be provided in this year (i.e. 2013-14)? How many waiting list cases are there in each of the districts; and
- (b) How many service operators in Hong Kong are currently operating CCCs? What was the annual actual expenditure of the Administration for the relevant services in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? What is the estimated expenditure for the coming year (i.e. 2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The provision of CCC places for children aged under two in aided full-day standalone CCC service under the purview of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has remained the same from 2010-11 to 2013-14. The geographical distribution of these places is as follows –

SWD District	Number of places ^[Note] (2010-11 to 2013-14)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40
Eastern/Wan Chai	96
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144
Kwun Tong	0
Sha Tin	70
Sham Shui Po	48
Tai Po/North	48
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102
Tuen Mun	64
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	0
Yuen Long	64
Total	676

^[Note] For children aged two or below, in addition to the 676 places provided by standalone CCCs, 985 places are provided by kindergartens (KGs) cum CCCs under the purview of the Education Bureau.

There is no waiting list for CCC service.

- (b) There are six operators providing aided full-day standalone CCC service. The overall expenditure is \$4.7 million in 2010-11 and \$4.8 million each in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)233

Question Serial No.

0605

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the integrated family service centres (IFSCs) in 2012-13, why was the number of cases served by the government sector revised from the estimated 56 569 to 53 865, representing a reduction as compared with 2011-12? Besides, why is the number of cases planned to be served by the government sector in 2013-14 remaining at a relatively low level of 53 746?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The number of cases to be served by IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the 2012-13 revised estimate is calculated based on the actual number of active cases brought forward from 2011-12 and new/reactivated cases handled in the first two quarters of 2012-13. For the 2013-14 estimate, the number of cases is projected based on the actual cases handled in the first two quarters of 2012-13. The reduction in the number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by IFSCs run by SWD is mainly because social workers make use of other intervention approaches, such as groups and programmes, to meet the multifarious needs of individuals and families.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)234

Question Serial No.

0606

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding integrated family service centres (IFSCs), how many cases of intensive counselling on average did each social worker handle each year in the government sector and the subvented sector over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) respectively? What is the estimated number of such cases for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The average number of intensive counselling cases served by each social worker of IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department and non-governmental organisations in 2010-11, 2011-12 and the 2012-13 revised estimate is 45.8, 43.2 and 41.9 respectively, while the 2013-14 estimate is 40.3.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 25 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)235

Question Serial No.

0607

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The number of cases of the family and child protective services to be served in 2013-14 will be 8 192, a decrease of 1.1% when comparing to the last financial year. What are the reasons? How many additional social workers are being planned for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The estimated number of supervision cases served by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) projected for 2013-14 is 8 192, which represents 1.1% decrease over the revised estimate of 8 283 in 2012-13. The estimated number of supervision cases was projected based on the estimated number of supervision cases served in 2012-13, plus the average growth rates of new cases and closed cases during the same period. As the average growth rate of closed cases remained higher than that of new cases, the estimated number of supervision cases projected for 2013-14 is reduced.

With various service improvement measures introduced in recent years, the effectiveness of the FCPSUs in helping victims of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering, their families and the abusers has been enhanced. The average time required to complete the helping process has been shortened resulting in more cases closed upon achievement of the treatment goals, which offsets the number of new supervision cases served. The existing manpower of FCPSUs is able to cope with the service needs and the Administration has no plan to increase the manpower of FCPSUs in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)236

Question Serial No.

0608

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How many people were receiving short-term food assistance in 2012? What is the estimated expenditure involved and the estimated number of people who will benefit from the service in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2012, the total number of persons served by the five short-term food assistance service projects was 34 648. Subject to the Finance Committee's approval of additional allocation in 2013-14, the estimated expenditure for these projects in 2013-14 is \$66.1 million, and the estimated number of persons to be served is 36 000.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 3 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)237

Question Serial No.

0609

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: For different nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in 2013-14, including old age, disability, ill health, single-parent family, low-earnings, unemployment and others, what are the estimated numbers of cases and their government expenditures? What changes are these when compared with those of the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13)? Please provide the information in table form.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The average number of CSSA cases per month and the expenditure by case nature in 2011-12 were as follows –

Case nature	2011-12	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	149 019	10,294
Permanent disability	17 941	1,315
Ill health	23 711	1,942
Single parent	31 768	2,997
Low-earnings	11 579	982
Unemployment	23 847	1,575
Others	6 502	442
Overall	264 367	19,548

The estimated average number of CSSA cases per month and expenditure by case nature in 2012-13 to 2013-14 respectively are as follows –

Case nature	2012-13	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	149 000	10,611
Permanent disability	18 000	1,348
Ill health	24 000	2,042
Single parent	30 000	2,915
Low-earnings	10 000	870
Unemployment	21 000	1,439
Others	6 000	462
Overall	258 000	19,688

Case nature	2013-14	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	150 000	11,661
Permanent disability	19 000	1,512
Ill health	25 000	2,303
Single parent	30 000	3,145
Low-earnings	10 000	930
Unemployment	21 000	1,562
Others	8 000	587
Overall	263 000	21,699

^[Note] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment in the respective years. The additional allowance for 2013–14 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)238

Question Serial No.

0610

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the provisions for the various employment assistance projects and the estimated number of participants in 2013-14? Are there any changes when compared with those of the previous year (i.e. 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The estimated annual expenditure and the estimated number of participants for the employment assistance projects are \$107.8 million and 36 280 participants respectively in 2013-14, representing an increase of \$13.2 million in expenditure and an increase of 9 701 participants when compared with those of the previous year.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)239

Question Serial No.

0817

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of residential care services for the elderly in various districts, please answer the following questions in table form –

- (a) What are the numbers of various residential care places for the elderly and how many elderly are on the waiting list for such services in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong?
- (b) What is the average monthly amount of subsidy per place for each type of residential care places for the elderly?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly by district as at 31 January 2013 was as follows –

District	Number of places				Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)
	Care-and-attention (C&A) [Note 1]	Nursing home (NH) [Note 2]	Contract homes ^[Note 3]		
			C&A	NH	
Central & Western	236	0	22	131	462
Eastern	434	0	55	93	255
Wan Chai	462	0	0	0	54
Southern	1 332	0	0	0	394
Islands	315	0	7	63	42
Kwun Tong	1 091	260 (22)	36	157	549

District	Number of places				Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)
	Care-and-attention (C&A) [Note 1]	Nursing home (NH) [Note 2]	Contract homes ^[Note 3]		
			C&A	NH	
Wong Tai Sin	1 025	280	20	184	177
Sai Kung	952	292 (22)	0	0	0
Kowloon City	641	0	10	90	1 199
Sham Shui Po	703	0	42	95	285
Yau Tsim Mong	98	0	11	104	661
Sha Tin	1 250	0	0	0	0
Tai Po	1 200	0	0	0	98
North	878	299 (45)	0	0	317
Yuen Long	926	0	7	66	773
Tsuen Wan	513	316	22	52	852
Kwai Tsing	1 625	72 (72)	58	227	867
Tuen Mun	927	216	0	0	402
Total	14 608	1 735 (161)	290	1 262	7 387

[Note 1] The number of self-care (S/C) and home for the aged (H/A) places is not included. C&A places also include the places providing continuum-of-care converted from S/C and H/A participating in the conversion programme.

[Note 2] NH places in this column cover both subvented NH places and those provided under Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). The number of NHPPS places is shown in brackets.

[Note 3] Contract homes provide both C&A and NH places

Since all applicants for subsidised residential care places are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis and applicants can choose to wait for subsidised residential care places in different districts at the same time, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep the number of applicants by district. Similarly, SWD does not keep separate waiting lists and the waiting time for individual districts.

Eligible elderly can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes. SWD only captures the total number of applicants waited for subsidised C&A places as a whole. Similarly, SWD only captures the total number of applicants waited for NH places as a whole. These NH places are provided by subvented NHs, self-financing NHs under NHPPS and contract homes.

As at 31 January 2013, the numbers of applicants on the waiting list for C&A and NH places were 22 400 and 6 379 respectively.

- (b) The average monthly subsidy for each type of subsidised residential care places in 2012-13 is as follows –

Type of residential care places	Estimated average subsidy per place per month (\$)
C&A	11,128
C&A places providing continuum of care arising from conversion of S/C and H/A places	12,543
NH	14,973
Contract homes	10,714
EBPS	7,508

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 2 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)240

Question Serial No.

0818

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under the Programme on Services for Elders, the Administration will allocate a total of \$5,438 million to promote the well-being of elderly. Please state the respective funding allocations for residential care services and community support services for the elderly in 2013-14 and the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The respective funding allocations for residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in 2013-14 and the expenditures in the past three years are as follows –

Financial Year Service	2010-11 (Actual) (\$ million)	2011-12 (Actual) (\$ million)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Estimate) (\$ million)
Residential Care Services	2,435.3	2,661.6	3,052.1	3,549.5
Community Care and Support Services	1,299.7	1,384.2	1,526.0	1,615.5
Total	3,735.0	4,045.8	4,578.1	5,165.0

In 2013-14, apart from the above services, funding resources for the administrative support of non-governmental organisations and organising two classes of the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector to provide an additional 320 training places add up to the estimated total expenditure of about \$5,438 million under the “Services for Elders” programme in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 2 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)241

Question Serial No.

0819

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for the Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the total numbers of additional places as regards various types of residential care homes for the elderly in 2013-14? What is the funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: A total of 784 additional subsidised residential care places, of which 366 are nursing home places and 418 are care-and-attention places, are expected to commence service in 2013-14. The estimated annual expenditure involved is \$101.6 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)242

Question Serial No.

0820

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How many people were on the waiting list for various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2012? What was the average waiting time? How much average waiting time is expected to be shortened with the provision of additional places in these RCHEs in 2013-14? Please provide the information in table form.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: As at 31 December 2012, there were 6 385 and 22 293 applicants on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) and care-and-attention (C&A) places respectively. The average waiting time for these two types of residential care places was as follows –

Type of subsidised residential care place	Average waiting time ^[Note] (in months)
NH	37
C&A	
- Subvented/contract homes	34
- Enhanced Bought Place Scheme homes	7
Overall	25

^[Note] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months. The waiting time could be shortened if the applicant had no specific preference.

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under various bought place schemes, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. While the additional provision of subsidised residential care places in 2013-14 should help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for Social Welfare Department estimate the extent to which the waiting time would be shortened by the additional provision of places.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)243

Question Serial No.

0821

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The original plan was to provide 1 954 nursing home (NH) places in 2012-13, but it has been reduced to 1 789 in the revised estimate. What are the reasons? The planned provision of such places for 2013-14 has remained at 1 954, same as what was committed in last year's Estimates. Why is it that the number of NH places cannot be further increased?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The estimated number of NH places in 2012-13 was revised from 1 954 (2012-13 (original estimate)) to 1 789 (2012-13 (revised estimate)) because the purchase of 165 NH places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) needed to be deferred from 2012-13 to 2013-14. The reasons for the deferral include the lack of vacant NH places in self-financing NHs and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2012-13 and the time taken for RCHEs to make enhancement in both hardware and software in meeting the NH requirements, etc. The Social Welfare Department will continue to invite applications from RCHEs and self-financing NHs to provide the remaining NH places under NHPPS. Apart from the increased provision through NHPPS, 201 additional NH places will be provided in new and existing contract RCHEs in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)244

Question Serial No.

0822

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How many nursing home (NH) places will be purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) in 2013-14? What is the funding allocation involved? How many more additional places will be purchased, compared with the previous year (2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2012-13, 64 subsidised NH places under NHPPS were purchased. In 2013-14, 165 places, with an estimated annual funding of \$26.8 million, will be purchased.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)245

Question Serial No.

2949

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The average cost per place per month for private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in 2013-14 will increase by 7.2% to \$8,046 as compared with the previous year. The cost for contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) is expected to further increase by 21% to \$12,997 in 2013-14, following an increase of 22.2% in 2012-13. On what basis have the percentage increases been calculated by the Administration?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: Owing to the enhanced provision of manpower and care support to meet the operational needs in raising the ratio of nursing home places to 90% in contract homes and anticipated increase in contract price as a result of price level adjustment, the increase in estimated cost per place per month of contract homes in 2013-14 is higher than that for EBPS homes (which offer care-and-attention places only) which mainly follows the annual price level adjustment.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)246

Question Serial No.

2950

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: There will be 60 more places in contract homes for the elderly in 2013-14. In which districts will the new homes be located? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The new contract home will be located in Yau Tsim Mong district. The estimated recurrent expenditure of this contract home is \$9.2 million per annum.

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Date: 2 April 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)247

Question Serial No.

2951

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What specific arrangements have been made for launching the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) in 2013-14? What is the estimated expenditure for 2013-14 and the next year?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The Pilot Scheme adopts a new funding mode, namely the “money-follows-the-user” approach, whereby the Government provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers. Eligible elderly persons may choose the service provider, the type of service and the service package that suit their individual needs. The Pilot Scheme will last for four years and the first phase (of two years) will start from September 2013.

The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed by the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, i.e., Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS. A maximum of 1 200 vouchers will be issued during the first phase.

SWD has invited non-profit-making organisations and social enterprises with experience in providing CCS or RCS to participate as Recognised Service Provider in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The result will be announced in April 2013.

\$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which covers the Government subsidy on voucher value and a seed money grant to Recognised Service Providers to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme.

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Date: 27 March 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)248

Question Serial No.

3132

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the number of membership in various types of elderly centres in 2012? Were there any changes when compared with the previous year? Will the membership number increase in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The services of elderly centres are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above. The total number of members of the 210 elderly centres as at the end of December 2012 was about 210 000, representing an increase of about 15 000 over the corresponding number at the end of December 2011. It is estimated that the number of members will increase in 2013-14.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)249

Question Serial No.

3133

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: There will still be no increase in the number of district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) and social centres for the elderly (SEs) in 2013-14. What will be the respective funding allocations for these centres? How do they compare with those of the previous year?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department plans to set up a new NEC which will commence service in 2013-14.

The estimated annual expenditure for various types of elderly centres in 2013-14 and the revised estimate for 2012-13 are shown below –

Financial year \ Type of centre	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Estimate) (\$ million)
DECCs	286.5	297.5
NECs	240.8	254.8
SEs	52.2	52.8
Total	579.5	605.1

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)250

Question Serial No.

3134

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The planned number of cases served by Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) has been increased by 300 to 6 800 in the revised estimate for 2012-13. What are the reasons? How many people are currently on the waiting list for EHCCS and how long do they have to wait? How much waiting time has been shortened as compared with the previous year? Why is it not possible for the number of cases served in 2013-14 to be further increased?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: Owing to a higher turnover rate of EHCCS users in 2012-13, the estimated number of cases served was revised from 6 500 (original estimate) to 6 800 (revised estimate). As at the end of January 2013, there were 524 elderly persons waiting for EHCCS and/or integrated home care services for frail cases and the average waiting time was about two months. Since the waiting time for EHCCS is affected by a number of factors such as the applicants' preference on service providers, change in service demand and different turnover rates in various districts, it is difficult to estimate the waiting time to be shortened with the increased provision. The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for EHCCS and increase the provision to meet the service need of the elderly as appropriate.

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Date: 2 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)251

Question Serial No.

3252

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The original plan was that there would be 225 additional places in day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in 2012-13. However, it was reduced to 110 additional places in the 2012-13 revised estimate, with a total of 2 669 places only. What are the reasons? In 2013-14, with the planned increase of 182 places, the number of places turns out to be 2 851. What is the funding allocation involved? How many people are on the waiting list for such places at present? What is the average waiting time? What is the geographical distribution of these additional places?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: Originally, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) planned to provide 225 additional day care (DC) places within 2012-13. Owing to various factors such as the delay in construction works, the provision of some of the planned DC places were behind schedule. Through increasing DC places in new DEs/ Day Care Unit for the elderly (DCU) and existing DCUs, 110 additional DC places were provided in 2012-13. SWD will monitor the progress of the planned DC places to ensure they could be provided as early as possible.

In 2013-14, 182 additional DC places for the elderly are expected to commence service and the estimated annual expenditure is \$14.6 million. Their geographical distribution is as follows –

District	Number of places
Kwai Tsing	60
Kwun Tong	52
Sha Tin	45
Central & Western	25
Total	182

As at the end of January 2013, there were 1 558 elderly waiting for DC places and the average waiting time was about nine months.

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Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 28 March 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)252

Question Serial No.

3284

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

700 General Non-recurrent

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Home Environment Improvement Scheme for the Elderly (the Scheme) (Item Code 879), what is the application situation of each year since the launch of the Scheme in 2008-09? How much subsidy does each applicant receive on average?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2008-09, a one-off funding of \$200 million was earmarked to launch the five-year Scheme to help needy elderly persons improve their home environment. The Scheme is implemented through the district elderly community centres.

Under the Scheme, the amount of subsidy for each eligible elderly household will be subject to a ceiling of \$5,000 within the five-year period. The numbers of eligible applications received each year since its implementation are shown below –

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
9 713	9 146	10 419	11 500	9 254

Name in block letters:

Patrick T K Nip

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Director of Social Welfare

Date:

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)253

Question Serial No.

3246

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities mentioned in the Budget Speech, please provide the following information –

- (a) Please list the number of persons with disabilities who had successfully secured a job for one year or above under the training programme and specify the wage levels of their jobs and the trades involved in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012).
- (b) How many employers participated in the training programme concerned under which job attachment allowance and wage subsidy were provided in the past three years? How many of them had given up employing persons with disabilities after the job attachment or subsidy period ended?
- (c) Will the Administration consider extending the job attachment and subsidy period so as to assist employers to hire employees with disabilities in long-term?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In the three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12, about 300 service users of the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities had secured employment for six months or above. We do not have information on the number of service users who had secured employment for one year or above, their wage levels and the trades involved.
- (b) In the three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12, about 249 employers participated in the job attachment scheme and the job trial scheme of the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. We do not have information on the number of employers who did not employ or ceased to employ the service users after the job attachment allowance or the job trial wage subsidy ended.
- (c) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million to enhance the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities in 2013-14. The job attachment allowance under these two programmes will be raised from \$1,250 to \$2,000 per month for a maximum period of three months whereas the cap for the job trial wage subsidy will be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month with the maximum subsidy period extended from three months to six months.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)254

Question Serial No.

1830

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary has introduced five measures to improve elderly care services. The third measure is that the recurrent funding will be increased by \$73 million for the additional provision of some 600 subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the construction of three contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), among others; and together with those subsidised residential care places with funding earmarked earlier, 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places will be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The growth in the elderly population in the coming four years;
- (b) The anticipated increase in the demand for such places in the coming four years;
- (c) The ratio of the anticipated increase in demand to the increase in such places in the coming four years;
- (d) Details on each of the contract RCHEs to be constructed, including their locations, manpower, targeted outcomes and the funding allocation required;
- (e) Whether the additional provision of 600 subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the construction of three contract RCHEs include the service places provided by subsidised RCHEs and those purchased from private homes for the elderly;
- (f) Whether the 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places to be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16 include places provided by subsidised RCHEs and those purchased from private homes for the elderly; if yes, how many of those places will be purchased from private homes for the elderly; if only places to be provided by subsidised RCHEs are included, then how many additional places does the Administration plan to purchase from private homes for the elderly in the coming four years; and
- (g) In view of the increase in minimum wage and rent, how much will the Administration pay for each of the places purchased from private homes for the elderly in the coming year; and what is the percentage increase?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Based on the Hong Kong Population Projections 2012-41 from the Census & Statistics Department, the population figures for those aged 65 and above in the coming four years are as follows –

Aged group (both sex)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
65 and above	1 018 400	1 063 600	1 115 400	1 164 900	1 214 600

- (b) & (c) The number of the elderly in need of subsidised residential care places in the future hinges on a range of factors, such as the number of applicants being assessed as having such a need, the variety and choices of self-financing services available, preference for subsidised residential care services over self-financing services and preference for community care services over residential care services, etc. It is difficult to project the demand and the ratio between such a demand and the supply of subsidised residential care places.

With the additional recurrent funding of \$73 million proposed in 2013-14 Budget, over 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will commence service from 2012-13 to 2015-16. The Administration will continue to increase the provision of new residential care places in the coming years.

- (d) From 2013-14 to 2015-16, seven contract RCHEs will commence operation with details as follows –

Location and District	Number of additional residential care places	
	Subsidised residential care places	Non-subsidised residential care places
First Street, Sai Ying Pun, Central & Western	56	37
Hoi Wang Road / Hoi Ting Road, Yau Tsim Mong	60	63
Tai Wai, Sha Tin	60	40
Shek Kip Mei Estate Phase 2, Sham Shui Po	60	40
Hoi Fai Road, Yau Tsim Mong	90	60
Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters Site, Sham Shui Po	90	60
Lee Tung Street /Mcgregor Street, Wan Chai	56	37
Total	809	

The estimated total annual funding allocation of these seven contract RCHEs is \$77.2 million. The operator has to comply with the staffing requirements committed in the contract signed with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) by employing sufficient staff including nurses, care workers, other professional and non-professional staff for the delivery of services.

- (e) The additional provision of some 600 subsidised residential care places for the elderly as

mentioned in paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech includes 236 places from three new contract RCHEs, 300 EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Places Scheme (EBPS) and 52 places from making better use of space in subvented homes.

- (f) The additional provision of 2 300 subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2015-16 includes additional places from new and existing contract homes, existing subvented homes and private EBPS homes. Of these, the total additional residential care places to be purchased under EBPS are 905 places.
- (g) SWD has adopted the Composite Consumer Price Index as the basis for the annual adjustment of the purchase price of EBPS places. The purchase price of EBPS places in 2013-14 will be adjusted by the latest CCPI rate available in the second Quarter of 2013 under this mechanism.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)255

Question Serial No.

1833

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary has introduced five measures to improve elderly care services. He has proposed to allocate \$160 million additional funding in the five-year period from 2013-14 for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to organise ten more classes of two-year full-time Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme). Would the Administration inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The numbers of vacancies for nurses in local residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13).
- (b) The numbers of EN graduates of the welfare sector in each of the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13). How many of them are still working in RCHEs?
- (c) Whether the Administration will consider requiring such ENs to work in RCHEs in order to alleviate the manpower shortage in the elderly services sector?
- (d) In addition to the full-time EN Training Programme organised by SWD, the Hospital Authority (HA) has also provided nursing programmes, such as the Certificate in Competency Enhancement Programme for Health Workers course provided by the Institute of Health Care of the HA under the Care Enhancement Pilot Project for Aged Care. What is the tuition fee of this course?
- (e) In view of the acute shortage of ENs in the elderly services sector and considering only ENs are permitted to perform “Two Tubes and One Injection” which is one of the key duties in RCHEs, whether the Administration will enable SWD to recognise the qualification of the students of such courses and bring the qualification under Qualifications Framework Level 4, as well as create a new type of job where the rank of the workers are below ENs but higher than health workers, to be known as health officers or senior health workers, and to be allowed to perform “Two Tubes and One Injection” so as to alleviate the shortage of nursing manpower? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD does not capture the vacancy situation of nurses in RCHEs.
- (b) The number of graduates of the EN Training Programme in the past five years was as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of graduates	203	97	146	194	206

Trainees of the EN Training Programme are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. Over 90% of the graduates of the first four classes have entered to work in the welfare sector upon graduation. SWD is following up the employment situation of the graduates of the remaining classes. SWD does not capture the figures on the number of graduates who remain in the welfare sector after the completion of the terms of employment in the undertaking.

- (c) The objective of the EN Training Programme is to alleviate shortage of nurses in the welfare sector which includes elderly, rehabilitation, family and child care or correctional services. Graduates of the EN Training Programme are not confined to work in RCHEs only.
- (d) SWD has no information on the nursing programmes provided by the HA.
- (e) For patients' safety, "Two Tubes and One Injection", i.e. catheterisation, insertion of naso-gastric tube and giving intramuscular injection, are performed by registered medical practitioners or nurses registered under the Nursing Council of Hong Kong. Currently, RCHEs without nursing staff are supported by the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams or Community Nurse Service to perform these intrusive procedures for residents concerned.

Regarding Qualifications Framework (QF), the Education Bureau has assisted the elderly care service sector in setting up an Industry Training Advisory Committee (ITAC) in February 2012 to implement QF in the sector. ITAC is drawing up the Specifications of Competency Standards for the sector, which will set out the skills, knowledge and outcome standards required in different functional areas, and provide the basis for better design of training courses to meet the needs of the sector. SWD will continue to monitor the development.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)256

Question Serial No.

0633

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) It is stated in the Indicators of “adoption service” that the number of children available for adoption placed into local homes within three months in 2012-13 is the same as that in 2013-14. However, the number has dropped when compared with that in 2011-12. What are the reasons?
 - (b) As at the end of 2012, how many children/youth were waiting for local adoption and how many local homes were applying for adoption service of children/youth?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

- Reply:
- (a) The estimate of children available for adoption placed into local homes within three months in 2013-14 is based on the revised estimate in 2012-13 and the two figures are the same. The revised estimate in 2012-13 dropped to 76 because there were fewer children available for adoption in 2012-13 for various reasons including enhanced support services to needy parent(s) who need not resort to relinquishment of parental right as the last resort. Also, more time is required for the matching of children with special needs with suitable prospective adoptive parents.
 - (b) As at 31 December 2012, there were 110 children waiting for local adoption and 191 applications received for local adoption.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)257

Question Serial No.

0634

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) According to the revised estimate for 2012-13 and the estimate for 2013-14, the number of counselling/supportive casework handled by Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in the government sector is lower than the actual number for 2011-12. As the number of IFSCs has in fact increased by one as compared to that in 2011-12, does the Administration know the reasons behind? Are there any standards set by the Administration for the casework of IFSCs? Are the IFSCs encouraged to rearrange their other services and programmes for effective utilisation of human resources?
 - (b) Is there any plan to review or evaluate the entire service in order to keep pace with the change in family structures in the society? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of cases served by IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the 2012-13 revised estimate is calculated based on the actual number of active cases brought forward from 2011-12 and new/reactivated cases handled in the first two quarters of 2012-13. For the 2013-14 estimate, the number of cases is projected based on the actual cases handled in the first two quarters of 2012-13. The reduction in the number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by IFSCs run by SWD may be attributable to the fact that social workers are making use of other intervention approaches, such as groups and programmes, to meet the multifarious needs of individuals and families.
- (b) In October 2008, SWD commissioned the University of Hong Kong to conduct the “Review on the Implementation of the IFSCs Service Mode”. As recommended by the consultancy team in the review report published in February 2010, the IFSCs service mode should continue to be adopted for publicly-funded family services in Hong Kong. Services provided by IFSCs are adjusted from time to time to meet the demands in the community.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)258

Question Serial No.

0635

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in the 2013-14 Budget that \$380 million will be allocated from the Lotteries Fund to launch the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme). What are the specific details? What are the eligibility criteria and the number of eligible elderly beneficiaries? How long will this phase of the Pilot Scheme last?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The Pilot Scheme adopts a new funding mode, namely the “money-follows-the-user” approach, whereby the Government provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers. Eligible elderly may choose the service provider, the type of service and the service package that suit their individual needs. The Pilot Scheme will last for four years and the first phase (of two years) will start from September 2013.

The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, that is, Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS. A maximum of 1 200 vouchers will be issued during the first phase.

SWD has invited non-profit-making non-governmental organisations and social enterprises with experience in providing CCS or RCS to participate as Recognised Service Providers in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The result will be announced in April 2013.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)259

Question Serial No.

0636

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) It is stated by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113(c) of the 2013 Budget Speech that three contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be constructed. When will the three RCHEs commence service? Where will they be located? How many and what types of residential care places will be provided by these RCHEs?
- (b) It has also been stated by the Financial Secretary that a total of 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places will be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16. Please provide the specific details of the RCHEs as per the table below.

	Contract RCHEs		Places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Places converted from self-care hostels (S/C) and RCHEs	
	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes	Nursing homes (NHs)	C&A homes	NHs	C&A homes	NHs
2012-13						
2013-14						
2014-15						
2015-16						
					600	
Number of places	2 300					
Total amount	\$73 million					

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The information of the three new contract homes is as follows –

Location/District	Anticipated year of service commencement	Number of subsidised residential care places		Number of non-subsidised residential care places
		NH	C&A	
Hoi Fai Road, Yau Tsim Mong	2014-15	81	9	60
Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters Site, Sham Shui Po	2015-16	81	9	60
Lee Tung Street/Mcgregor Street, Wan Chai	2015-16	50	6	37

- (b) The 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places provided or to be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are set out below –

Means	Year				Total
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
(1) Provide additional NH places in new contract RCHEs, and additional NH places in existing contract RCHEs	307	201	235	131	874
(2) Provide additional C&A places in new contract RCHEs, and additional C&A places in existing contract RCHEs	13	13	21	15	62
(3) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide additional C&A places with a continuum of care	136	105	0	0	241
(4) Through Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme	64	165	0	0	229
(5) Purchase C&A places under EBPS	605	300	0	0	905
Total	1 125	784	256	146	2 311

Of these 2 300 additional places, the increase in recurrent funding of \$73 million in 2013-14 will provide funding support for 588 additional subsidised residential care places through setting up of three new contract homes, purchase of C&A places under EBPS and making better use of space in existing subvented RCHEs.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)260

Question Serial No.

0637

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) For three consecutive years starting from 2011-12, the number of places of care-and-attention (C&A) homes has been fixed at 8 484. What are the reasons?
 - (b) As at the end of 2012, how many people were on the waiting list for such places? How long does an elderly person have to wait on average for admission to a C&A home?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of subsidised C&A places in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) has remained/will remain at 8 484 in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. However, some additional 418 subsidised C&A places will be provided in conversion homes, contract RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme in 2013-14.
- (b) Eligible elderly may choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. The Social Welfare Department only captures the total number of applicants for C&A places as a whole. As at the end of December 2012, 22 293 applicants waited for C&A places and the overall average waiting time for admission to C&A places was 25 months and that for admission to C&A places in subvented/contract homes was 34 months.

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

LWB(WW)261

Question Serial No.

0638

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) The number of nursing home (NH) places in 2013-14 will be 165 more than that in 2012-13. In which districts will these additional places be located?
 - (b) As at the end of 2012, how many people were on the waiting list for such places? How long does an elderly person have to wait on average for admission to a NH?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) An additional 165 NH places are planned to be purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme in 2013-14. These places will be provided over the territory, depending on the applications from operators received.
- (b) As at 31 December 2012, there were 6 385 applicants on the waiting list for NH places and the average waiting time for admission to NH places was 37 months.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)262

Question Serial No.

0639

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) The number of places purchased from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in 2013-14 will be 300 more than that in 2012-13. Where will these additional places be located?
 - (b) As at the end of 2012, how many people were on waiting list for such places? How long does an elderly person have to wait on average for admission to one of these places?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) For the additional 300 EBPS places to be purchased in 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from private RCHEs and select suitable homes through a quality-based assessment. The exact number of bought places for each district will be determined with regard to the applications received and the demand for residential care places.
- (b) Eligible elderly can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes. SWD only captures the total number of applicants on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places as a whole. As at 31 December 2012, there were 22 293 applicants on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places and the average waiting time for admission to EBPS home was seven months.

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LWB(WW)263

Question Serial No.

0640

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) The number of places of contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2013-14 will be 60 more than that in 2012-13. Where will these additional places be located?
 - (b) As at the end of 2012, how many people were on the waiting list for such places? How long does an elderly person have to wait on average for admission to one of these places?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) An additional 60 subsidised residential care places will be provided in a new contract home at Hoi Wang Road, Yau Tsim Mong District.
- (b) As at 31 December 2012, there were 6 385 and 22 293 applicants on the waiting lists for subsidised nursing home (NH) and care-and-attention (C&A) home places respectively. The average waiting time for admission to NH places, and that for C&A places in subvented/contract homes were 37 months and 34 months respectively.

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Date: 26 March 2013

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

LWB(WW)264

Question Serial No.

0685

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) It is stated by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113(b) of the 2013 Budget Speech that 100 day care (DC) places will be added. Where will these places be located and when will they commence service?
- (b) According to the figures shown in the Estimates in 2013-14, there will be 182 more DC places for the elderly than that in 2012-13. Are these places the same as those mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113(b) of the 2013 Budget Speech? If no, where will these places be located and when will they commence service?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

- Reply:
- (a) The geographical distribution of the additional 100 DC places for the elderly which are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards will be as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Sai Kung	60
Wan Chai	20
Sham Shui Po	10
Sha Tin	10
Total	100

- (b) In 2013-14, another 182 additional DC places for the elderly are expected to commence service. They will be provided on top of the 100 DC places mentioned in the Budget Speech and their geographical distribution will be as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Kwai Tsing	60
Kwun Tong	52
Sha Tin	45
Central & Western	25
Total	182

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

LWB(WW)265

Question Serial No.

0686

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) According to the 2013-14 Estimates, the number of cases estimated to be served under the integrated home care services (IHCS) will be the same as in 2011-12 and 2012-13. What are the reasons?
 - (b) Please provide the respective number of places under IHCS, its registered utilisation rate and the number of persons on the waiting list for IHCS in the 18 districts.
 - (c) The increase in the number of elderly singletons and households composed of two elderly residents signifies an ageing population. While the Administration encourages elderly to “age in place”, does it have other plans to address the problem of care required by an ageing population living in the community if the community services concerned remain unchanged?
 - (d) It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113(a) of the 2013 Budget Speech that the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) will be launched. Yet the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not increased the number of community care places. Does it mean that SWD will not provide service for the “service vouchers”? If no, how can SWD ensure adequate resources for handling applications for vouchers and places at the same time?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

- Reply:
- (a) Considering that the service capacity of IHCS (frail cases) in 2013-14 will remain the same as that in 2012-13 and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility to decide the maximum capacity of IHCS (ordinary cases), we estimate that the number of cases served in 2013-14 will also be maintained at the same level.

(b) The geographical distribution of IHCS places by district in 2012-13 is as follows –

District	IHCS (frail cases) ^[Note 1]	IHCS (ordinary cases) Caseload ^[Note 2]
Central & Western	40	645
Eastern	80	1 674
Wan Chai	30	555
Southern	80	1 059
Islands	20	262
Kwan Tong	150	1 817
Wong Tai Sin	100	1 479
Sai Kung	30	413
Kowloon City	30	1 323
Sham Shui Po	90	1 686
Yau Tim Mong	40	888
Sha Tin	120	1 407
Tai Po	30	792
North	30	979
Yuen Long	90	1 356
Tsuen Wan	40	434
Kwai Tsing	90	1 085
Tuen Mun	30	1 355
Total	1 120	19 209

^[Note 1] Frail cases include frail elderly and persons with severe physical disabilities who require a comprehensive package of services.

^[Note 2] NGOs have the flexibility to decide the maximum service capacity for IHCS (ordinary cases) and the figures refer to the caseload on all cases including the elderly, persons with disabilities, individuals and families with social need as at the end of December 2012.

As at the end of December 2012, the numbers of cases receiving IHCS (frail cases) and IHCS (ordinary cases) were 1 065 and 19 209 respectively. There were 444 frail elderly waiting for frailty-tested services under IHCS and the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for IHCS with a view to meeting the service need of the elderly as appropriate.

(c) In addition to IHCS, SWD also provides community care services to frail elderly through Day Care Service (DC), EHCCS and the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders to enable them to age in the community and to support their carers.

(d) In 2013-14, the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$9 million to add 100 day care places and extend the service hours of new day care centre and units for the elderly. Separately, \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme in September 2013. SWD has invited non-profit-making organisations and social enterprises with experience in providing community care services or residential care services to participate as Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The result will be announced in April 2013. RSPs will provide additional day and home care places for the Scheme.

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Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)266

Question Serial No.

0687

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) According to the 2013-14 Estimates, the number of cases estimated to be served under the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) will be the same as in 2012-13. What are the reasons?
 - (b) Please provide the respective number of EHCCS places, its registered utilisation rate, and the number of persons on the waiting list for EHCCS in the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

- Reply:
- (a) Considering that the service capacity of EHCCS in 2013-14 will remain the same as that in 2012-13, we estimate that the number of cases to be served will also be maintained at the same level.
 - (b) There are 24 EHCCS teams and the geographical distribution of the EHCCS places by district is as follows –

District	EHCCS (district basis)	EHCCS (cluster basis)
Central & Western	171	154
Eastern	206	
Wan Chai	154	
Southern	158	
Islands	124	-
Kwun Tong	421	336
Wong Tai Sin	406	428
Sai Kung	228	
Kowloon City	290	236
Sham Shui Po	255	
Yau Tsim Mong	188	

District	EHCCS (district basis)	EHCCS (cluster basis)
Sha Tin	192	212
Tai Po	129	
North	141	
Yuen Long	163	256
Tsuen Wan	235	
Kwai Tsing	336	
Tuen Mun	160	
Total	3 957	1 622

As at the end of January 2013, the number of elderly receiving EHCCS was about 5 100. There were 524 elderly persons waiting for integrated home care services for frail cases and / or EHCCS and the average waiting time was about two months. The Administration will continue to increase the provision to meet the service need of the elderly as appropriate.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 27 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)267

Question Serial No.

0688

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) It is stated in the Brief Description that in 2012 the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “made preparations for the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities which would provide employers of persons with disabilities with a one-off subsidy.....”. How would the employees with disabilities or employers learn about the subsidy? Has the Programme started? If not, when will it begin? If yes, how many employees with disabilities have benefited from the Programme? What kind of work are these employees doing? As at the end of 2012, what was the expenditure involved?
- (b) The same matter is also mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14. Does it mean that there are already applicants on the waiting list? If so, how many of them are there? If not, how many employees with disabilities are expected to benefit from the Programme? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: SWD will provide subsidy for employers to procure assistive device and carry out workplace modification works for the purpose of facilitating their employees with disabilities to better adjust to the work setting and enhance their work efficiency. An annual allocation of \$8 million has been approved for implementing this initiative. We estimate that around 400 employees with disabilities will benefit from this Programme each year. SWD is in the process of selecting and commissioning a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to assist in administering the scheme which will be fully launched in the second quarter of 2013. SWD will work jointly with the NGO in promoting the Programme and inviting applications from employers of persons with disabilities through mass media, associations in the commercial sector, NGOs and SWD’s website, etc.

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Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 25 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)268

Question Serial No.

0689

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) It is stated in the Brief Description that in 2012, the Social Welfare Department “launched the scheme of providing financial incentive for mentors of employees with disabilities to facilitate the latter to adapt to work smoothly”. Under this scheme, how many mentors received financial incentive? In what aspects of work did they provide guidance? As at the end of 2012, what was the expenditure involved?
 - (b) The same matter is also mentioned in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14”. Does it mean that there are already applicants on the waiting list? If so, how many of them are there? If not, how many employees with disabilities are expected to benefit from the scheme? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) An annual allocation of \$1.35 million has been approved for implementing a scheme whereby financial incentive is provided to workplace mentors of employees with disabilities to facilitate the latter to adapt to work smoothly. Under the scheme, a mentor rendering workplace assistance to an employee with disabilities for a period of not less than one month will receive a one-off incentive pay of \$500. The assistance provided by the mentors may include work-related guidance, timely compliments to the mentees for their good performance and encouragement of the mentees to participate in social activities, etc. This initiative was launched in December 2012.
- (b) It is estimated that around 2 700 employees with disabilities will benefit from this scheme each year.

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Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)269

Question Serial No.

0690

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Of the places of special child care centres (SCCCs) provided in 2012-13, how many cases involved children with autism?
 - (b) It is planned that there will be 126 additional places in 2013-14. How many autistic children will be able to get the service?
 - (c) As at the end of 2012, how many children were diagnosed with autism? Among them, how many were receiving training service? How many cases were on the waiting list? What is the waiting time required on average?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) & (b) SCCC's provide centre-based training and care for pre-school children with different kinds of disabilities, including children with autism, through an integrated approach to meet their varied needs. A total of 1 757 SCCC's places are provided in 2012-13 (revised estimate), and 126 additional SCCC's places will be provided in 2013-14 (estimate). As children with autism or autistic features may also suffer from other kinds of disabilities (e.g. developmental delay, speech impairment, etc.), no quota on SCCC's places is set aside solely for children with autism.
- (c) According to the Department of Health (DH), the number of children newly diagnosed by the Child Assessment Services (CAS) with Autistic Spectrum Disorder was about 1 500 in 2012^[Note].

As at the end of December 2012, a total of 1 240 children were on the waiting list for SCCC's service. Of these children, 683 (55%) were assessed or suspected to have autism or autistic features at the time of application though they might also have other disabilities. In 2011-12, the average waiting time for SCCC's service was 16.8 months.

^[Note] The figure only reflects cases assessed and diagnosed by CAS of DH of that year, but is not cumulative. Furthermore, a child with Autistic Spectrum Disorder may have more than one type of disability.

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Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)270

Question Serial No.

0828

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As at the end of February 2013, how many households living in private housing were receiving rent allowance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme?

	Singleton elderly household	Singleton household	Doubleton elderly household	Doubleton household	Three-member household	Four-member household	Five-member household	Six-member or above household
Total amount								

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The number of CSSA cases residing in private housing and receiving rent allowance (with breakdown by the number of eligible members in the family) and the corresponding CSSA expenditure on rent allowance as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family	Number of CSSA cases residing in private housing and receiving rent allowance	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)
1	18 341	20.5
2	9 335	19.0
3	5 165	14.5
4	2 084	6.3
5	663	2.0
6 and above	300	1.2
Total	35 888	63.5

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Date: 28 March 2013

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

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Question Serial No.

0829

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance in various public housing estates (PHE) in Hong Kong as at the end of February 2013.

Name of PHE	Singleton elderly household	Singleton household	Doubleton elderly household	Doubleton household	Three-member household	Four-member household	Five-member household	Six-member or above household
Total amount								

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The number of CSSA cases residing in various PHEs and receiving rent allowance (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Ap Lei Chau	190	200	72	48	11	2
Bo Shek Mansion	47	14	2	-	-	-
Broadview Garden	6	12	3	-	-	-
Butterfly	575	540	110	19	1	1
Chai Wan	245	77	43	14	1	-
Chak On	211	220	32	4	2	-
Cheung Ching	199	219	83	47	18	6
Cheung Fat	208	107	38	15	2	1
Cheung Hang	288	136	77	16	10	3
Cheung Hong	570	554	139	50	21	6
Cheung Kwai	19	19	10	3	3	-
Cheung On	212	92	28	8	4	1
Cheung Shan	48	49	25	14	6	3
Cheung Wah	274	281	64	33	7	2

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Cheung Wang	390	187	148	86	23	6
Ching Ho	784	502	391	189	50	6
Cho Yiu Chuen	122	60	26	9	5	-
Choi Fai	85	39	20	10	4	5
Choi Fook	344	205	104	41	6	2
Choi Ha	127	37	21	7	2	2
Choi Hung	605	519	150	46	26	8
Choi Ming Court	276	134	79	56	18	7
Choi Tak	498	368	126	32	17	1
Choi Wan (I)	273	239	136	49	27	10
Choi Wan (II)	112	142	76	32	5	2
Choi Ying	438	273	158	46	4	1
Choi Yuen	531	568	96	37	10	2
Chuk Yuen (North)	229	101	48	20	3	3
Chuk Yuen (South)	614	583	139	53	11	3
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	60	44	15	4	1	-
Chun Shek	210	136	37	9	3	2
Chung On	261	157	87	55	14	5
Clague Garden Estate	26	28	10	2	3	-
Easeful Court	-	14	16	15	6	3
Fortune	536	117	49	15	10	-
Fu Cheong	1 246	350	177	86	32	7
Fu Heng	381	127	65	43	4	5
Fu Shan	148	58	48	17	-	1
Fu Shin	280	290	79	38	14	2
Fu Tai	354	142	157	136	36	47
Fu Tung	61	34	37	18	7	8
Fuk Loi	236	200	61	17	2	3
Fung Tak	342	101	30	18	2	1
Fung Wah	77	19	10	5	1	2
Grandeur Terrace	48	204	297	169	50	24
Hau Tak	322	143	88	50	15	3
Healthy Village	71	36	16	7	-	-
Heng On	76	75	45	16	11	-
High Prosperity Terrace	3	12	15	20	7	3
Hin Keng	59	82	46	16	5	1
Hin Yiu	93	63	27	9	6	-

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Hing Man	88	85	35	17	6	9
Hing Tin	44	34	32	10	2	1
Hing Tung	150	70	35	19	4	3
Hing Wah (I)	257	70	60	28	10	9
Hing Wah (II)	348	332	59	21	6	1
Ho Man Tin	568	236	90	39	23	6
Hoi Fu Court	430	250	93	39	14	12
Hoi Lai	215	177	205	137	60	14
Hong Tung	167	45	5	1	1	-
Hung Hom	404	159	53	27	10	2
Jat Min Chuen	255	166	37	11	2	2
Ka Fuk	211	84	47	16	6	5
Ka Wai Chuen	163	97	18	9	-	1
Kai Tin	296	96	41	28	8	5
Kai Yip	518	438	68	18	1	1
Kam Peng	18	11	8	7	1	-
Kin Ming	503	269	269	158	60	27
Kin Sang	76	31	14	14	3	-
King Lam	420	112	35	16	4	1
Ko Cheung Court	14	63	88	43	24	12
Ko Yee	159	67	26	10	5	1
Kwai Chung	1364	727	414	256	85	16
Kwai Fong	629	213	121	71	25	18
Kwai Hing	60	39	17	3	1	2
Kwai Luen	142	81	46	20	3	2
Kwai Shing (East)	729	317	114	67	37	11
Kwai Shing (West)	318	281	106	46	7	4
Kwong Fuk	365	395	133	53	16	7
Kwong Tin	145	57	54	22	12	1
Kwong Yuen	318	110	57	30	5	2
Kwun Lung Lau	98	44	9	17	1	2
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	341	233	66	38	11	2
Lai King	292	239	78	32	12	4
Lai Kok	378	309	60	19	1	1
Lai On	167	48	21	11	4	2
Lai Tak Tsuen	87	79	17	6	3	2
Lai Yiu	189	137	40	24	19	3

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Lakeside Garden	10	10	5	2	-	-
Lam Tin	329	169	112	44	5	1
Lee On	278	181	91	35	16	5
Lei Cheng Uk	231	190	51	24	4	2
Lei Muk Shue	780	469	232	146	41	12
Lei Tung	309	239	58	17	4	2
Lei Yue Mun	344	202	129	45	33	5
Lek Yuen	255	194	73	23	13	-
Leung King	502	199	89	42	18	4
Lok Fu	407	154	78	34	9	2
Lok Man Sun Chuen	217	151	48	12	4	3
Lok Wah (North)	84	110	65	37	13	5
Lok Wah (South)	853	906	76	13	4	-
Long Bin IH	95	22	7	1	-	1
Long Ping	330	453	202	72	23	4
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	214	192	65	27	5	1
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	440	216	88	37	6	3
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	359	262	94	64	11	7
Lung Hang	175	175	91	55	23	6
Lung Tin	71	23	4	2	1	-
Ma Hang	41	19	15	8	1	1
Ma Tau Wai	148	155	59	16	4	2
Mei Lam	326	259	76	29	8	1
Mei Tin	480	293	242	107	37	4
Mei Tung	185	115	49	10	4	3
Ming Tak	153	62	24	11	5	2
Ming Wah Dai Ha	121	82	16	5	-	-
Model Housing	40	18	18	12	4	4
Moon Lok Dai Ha	63	39	11	4	2	1
Nam Cheong	131	90	20	14	6	3
Nam Shan	246	234	70	17	3	-
Nga Ning Court	24	9	8	13	-	-
Ngan Wan	18	21	11	4	-	-
Oi Man	244	265	171	51	26	4
Oi Tung	709	250	97	39	12	5
On Tin	6	30	38	24	15	7
On Ting	554	323	87	33	9	5

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
On Yam	382	175	84	58	31	21
Pak Tin	1 245	473	209	129	30	6
Ping Shek	251	216	72	31	10	1
Ping Tin	780	288	155	53	14	4
Po Lam	197	224	66	24	6	4
Po Tat	840	387	302	151	54	27
Po Tin	1 724	292	65	11	4	
Pok Hong	152	144	56	18	8	3
Prosperous Garden	77	12	4	2	-	-
Sai Wan	14	10	16	9	3	2
Sam Shing	84	114	30	19	5	-
Sau Mau Ping (South)	385	235	158	45	17	1
Sau Mau Ping	1 527	619	405	193	64	30
Sha Kok	647	527	105	56	6	2
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	33	19	11	7	4	1
Shan King	532	639	142	52	16	4
Shatin Pass	114	50	37	7	3	-
Shek Kip Mei	973	654	195	80	24	5
Shek Lei (I)	467	360	108	47	19	6
Shek Lei (II)	947	359	245	132	51	17
Shek Mun	139	126	47	24	4	-
Shek Pai Wan	393	211	84	40	24	8
Shek Wai Kok	363	405	134	46	20	1
Shek Yam (East)	324	78	45	16	11	1
Shek Yam	289	163	80	52	20	12
Sheung Lok	110	33	5	-	-	-
Sheung Tak	505	219	135	97	37	24
Shin Ming	194	141	32	9	-	1
Shui Pin Wai	337	230	52	16	12	5
Shun Lee	281	284	88	19	8	3
Shun On	273	257	66	18	5	4
Shun Tin	497	544	124	60	21	8
Siu Sai Wan	269	158	129	62	17	13
Sun Chui	411	390	119	63	18	5
Sun Tin Wai	171	150	90	31	12	1
Tai Hang Tung	398	131	38	12	6	5
Tai Hing	915	662	208	55	4	1

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Tai Ping	19	25	16	7	4	1
Tai Wo	436	153	49	36	7	4
Tai Wo Hau	588	441	174	67	21	12
Tai Yuen	230	255	135	84	26	4
Tak Tin	592	180	43	31	9	1
Tin Chak	412	226	203	96	24	5
Tin Ching	624	448	302	145	32	5
Tin Heng	73	248	339	225	85	57
Tin King	51	73	43	14	7	-
Tin Ping	118	84	70	23	6	3
Tin Shui	410	343	199	79	28	11
Tin Tsz	473	186	86	38	6	3
Tin Wah	481	165	117	66	21	14
Tin Wan	395	112	62	28	5	6
Tin Yan	856	444	184	59	12	2
Tin Yat	46	161	184	108	51	19
Tin Yiu	527	396	211	107	30	10
Tin Yuet	481	187	175	118	45	18
Tsing Yi	144	58	21	10	4	-
Tsui Lam	80	141	58	19	10	3
Tsui Lok	59	70	3	1	1	1
Tsui Ping (South)	385	155	66	31	10	4
Tsui Ping (North)	795	471	136	46	13	6
Tsui Wan	106	38	25	5	3	-
Tsz Ching	1 244	333	206	107	29	10
Tsz Hong	46	113	103	60	26	12
Tsz Lok	671	314	131	75	24	6
Tsz Man	167	89	60	27	9	7
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	9	9	2	1	-	-
Tung Tau	558	265	78	27	7	2
Tung Wui	309	57	24	7	1	2
Un Chau	1 075	437	163	69	19	7
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 203	347	158	70	32	10
Upper Wong Tai Sin	692	301	141	49	16	2
Verbena Heights	140	43	10	2	2	-
Wah Fu	398	390	174	77	12	8
Wah Kwai	244	75	17	9	3	2

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Wah Lai	99	43	35	34	14	9
Wah Ming	291	160	76	41	5	1
Wah Sum	143	66	47	24	12	6
Wan Hon	268	209	11	3	1	1
Wan Tau Tong	161	55	12	8	2	1
Wan Tsui	220	221	69	53	9	1
Wang Tau Hom	356	184	93	60	23	4
Wo Che	289	287	168	84	31	14
Wo Lok	181	151	43	14	1	1
Wu King	102	176	115	59	16	4
Yan On	203	137	67	20	3	-
Yat Tung	473	462	440	314	159	91
Yau Lai	706	631	239	101	40	15
Yau Oi	540	462	203	109	36	8
Yau Tong	419	240	118	68	30	10
Yiu On	129	91	41	15	3	-
Yiu Tung	500	154	67	47	16	9
Yue Kwong Chuen	36	23	3	1	2	-
Yue Wan	162	160	40	25	4	1
Yung Shing Court	238	58	38	46	21	9
Total no. of case	72 001	43 673	19 231	9 154	3 043	1 164
Total amount (\$ million)	61.1	52.3	29.3	15.7	5.8	2.4

There is no available breakdown figures on the corresponding expenditure items by PHE and the number of eligible members in the family.

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Date: 31 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)272

Question Serial No.

1651

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Over the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)

- (a) How many able-bodied and employable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who had been on CSSA for over one year, two years or three years were referred by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) for training/retraining each year?
- (b) What was the number of cases in which the trainees continued to work for over one year after completing the training/retraining? Has the Administration taken the above figures from SWD and ERB as indicators to evaluate the performance as well as the cost-effectiveness of CSSA payments and the work of ERB? If yes, what are the results? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) What is the estimated number of people to be referred by SWD to ERB for training/retraining in 2013-14? What is the difference when compared with the figures over the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply: SWD has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate various employment assistance projects to provide employment assistance services to able-bodied CSSA recipients in the past years. The NGOs are required to assess the needs of the able-bodied CSSA recipients and provide employment assistance services to them, including arranging them to attend training or retraining courses as appropriate. SWD does not have information on the number of able-bodied CSSA recipients who have attended courses provided by ERB nor the number of able-bodied CSSA recipients who have secured employment after attending courses provided by ERB.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)273

Question Serial No.

1416

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the services provided by day care centres for the elderly (DEs) and day care units for the elderly (DCUs) mentioned in the Brief Description of this programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee –

- (a) What are the details of the policy on strengthening the care for the demented elderly?
- (b) What are the reasons for the increase in the cost per place per month?
- (c) Please list the distribution of places provided in DEs/DCUs in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Subsidised day care services are provided through 64 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) to support the frail elderly (including demented elderly) in the community. In 2013-14, additional recurrent funding of \$9 million has been earmarked to add 100 day care places and extend the service hours of new DE/DCUs.

Starting from 2011-12, a Dementia Supplement (DS) has been provided to all subsidised DEs/DCUs for the provision of more targeted services to demented elderly residing in the community. The DEs/DCUs, with allocation of DS, can employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase professional services to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly as well as support services for their carers as necessary.

Support services to carers of demented elderly are also provided by various types of residential care service units as well as community care and support service units for the elderly. Services provided are day and overnight respite services, the provision of information, training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resources centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipments, etc.

- (b) The increase in the cost per place per month in DEs/DCUs from \$6,823 in 2012-13 to \$6,909 in 2013-14 is due to the rise in operational expenses.

(c) The geographic distribution of day care places by district is as follows –

District	Number of day care places as at the end of January 2013
Central & Western	104
Eastern	216
Wan Chai	72
Southern	108
Islands	40
Kwun Tong	310
Wong Tai Sin	287
Sai Kung	145
Kowloon City	158
Sham Shui Po	250
Yau Tsim Mong	152
Sha Tin	216
Tai Po	64
North	44
Yuen Long	115
Tsuen Wan	64
Kwai Tsing	154
Tuen Mun	110
Total	2 609

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)274

Question Serial No.

1417

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the details regarding homes participating in the conversion of self-care (S/C) and home for the aged (H/A) places? Please provide the number of residential care places currently provided by homes participating in the Conversion Programme in each of the 18 districts. Besides, how many S/C hostels and H/As have not participated in the Conversion Programme yet and why? Are these S/C hostels and H/As anticipated to be participating gradually in the Conversion Programme? If yes, what will be the expenditure involved each year?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: Under the Conversion Programme, a total of 10 700 S/C hostel/H/A places and care-and-attention (C&A) home places without a continuum of care will be converted into C&A places providing a continuum of care. As at the end of January 2013, 69 subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) had participated in the Conversion Programme to convert 9 771 places into 5 496 places providing a continuum of care. Through making full use of the space in these RCHEs under the Conversion Programme, another 628 places providing a continuum of care have been created.

The geographical distribution of the existing subsidised C&A places providing a continuum of care under the Conversion Programme as at 31 January 2013 was as follows –

District	Number of subsidised C&A places providing a continuum of care
Central & Western	83
Eastern	165
Wan Chai	0
Southern	550
Islands	30
Kwun Tong	1091
Wong Tai Sin	238
Sai Kung	555
Kowloon City	0
Sham Shui Po	257
Yau Tsim Mong	0

District	Number of subsidised C&A places providing a continuum of care
Sha Tin	696
Tai Po	551
North	630
Yuen Long	239
Tsuen Wan	213
Kwai Tsing	513
Tuen Mun	313
Total	6 124

In order to minimise disturbance to the existing residents, the Conversion Programme is implemented in phases based on a vacancy-led approach to be carried out gradually through natural wastage or departure of elderly residents owing to, for example, change in the care level. There are six RCHEs involving 900 places that have not started conversion. They will kick-start the conversion when they have accumulated enough vacancies or when the physical settings of these RCHEs are ready for admission of the frail elderly.

The estimated recurrent expenditure for converting these 900 places into places providing a continuum of care is \$121 million per annum.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)275

Question Serial No.

1430

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the programme concerning the provision of Old Age Allowance for eligible Hong Kong elderly who choose to reside in Guangdong (GD), would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) The estimated numbers of elderly aged 65 or above who currently retire in GD, Fujian and other provinces;
- (b) The number of recipients under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme and the increase in the number of recipients in the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13);

Whether the Administration knows about the number of elderly eligible for Social Security Allowance (SSA) who are residing in the Mainland on a long-term basis? If yes, what is the number in the past two years (2011-12 and 2012-13)? If not, will the Administration make the projections as soon as possible; and

- (c) The latest progress of the GD Scheme, the anticipated time when the elderly people in the Mainland can apply as well as the expenditure and manpower involved for its implementation.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of retired elderly persons aged 65 and above who have moved to live in GD, Fujian and other Provinces.
- (b) There were 2 660 PCSSA cases in 2010-11, 2 378 in 2011-12 and 2 241 in 2012-13 (up to 31 December 2012).

As SWD does not have information of elderly persons who reside permanently on the Mainland, we are unable to make any estimate on the number of elderly persons who would otherwise be eligible for the SSA. For the GD Scheme, it is assumed that about 30 000 elderly persons will join the Scheme.

- (c) The Administration is taking forward at full steam the preparatory work for the GD Scheme, including preparation for application procedures and related publicity, and recruitment of staff. The aim is to implement the Scheme in the second half of 2013. The expenditure for allowance payment is estimated at \$395 million per annum. The

administrative cost earmarked for 2013-14 is \$21.8 million, including expenditure on publicity, appointment of an agent in GD, and creation of an additional 20 posts for planning and implementation of the Scheme.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)276

Question Serial No.

1431

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Guangdong Scheme (GD Scheme) under this programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) Whether the recipients of GD Scheme can receive the payments of Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in the coming year so that eligible elderly residing in the Mainland can immediately benefit;
- (b) Should the OALA be not payable under the GD Scheme, what are the estimated numbers of elderly having to return to Hong Kong for making applications for the allowances or for fulfilling the requirements on the permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong;

The number of cases in which social support was provided for the elderly who returned to reside in Hong Kong permanently or temporarily over the past two years; and

- (c) Whether the Administration will review the social welfare and support for the returnees including the elderly in particular, and work out specific plans with a view to offering them assistance in their living in the early stage of returning to Hong Kong. If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Administration will explore the feasibility of allowing elderly who choose to retire in Guangdong to receive OALA some time after the implementation of OALA and GD Scheme.
- (b) Whether an elderly person would return to Hong Kong depends on the preference of the elderly person concerned. We are unable to make any estimate on the number of elderly persons having to return to Hong Kong to make applications for the allowances or to fulfill the requirement on the permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong. Neither do we have information on the number of cases in which social support was provided for the elderly persons who returned to reside in Hong Kong permanently or temporarily over the past two years.
- (c) Upon their return to Hong Kong, people including the elderly persons may approach the nearby Integrated Family Service Centres or Integrated Services Centres for necessary

assistance including enquiries, counselling, emergency assistance, other supportive and referral services, etc.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)277

Question Serial No.

1432

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security; and
(3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Guangdong Scheme under this Programme which provides allowance to the elderly who reside in Guangdong, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the amounts of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments and the total expenditure involved under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme in each of the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13);
- (b) What was the number of cases in which the elderly residing on the Mainland and those who had returned to settle in Hong Kong sought assistance from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13);
- (c) Given that the standard of living on the Mainland has become higher in recent years, many Hong Kong elderly have used up their pension and are returning from the Mainland to settle in Hong Kong. Some Hong Kong elderly have also returned to Hong Kong owing to various reasons. Has the Administration considered setting up service points or running programmes through institutions to provide one-stop service on the Mainland to enable the Hong Kong elderly who choose to return from the Mainland to apply for the relevant services in advance so that they will not be in straitened circumstances due to lack of social service assistance upon returning to Hong Kong; and
- (d) As retired Hong Kong elderly do not have household registration on the Mainland, they are not entitled to any medical care. Has the

Administration considered joining hands with the universities or institutions of Hong Kong which have set up hospitals and medical centres on the Mainland to provide basic medical services to the Hong Kong elderly residing on the Mainland who are eligible for receiving CSSA, similar to the case of CSSA recipients in Hong Kong enjoying free local public medical services? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Under the PCSSA Scheme, elderly CSSA recipients aged 60 or above may continue to receive the monthly standard rate payment and annual long-term supplement under CSSA if they choose to retire in Guangdong or Fujian Province. The total expenditure on the PCSSA Scheme from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

PCSSA	2010-11 (\$ million)	2011-12 (\$ million)	2012-13 (Estimated) (\$ million)
Total expenditure	101	95	91 (as at the end of December 2012)

- (b) Upon return to Hong Kong, elderly persons may approach District Elderly Community Centres, Social Security Field Units, Integrated Family Service Centres or Integrated Services Centres for assistance. Services provided include provision of information, counselling, emergency assistance, supportive group, referral service, etc. SWD has not kept any statistics on the number of elderly persons who have approached the SWD for assistance in the past three years.
- (c) & (d) SWD subvents the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS) to operate the Cross-boundary and Inter-country Casework Service to help people facing individual and family problems arising from geographical separation. Hong Kong residents, including the elderly currently living on the Mainland, may approach ISS for necessary assistance. Services provided include provision of information, counselling, emergency assistance, supportive groups and referral service, etc. PCSSA recipients who encounter difficulty in Guangdong and Fujian may seek assistance from ISS to make

necessary arrangements to return to and live in Hong Kong and continue to receive CSSA, as well as other subsidised social services.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)278

Question Serial No.

0962

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It was stated by the Administration that the foster care allowance, including the maintenance grant for foster children and incentive payment for foster parents, would be raised. Please list the actual expenditure and the spending situation of foster care allowance last year, as well as the estimated expenditure and the anticipated effectiveness in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply: The Social Welfare Department raised the foster care allowance including the maintenance grant for foster children and incentive payment for foster parents by about 30% in 2012-13. The revised estimate for the foster care allowance in 2012-13 is \$78.4 million. The estimated allocation in 2013-14 will be \$84.6 million. Based on the feedback from the foster parents, the service users and the relevant stakeholders, the increase in the foster care allowance has strengthened the support to the needy children and encouraged more suitable families to join as foster parents.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)279

Question Serial No.

0963

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the feasibility of the regularisation of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and its extension to 18 districts, please advise –

- (a) The project details and whether any review was conducted on the effectiveness of the pilot project;
- (b) The present numbers of home-based child carers, participating children and a list of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing the service;
- (c) The expenditure required and for what purpose;
- (d) Would the Administration consider raising the incentive payment of home-based child carers to not lower than the minimum wage level, and changing the semi-voluntary nature of the home-based child carers to remunerated carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? Has the Administration estimated the expenditure involved?
- (e) Would the Administration allocate more resources to develop the After School Care Programme (ASCP) for school children aged 7 to 12? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the three-year pilot NSCCP in six districts in October 2008 (and later extended to five other districts in March 2009), which aimed at providing parents with more flexible child care services in addition to the regular ones and at the same time promoting community participation and mutual assistance in the neighbourhood. There were two service components, namely the home-based child care service for children aged under six, and the centre-based care groups for children aged three to under six. Carers in the neighbourhood were recruited and trained to take care of children at the carers' homes or at centres run by the service operators. Upon the completion of the pilot scheme in March 2011, SWD reviewed the effectiveness of the project and in the light of the review findings, regularised the project in October 2011. The project has since been extended to 18 districts on the basis of a mode of operation similar to the one adopted in the pilot scheme.
- (b) Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP to 18 districts, each service operator is required to provide at least 26 home-based child care places and 14 centre-based care group places. Thus, there are a total of at least 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places over the territory. The service operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care places on top of the minimum

requirement set by SWD to meet actual service demand. SWD does not have detailed information about the number of home-based child carers recruited by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing the NSCCP service in each district which may fluctuate according to service demand.

The list of NGOs providing the district-based NSCCP service and the number of children served in each district in the 2012-13 financial year (from April to December 2012) are provided in the table below –

District	NGOs	Number of children served ^[Note]
Central & Western	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service Company Limited	95
Eastern	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	227
Islands	Hong Kong Outlying Islands Women's Association	344
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	492
Kwai Tsing	Women Service Association	517
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Resident Association	536
North	Po Leung Kuk	242
Sai Kung	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	438
Sha Tin	Hong Kong Single Parents Association	352
Sham Shui Po	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service Company Limited	747
Southern	Hong Kong Southern District Women's Association	177
Tai Po	Hong Kong Women Development Association	363
Tsuen Wan	Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department	213
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	745
Wan Chai	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	130
Wong Tai Sin	Chinese Evangelical Zion Church	500
Yau Tsim Mong	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	833
Yuen Long	Tin Shui Wai Women Association	821
Total		7 772

[Note] SWD captures service utilisation by counts of children using the service in the month. One child is counted once in the month.

- (c) The estimated recurrent funding allocation for NSCCP in 2013-14 is \$37.1 million. Save for an amount at \$16.6 million set aside as fee subsidy to help low income families and the prescribed requirement of at least one social worker for each project, the service operators have the flexibility of deploying the remaining allocation of \$20.5 million to run their projects.
- (d) NSCCP is a mutual help project and not an employment project. It aims to promote community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood, and at the same time provide flexible child care support to needy families. The home-based child carers of NSCCP are providing service largely as volunteers in the spirit of care for others and receive an incentive payment in return. Given that there is no employment relationship between the carers and the service providers, the statutory minimum wage does not apply to NSCCP.
- (e) ASCP aims at providing supportive services for children aged 6 to 12 whose parents are unable to provide proper care for them during after-school hours owing to work or other reasons. It is operated through NGOs on a self-financing and fee charging basis. SWD provides fee waiving / reduction for needy families.

The funding allocation for fee waiving / reduction under ASCP is \$15 million in the 2013-14 estimate. SWD conducts half-yearly reviews on the demand for the fee waiving subsidies. At present, there are still unused quotas and SWD has no plan to increase the provision for fee waiving / reduction.

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Question Serial No.

0964

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the enhancement of the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) as stated by the Administration, please advise the details of the enhanced programme, as well as the estimated and actual number of cases handled each year and the expenditure per case since the implementation of VSP.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply: VSP commenced service in June 2010 with a funding allocation of about \$5 million per annum and targeted to serve about 800 service users a year. Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services are provided to victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity work and recruitment of volunteers to assist the service users are conducted. Apart from casework service units, VSP has been extended to refuge centres and CEASE Crisis Centre and started providing child visitation service for residents of refuge centres/CEASE Crisis Centre since August 2012. VSP would further strengthen support to victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities and extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and CEASE Crisis Centre in 2013-14. The actual numbers of service users served in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 are shown below –

Year	Actual number of service users
2010-11 (Jun 2010 – Mar 2011)	405
2011-12 (Apr 2011 – Mar 2012)	613
2012-13 (Apr 2012 – Dec 2012)	508

VSP comprises casework and other services targeted to addressing varying degrees of complexity of the cases, and SWD therefore is not in a position to calculate the average cost per case.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)281

Question Serial No.

0965

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Administration, it will continue to launch publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. Please inform this Committee of the publicity and public education programmes implemented as well as the actual expenditure in the last financial year.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply: In 2012-13, the expenditure for the publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) made use of various media channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence. For example, a short-film cum storyboard creation competition on prevention of child sexual abuse was launched, a poster and leaflet on promoting joint parental responsibilities and co-operation of divorced parents for the best interest of their children as well as a series of leaflets introducing the services for victims of domestic violence in different languages were produced. The poster was posted in public transportation systems to attract public's attention while the publication materials were distributed to the public through social service units in the territory. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence were also organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)282

Question Serial No.

2058

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Government will allocate \$380 million from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) in September 2013. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following – what will be the number of places in the first phase; how many elderly will benefit; what are the specific details and eligibility criteria of the Pilot Scheme; and what is the expenditure involved for the first phase?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The Pilot Scheme adopts a new funding mode, namely the “money-follows-the-user” approach, whereby the Government provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers. Eligible elderly may choose the service provider, the type of service and the service package that suit their individual needs. The Pilot Scheme will last for four years and the first phase (of two years) will start from September 2013.

The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed by the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, that is, Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS. A maximum of 1 200 vouchers will be issued during the first phase.

SWD has invited non-profit-making organisations and social enterprises with experience in providing CCS or RCS to participate as Recognised Service Provider in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The result will be announced in April 2013.

An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which includes the subsidy on voucher value and a seed money grant to Recognised Service Providers to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 25 March 2013

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

LWB(WW)283

Question Serial No.

2060

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will construct three new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the locations of these RCHEs; the anticipated service commencement dates; the numbers of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places provided by each of these RCHEs; and the construction costs?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The information of the three new contract homes is provided as follows –

Location/District	Anticipated year of service commencement	Number of subsidised residential care places		Number of non-subsidised residential care places	Estimated construction cost (\$ million)
		Nursing home	care-and-attention home		
Hoi Fai Road, Yau Tsim Mong	2014-15	81	9	60	41.9
Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters Site, Sham Shui Po	2015-16	81	9	60	47.4
Lee Tung Street/Mcgregor Street, Wan Chai	2015-16	50	6	37	36.6

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 5 April 2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)284

Question Serial No.

2062

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated by the Administration that 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places will be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many residential care places will be provided in each of the above four financial years (i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16); and
- (b) What will be their distribution by District Council district?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The planned provision of the additional subsidised residential care places provided or to be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are set out below –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total
Nursing home places	371	366	235	131	1 103
Care and attention places	754	418	21	15	1 208
Total	1 125	784	256	146	2 311

- (b) These residential care places will be provided over the territory.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)285

Question Serial No.

2066

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Scheme) in 2013-14. Please inform this Committee of the effectiveness of the Scheme; the number of elderly beneficiaries; the amount of additional expenditure compared with the previous financial year (i.e. 2012-13); and the total amount of expenditure in the new financial year (i.e. 2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The Scheme, which is a three-year project starting in March 2011, aims to provide a new package of home care services for the elderly waiting for nursing home places so as to better serve their special needs and help relieve the pressure on their carers, thereby encouraging the elderly to age in place. Three service teams under the Scheme have been providing services to the frail elderly in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Eastern & Kwai Tsing districts. As at the end of January 2013, a total of 564 elderly had received services. The actual expenditure incurred in 2012-13 was \$17.6 million and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 (up to February 2014 when the Scheme will end) is \$16.2 million. A steering committee has been set up to give strategic advice and oversee its implementation. SWD will examine the effectiveness of the Scheme in light of operational experience.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 28 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)286

Question Serial No.

2067

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech that 7 850 ordinary residential care places in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) will be upgraded to places with continuum of care (COC) in 2013-14. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the distribution of such places providing COC by District Council district, the amount of expenditure involved, and the number of residential care places with a continuum of care in Hong Kong as a result of the increases?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: As at 31 January 2013, the geographical distribution of the 7 849 subsidised ordinary C&A places to be upgraded to places providing COC was as follows –

District	Number of places
Central & Western	153
Eastern	174
Wan Chai	462
Southern	782
Islands	222
Kwun Tong	0
Wong Tai Sin	503
Sai Kung	397
Kowloon City	498
Sham Shui Po	446
Yau Tsim Mong	98
Sha Tin	554
Tai Po	649
North	248
Yuen Long	687
Tsuen Wan	300
Kwai Tsing	1 062
Tuen Mun	614
Total	7 849

The estimated additional expenditure for upgrading these 7 849 places is \$95.1 million per annum. With these 7 849 places upgraded to COC places, there will be 14 078 places providing COC in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)287

Question Serial No.

2068

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2013-14, the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the home care service for persons with severe disabilities. Please advise this Committee of the specific details of the service regularisation, a cost breakdown of the recurrent funding, the additional manpower involved in enhancing the home care service for persons with severe disabilities and the overall manpower in total.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: To enhance community support services for persons with severe disabilities living in the community and help relieve the burden of their carers, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the pilot Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities in March 2014 with a view to providing home-based support services (i.e. personal care and escort service, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training service and nursing care service) for persons with severe disabilities who are living in the community, regardless of whether they are on the waiting list for subvented residential care service for persons with disabilities. We estimate that about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities over the territory will benefit from this service initiative.

The Social Welfare Department is drawing up the implementation details for this initiative where a range of multi-disciplinary services will be delivered by social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, care staff, etc. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations will have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)288

Question Serial No.

2069

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up a medical social services unit (MSSU) in the newly opened North Lantau Hospital. Please advise this Committee of the following –

- (a) The staffing establishment of this MSSU;
- (b) The manpower situation as regards health care staff who have currently been employed or deployed, and those that are still required; and
- (c) The total funding provided for the North Lantau Hospital for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The staff establishment of the MSSU of the North Lantau Hospital for 2013-14 includes four social work staff and three clerical and supporting staff.
- (b) The posts of the MSSU will be filled by phases to tie in with the phased implementation of the North Lantau Hospital under the Hospital Authority. The posts will be filled by recruitment, deployment or promotion as appropriate according to the standing recruitment and appointment procedures and the staff posting mechanism of SWD.
- (c) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$2.25 million in 2013-14 for the operation of the MSSU.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)289

Question Serial No.

2070

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out in table form the numbers of applicants, the average waiting time and the funding allocation for halfway houses for discharged mental patients (HWH), long stay care homes (LSCH), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH), care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) and care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB) in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The numbers of applicants on the waiting lists for various types of residential care services in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants	
	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
HWH	735	669
LSCH	1 222	1 300
HMMH	1 369	1 477
HSMH	2 082	2 173
HSPH	398	433
C&A/SD	389	428
C&A/AB	90	113

The average waiting time for various residential care services in 2010-11 and 2011-12 is set out in the table below. The figures for 2012-13 are not yet available as the average waiting time for individual services is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of the year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)	
	2010-11	2011-12
HWH	8.2	8.4
LSCH	38.2	33.6
HMMH	80.4	84.4
HSMH	73.2	81.6
HSPH	38.6	37.4
C&A/SD	39.6	31.2
C&A/AB	4.0	6.0

The funding allocations for various residential care services in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of service	Expenditure (\$million)	
	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
HWH	145.9	154.6
LSCH	171.0	183.8
HMMH	153.0	177.7
HSMH	469.4	504.3
HSPH	88.2	94.5
C&A/SD	155.6	166.6
C&A/AB	110.0	118.1

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 25 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)290

Question Serial No.

2071

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding rehabilitation and medical social services, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) In the 2012-13 revised estimate, a total of 432 places in the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and 311 places in the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities are provided by the subvented sector. Please set out in table form the trades that are employing participants of these two training programmes; and
- (b) It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in the Budget Speech that additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million will be allocated to increase the job attachment allowance and wage subsidy under the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. Of the additional recurrent funding, how much will be allocated to the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities respectively? What will be the respective amounts of the increased job attachment allowance and wage subsidy?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department does not have the requested information.
- (b) In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million to enhance the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. The additional recurrent funding for allocation to the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities is about \$3 million, while that for the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities is about \$1.8 million. Under these two programmes, the job attachment allowance will be raised from \$1,250 to \$2,000 per month for a maximum period of three months whereas the cap for the job trial wage subsidy will be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month with the maximum subsidy period extended from three months to six months.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)291

Question Serial No.

2073

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out in table form a breakdown of fraud cases on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by category and the amount of overpayment involved over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The number of CSSA fraud cases and the amount of overpayment involved in 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012) with breakdown by types were as follows –

Type of fraud cases	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
Concealing or false claim of income	392	479	431	317	278
Concealing or false claim of total assets	253	335	322	262	330
Fraudulent claim for rent	42	65	88	59	57
Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence from Hong Kong or household conditions, etc.)	123	71	173	168	175
Total number of established fraud cases	810	950	1 014	806	840
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	49.7	58.9	48.6	51.5	45.6

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 29 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)292

Question Serial No.

2076

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Guangdong (GD) Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee when the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) will be paid to eligible Hong Kong elderly who choose to reside in GD, the expenditure involved as well as the number of elderly who will benefit.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The Administration will explore the feasibility of allowing elderly who choose to retire in GD to receive OALA after, and in the light of the operating experience, the implementation of the OALA and the GD Scheme. We are not yet in a position to provide the estimated expenditure and number of beneficiaries involved.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)293

Question Serial No.

2077

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Guangdong (GD) Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee, in the last financial year (i.e. 2012-13), the amount and the number of beneficiaries of Old Age Allowance paid to eligible Hong Kong elderly who chose to reside in GD .

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The Administration aims to implement the GD Scheme in the second half of 2013, and therefore no provision was made for allowance payment and no elderly beneficiaries under the Scheme in 2012-13.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 29 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)294

Question Serial No.

2078

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will enhance professional staff support in residential care homes (RCHs). Please inform this Committee of the details of the support programme, the additional expenditure and manpower, as well as the total expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: To address the special needs and/or emotional and behaviour problems of the residents in RCHs, SWD has earmarked about \$19.7 million in 2013-14 to enhance professional staff support through the provision of additional social workers and the introduction of clinical psychologist service. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the service operators will have the flexibility in deploying the additional allocation to arrange suitable professional staffing to cope with the service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 29 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)295

Question Serial No.

2081

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2013-14, there will only be 24 additional places for residential homes for children (RHCs). Please inform this Committee of the details of expenditure involved and the distribution of such places in various types of RHCs. In addition, please set out in table form the number of children with special educational needs admitted to and waitlisting for various types of RHCs and the waiting time concerned.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The additional 24 places will be provided through in-situ expansion in existing RHCs located in accessible locations over the territory. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked \$4.2 million in 2013-14 for these additional places.

SWD does not keep statistics on the number of children with special needs admitted to or waitlisted for various residential homes.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 27 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)296

Question Serial No.

2083

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) carried out preparatory work for setting up three Integrated Family Services Centres (IFSCs) in 2012. However, in the 2012-13 revised estimate and in the plan for 2013-14, there are only two additional IFSCs. Please inform this Committee of the reasons for it, the latest progress, the locations of the new IFSCs and the detailed expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: To further enhance the support and services provided for individuals and families in need, and to alleviate the workload of social workers, three new IFSCs were set up in 2012-13 in districts with higher service demand, thereby increasing the number of IFSCs from 62 to 65. The two new IFSCs operated by the non-governmental organisations in Kwun Tong District and Yuen Long District commenced service in January 2013 whereas the one operated by the SWD in Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong District commenced operation in February 2013. The annual expenditure of the three new IFSCs is \$30 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)297

Question Serial No.

2087

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the three additional youth outreaching teams (YOTs) which were set up in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung last year. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the effectiveness of the service provided by these YOTs in the above three districts in 2012? Would additional resources be allocated to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing outreaching services? If yes, how much? If no, why not?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: The three additional YOTs have commenced service since January 2013. To ensure service quality, SWD monitors the service performance of the subvented NGOs through the Service Performance Monitoring System whereby the performance standards of the subvented NGOs are assessed and monitored through their regular reports and SWD’s scheduled and surprise visits to their subvented service units. The Administration will keep in view the demand for outreaching social work services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 26 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)298

Question Serial No.

2088

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the implementation of the pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOPs). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the effectiveness of the PCYOPs since their implementation? Would additional resources be allocated to enhance the PCYOPs? If yes, how much? If no, why not?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply: SWD has commissioned three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to each launch a pilot cyber youth outreaching project with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Each pilot project has been allocated a grant of \$5.2 million for the implementation of the project for three years with effect from August 2011. SWD has also commissioned the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the three pilot projects, and to make recommendations on the way forward. The study will be completed by the end of 2014.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 29 March 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)299

Question Serial No.

0357

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under the Programme “Transport services for persons with disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities”, what is the respective subsidy amount to the transport operators concerned? Please provide a breakdown.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The above Programme (5) includes Rehabus services and the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disability (“the Scheme”). For the provision of Rehabus services, the subvention for 2013-14 is about \$55.06 million. For the Scheme, the 2013-14 estimate for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is listed in the table below:

Public transport operators	Estimates 2013-14 \$ '000
MTR Corporation Limited	190,163
Franchised bus operators	393,952
Ferry operators	12,876
Total	596,991

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner for Transport

Date: 26.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)300

Question Serial No.

0358

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on the utilisation of rebus services:

	2013 Estimate	2012	2011	2010	2009
<u>Government Subvention Per Year</u>					
<u>Scheduled route services</u>					
Average daily passenger trips					
Number of vehicles					
Number of persons on waiting list as at year-end					
<u>Dial-a-ride services</u>					
Average daily passenger trips					
Number of vehicles					
Number of orders received					
Number of orders not entertained					

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The requested information on the utilisation of rebus services is as follows:

	2013-14 Estimate	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
<u>Government Subvention Per Year</u> ^{Note 1}	\$55.06 million	\$55.99 million	\$61.16 million	\$46.51 million	\$44.53 million

	2013 Estimate	2012	2011	2010	2009
<u>Scheduled route services</u> ^{Note 2}					
Average daily passenger trips	1 196	1 139	1 084	1 054	992
Number of vehicles	84	80	77	74	70
Number of persons on waiting list as at year-end	60	62	58	73	62
<u>Dial-a-ride services</u>					
Average daily passenger trips	1 216	1 152	1 117	1 129	1 052
Number of vehicles ^{Note 3}	36	34	33	32	30
Number of orders received	N.A.	118 918	126 827	123 246	122 369
Number of orders not entertained	N.A.	15 105	16 839	13 755	11 105

Note 1 : Includes capital and recurrent subvention for rebus services in the financial year concerned.

Note 2 : Scheduled route services operate during peak periods on weekdays only. No service on Sundays and public holidays.

Note 3 : Vehicles used for scheduled route services are also deployed for dial-a-ride services when they are outside the operating periods set out in Note 1.

Name in block letters:

MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title:

Commissioner for Transport

Date:

28.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)301

Question Serial No.

2036

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The estimated number of passenger trips for rehabus dial-a-ride (DAR) services in 2013 will increase by 22 200 in comparison with that in 2012. The Administration is planning to procure six additional rehabuses in financial year 2013-14. Please advise:

- (a) The respective numbers of booking orders for the DAR services not entertained in 2012 and 2011.
- (b) What is the Administration's estimate of the rate of decrease in the number of booking orders for DAR services not entertained following the addition of rehabuses for the services in 2013?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

There are at present 129 rehabuses providing point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. The number of orders for dial-a-ride (DAR) services that cannot be entertained in 2011 and 2012 were 16 839 and 15 105 respectively.

The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2013-14. Three of them will be deployed on scheduled route (SR) services and the remaining three on DAR services, covering also the feeder service to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital on a trial basis. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should help reduce the booking orders currently not entertained by about 30%.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner for Transport

Date: 26.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)302

Question Serial No.

0659

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As at 1 March 2013, what are the expenditure and estimate of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (“the Scheme”)? Please provide their breakdown by the routes of MTR Corporation Limited, Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, New World First Bus Services Limited, CityBus Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

The Scheme was rolled out in phases. Phase 1 covering the Mass Transit Railway (“MTR”) was launched on 28 June 2012. Phase 2 covering four franchised bus operators (i.e. Kowloon Motor Bus, New World First Bus, CityBus and Long Win Bus) was launched on 5 August 2012. Phase 3 covering ferries and New Lantao Bus was rolled out on 3 March 2013. The estimate for implementing the Scheme broken down by the routes of the operators is as follows:-

	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) \$ '000	2013-14 (Estimate) \$ '000
(a) Estimated reimbursement of revenue forgone to:-		
MTR Corporation Limited	86,801	190,163
Franchised bus operators	140,128	393,952
Ferry operators	989	12,876
Sub-total	227,918	596,991
(b) Operational expenses	10,483	24,995
(c) One-off cost for setting up of a centralised settlement platform and related system enhancement for the Scheme	6,288	3,812
Total	244,689	625,798

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG
Post Title: Commissioner for Transport
Date: 26.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)303

Question Serial No.

2924

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration has been providing subvention to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation for the operation of rebus services in order to strengthen the transport support for the convenience of persons with disabilities. In this connection, will the Administration please provide the following information:

- (a) a list of districts which are currently not served by scheduled route (SR) services of Rebus;
- (b) passenger trips of rebus dial-a-ride (DAR) services in remote area (including Tung Chung, Tin Shui Wai and the North District, etc) for the past three financial years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13); and
- (c) passenger trips of rebus SR services in remote area (including Tung Chung, Tin Shui Wai and the North District, etc) for the past three financial years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) To cater for the special transport needs of persons with disabilities, the existing SR services cover the Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories including Lantau Island and other remote areas like Pat Heung and Kwu Tung, etc. On receipt of applications, SR services will be arranged through re-scheduling of existing service routes as far as practicable, except for areas where land-link transport connection is not available.
- (b) The number of passenger trips for DAR services in remote areas, including Tung Chung, Tin Shui Wai, the North District, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long, in the past three financial years was as follows:-

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (Up to January 2013)
Passenger trips of DAR services in remote areas	69 500	66 400	59 900

- (c) The number of passenger trips for SR services in remote areas, including Tung Chung, Tin Shui Wai, the North District, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long, in the past three financial years was as follows:-.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (Up to January 2013)
Passenger trips of SR services in remote areas	60 400	63 800	52 000

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG
Post Title: Commissioner for Transport
Date: 27.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)304

Question Serial No.

2925

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In respect of the “Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities” (“the Scheme”) implemented in 2012-13, please provide the information with the following tables:

Number of Mass Transit Railway (MTR) and bus trips taken by the elderly and the amounts involved during weekdays and holidays under the Scheme:

		Bus	MTR
Weekdays	No. of trips		
	Amount involved		
	Government expenditure		
Holidays	No. of trips		
	Amount involved		
	Government expenditure		

Number of MTR and bus trips taken by persons with disabilities and the amounts involved during weekdays and holidays under the Scheme:

		Bus	MTR
Weekdays	No. of trips		
	Amount involved		
	Government expenditure		
Holidays	No. of trips		
	Amount involved		
	Government expenditure		

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

For 2012-13, information on the number of franchised bus and MTR trips taken by the elderly^(Note 1) and eligible persons with disabilities^(Note 2) under the Scheme as well as the estimated government expenditure for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is as follows :

(a) Average daily passenger trips up to end-January 2013^(Note3)

	Franchised buses ^(Note4)	MTR
Elderly	358 000	209 000
Eligible persons with disabilities	42 000	34 000

(b) The 2012-13 revised estimate for reimbursing the revenue forgone

	Franchised buses \$ '000	MTR \$ '000
Elderly	104,339	70,739
Eligible persons with disabilities	35,789	16,062

^(Note 1) Elderly people aged 65 or above

^(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group

^(Note3) We have no breakdown on the days of the week.

^(Note4) Sin operators, the New Lantao Bus Co. (1973) Ltd (NLB), the average daily passenger trips up to end-January ce Phase 3 of the Scheme was only implemented on 3 March 2013 to cover, among other transport 2013 did not include the patronage of NLB.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG
 Post Title: Commissioner for Transport
 Date: 28.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)305

Question Serial No.

3247

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It has been mentioned in the Budget Speech that an additional funding of \$5.9 million will be allocated for the procurement of six additional rehabuses. Will the Administration please advise:

- (a) How will the additional rehabuses help improve the services? Please provide the details;
- (b) What is the scope of rebus service and how is the service charged? How many passenger trips were recorded in the last financial year?
- (c) Are there any districts and residents not being served by the scheduled route services of rebus and how many of them are persons with disabilities?

Asked by : Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply :

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) There are at present 129 rehabuses providing point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rebus offers scheduled route (SR) services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation, and dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2013-14. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services covering also the feeder service to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital on a trial basis. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods.

If the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the three additional rehabuses will be able to cater for all applicants currently on the waiting list of SR services. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should help reduce the booking orders currently not entertained by about 30%.

- (b) At present, Rehasub provides services on the Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories including Lantau Island, except areas where land-link transport connection is not available. The monthly charge for SR services in respect of the Hong Kong Island/Kowloon/New Territories routes is \$184 and that for the cross-harbour routes is \$264.

For DAR services, fares are charged according to the number of passengers, distance travelled and journey time of the orders concerned.

The total passenger trips for SR and DAR services in 2012 were about 337 200 and 421 800 respectively.

- (c) To cater for the special transport needs of persons with disabilities, the existing SR services cover the Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories including Lantau Island and other relatively remote areas like Pat Heung and Kwu Tung, etc. On receipt of applications, SR services will be arranged through re-scheduling of existing service routes as far as practicable, except for areas where land-link transport connection is not available. As at end-January 2013, there were 28 applicants on the waiting list for SR services including 23 persons with disabilities and five accompanying carers.

Name in block letters:	<u>MRS INGRID YEUNG</u>
Post Title:	<u>Commissioner for Transport</u>
Date:	<u>27.3.2013</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)306

Question Serial No.

1842

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the announcement of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (“the Scheme”) in the 2011 Policy Address, Phase 3 of the Scheme will be launched in March 2013, extending the concession to designated ferry services and franchised bus routes of the New Lantao Bus Company Limited. Will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) of the estimated number of elderly and persons with disabilities beneficiaries before the introduction of Phases 1 and 2 of the Scheme? What is the actual number after implementation?
- (b) of the estimated subsidy amount for the Scheme per annum and the actual expenditure involved? (Please provide a breakdown by different public transport modes)
- (c) whether the Scheme has any limit on the implementation period?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The Scheme was implemented in phases: Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the Mass Transit Railway (“MTR”); Phase 2 on 5 August 2012 covering four franchised bus operators; and Phase 3 on 3 March 2013 covering the remaining one franchised bus operator and ferries.

- (a) According to the profile of our population, over 980 000 elderly people¹ and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities² may benefit from the Scheme. We have no record as to the actual number of beneficiaries making use of the Scheme. Up to end-January 2013, the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly people under the Scheme was 567 000, whereas that for eligible persons with disabilities was 76 000. The corresponding estimate before the launch of the Scheme was 484 800 for elderly people and 59 500 for eligible persons with disabilities respectively.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for 2012-13 and that for 2013-14 for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme are as follows:

Public transport operators	Revised Estimate 2012-13 \$ '000	Estimate 2013-14 \$ '000
MTR Corporation Limited	86,801	190,163
Franchised bus operators	140,128	393,952
Ferry operators	989	12,876
Total	227,918	596,991

As at 20 March 2013, we have reimbursed the following amount of revenue forgone to the operators since the launch of the Scheme:

Public transport operators	Reimbursement made as at 20 March 2013 \$ '000
MTR Corporation Limited	86,001
Franchised bus operators	139,057
Ferry operators	344
Total	225,402

- (c) The Administration will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Scheme three years after it has been fully implemented to assess the long-term financial, transport and welfare implications.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG
Post Title: Commissioner for Transport
Date: 28.3.2013

¹ Elderly people aged 65 or above

² Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)307

Question Serial No.

0692

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is noted that the elderly are still very active under an aging population. In 2012, the number of trips taken by the elderly under the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (“the Scheme”) was 561 255 while the elderly population stood at 980 000. This number is estimated to increase to 612 451 in 2013 as stated in the Estimates. How is this estimation made?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The average daily passenger trips of 612 451 to be taken by elderly in 2013 is estimated mainly based on the past elderly passenger trip records, the projected elderly population growth and the additional passenger trips that might be induced by the Scheme.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner for Transport

Date: 27.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)308

Question Serial No.

0693

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In respect of the additional provision of \$380.2 million for the implementation of Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities and operation of additional rehabuses, please provide a breakdown of its allocation.

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

Under Programme (5), the increase in provision for 2013-14 over the revised estimate for 2012-13 is mainly due to :

- (a) full-year effect of implementing the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in 2013-14 which was implemented in 2012-13 in phases (Phase 1 on 28 June 2012 covering Mass Transit Railway; Phase 2 on 5 August 2012 covering four franchised bus operators; and Phase 3 on 3 March 2013 covering the remaining one franchised bus operator and ferries) (+\$369.1 million);
- (b) full-year provision for conducting audits on the relevant public transport operators' internal control systems and the amount of reimbursement under the Scheme (+\$5.6 million);
- (c) full-year provision for conducting transport surveys to monitor the Scheme (+\$3.2 million);
- (d) additional provision for operating rehabuses (+\$2.7 million);
- (e) full-year effect in 2013-14 for vacancies filled in 2012-13 (+\$2.1 million); and
- (f) net increase in miscellaneous items (+\$0.6 million).

partly offset by :

- (g) decreased capital expenditure on replacement rehabuses (-\$3.1 million).

Name in block letters:

MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title:

Commissioner for Transport

Date:

28.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)309

Question Serial No.

1785

Head: Lotteries Fund

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Lotteries Fund (LF) has been established for the purpose of financing social welfare services by grants, loans and advances. Funding was allocated to the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and the Housing Department (HD) from LF in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. Please provide in details the purposes of the funding allocations. Why are the two departments not seeking funding from the General Revenue Account (GRA) instead?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply: LF grants are normally used to meet non-recurrent commitments for construction, fitting-out works, renovation and purchase of furniture and equipment for premises occupied by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing welfare services. To expedite the construction of premises for NGOs to deliver welfare services, allocations from LF have been made under "Head 341 – Non-recurrent Grants" on the entrustment projects carried out by ArchSD and HD for constructing or fitting out the social welfare units of NGOs in non-public housing estates and public housing estates. Since the relevant expenses are not funded by GRA, they are not incorporated into the estimates of the relevant government departments.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)310

Question Serial No.

0642

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Financial Secretary points out that together with those subsidised residential care places for the elderly with funding earmarked earlier, there will be 2 300 additional residential care places provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16. However, he stated last year that there would be 2 600 additional residential care places provided from 2011-12 to 2014-15. Deducting the additional 1 009 residential care places provided in 2011-12, will there be only 667 additional places provided with funding this year?

There will only be an average of 575 additional residential care places in the coming four years (2012-13 to 2015-16), while there are 28 149 elderly on the waiting list (as at April last year). How many years will it take to clear this queue as estimated by the Administration?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In the 2012-13 Budget, we estimated that more than 2 600 additional subsidised residential care places would come on stream from 2011-12 to 2014-15. Taking into account the number of places already coming into service in 2011-12, places for which service commencement need to be deferred to subsequent years and the number of additional places to be funded by the additional recurrent funding of \$73 million mentioned in the 2013-14 Budget, we estimate that over 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places will commence service from 2012-13 to 2015-16 with details as follows –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total
Nursing home places	371	366	235	131	1 103
Care and attention places	754	418	21	15	1 208
Total	1 125	784	256	146	2 311

The waiting time for subsidised residential care is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under various bought place schemes, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. While the additional provision of subsidised residential care places should help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for the Social Welfare Department to estimate the number of years for clearing the queue by the additional provision of places.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 4 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)311

Question Serial No.

1325

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech that \$380 million will be allocated from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) this September, adopting the “money follows the user” approach in the provision of assistance to eligible elderly people under the Pilot Scheme. Would the Administration please provide the details of the Pilot Scheme as well as the following information –

- (a) the estimated number of people served and the average amount of subsidy for each eligible elderly participating in the Pilot Scheme;
- (b) the services to be covered under the Community Care Service Voucher and whether the fee-charging community care services provided by the Administration will also be included;
- (c) the estimated percentage reduction in the current number of people waiting for residential care services as well as the approximate waiting time shortened for the eligible service users; and
- (d) whether the Pilot Scheme is expected to increase the demand for community care services. If yes, will the Administration provide additional funding for various home care services in the future? What is the estimated amount of additional funding?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed by the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, i.e. Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS. A maximum of 1 200 vouchers will be issued during the first phase. The voucher value (as of February 2013) was at \$5,000 a month and it will be adjusted in accordance with the unit costs of the subsidised day care services and the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services in 2013-14 when the Scheme is launched in September 2013. The voucher value will then be adjusted annually based on the Composite Consumer Price Index.

- (b) The Pilot Scheme will be delivered in two modes: (a) mixed mode: day care (part-time) and home care services; and (b) single mode: day care (part-time) services. The scope of day care services includes personal care services, rehabilitative exercise (e.g. physiotherapy and occupational therapy), nursing care, health education, carer support services, counselling and referral services, meals, social and recreational activities, transportation services to and from the day care centre. The scope of home care services include care management, basic and special nursing care, personal care, rehabilitative exercise (e.g. physiotherapy and occupational therapy), carer support services, day respite service, counselling services, 24-hour emergency support, environmental risk assessment and home modifications, home-making and meal delivery services, transportation and escort services.
- (c) The number of elderly applicants waiting for subsidised residential care places and their waiting time are affected by a number of factors, for example, the elderly's frailty, availability of support network, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes; whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under various bought place schemes; whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home; the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. Therefore it is difficult to estimate the impact of the Pilot Scheme on the number of elderly applicants on the waiting list and the waiting time.
- (d) While we are experimenting on a new voucher system, the bulk of the community's service demand will continue to be met through increase in service places funded by the conventional financing mode. In 2013-14, the Administration will increase the recurrent funding by about \$9 million to provide an additional 100 day care places and extend the service hours of the new day care centre and units for the elderly. The Administration will continue its efforts in providing more subsidised community care places.

Name in block letters:	<u>Patrick T K Nip</u>
Post Title:	<u>Director of Social Welfare</u>
Date:	<u>5 April 2013</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)312

Question Serial No.

1418

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 113 of the Budget Speech that there will be 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) In which districts will the three contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) be located? How many subsidised residential care places will each provide?
- (b) Please set out the number of subsidised residential care places and the average waiting time for such places from 2012-13 to 2015-16 by the 18 districts.
- (c) With the service commencement of the 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places from 2012-13 to 2015-16, what will be the expected percentage decrease of registered applicants on the waiting list and how much waiting time will be shortened on average?
- (d) Apart from the above 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places, will the Administration consider having other schemes in place to increase the number of subsidised residential care places in 2015-16? If yes, what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The information of the three new contract homes is as follows –

Location/District	Number of subsidised residential care places	
	Nursing home (NH)	Care-and attention (C&A)
Hoi Fai Road, Yau Tsim Mong	81	9
Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters Site, Sham Shui Po	81	9
Lee Tung Street/Mcgregor Street, Wan Chai	50	6

- (b) The 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places provided or to be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are set out below –

Means	Year				Total
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
(6) Provide additional nursing home (NH) places in new contract RCHEs, and additional NH places in existing contract RCHEs	307	201	235	131	874
(7) Provide additional care-and-attention (C&A) places in new contract RCHEs, and additional C&A places in existing contract RCHEs	13	13	21	15	62
(8) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide additional C&A places with a continuum of care	136	105	0	0	241
(9) Through NH Place Purchase Scheme	64	165	0	0	229
(10) Purchase C&A places under Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	605	300	0	0	905
Total	1 125	784	256	146	2 311

These residential care places will be provided over the territory.

As at 31 December 2012, the average waiting time for subsidised residential care places was as follows –

Type of subsidised residential care places	Average waiting time ^[Note] (in months)
NH	37
C&A	
- Subvented/contract home	34
- EBPS home	7
Overall	25

[Note] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months. The waiting time could be shortened if the applicant had no specific preference.

- (c) The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under various bought place schemes, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. While the additional provision of subsidised residential care places should help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for SWD to estimate the percentage of reduction of number of applicants on the waiting list and the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the additional provision of places.

- (d) The Administration will continue to increase the provision of new subsidised residential care places in the coming years.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)313

Question Serial No.

3335

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Currently, many persons with disabilities face hardship of different degrees when they seek for a job. A number of employers still have concerns about employing persons with disabilities. As for 2013-14, will the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) plan to undertake studies in reflecting the conditions and difficulties faced by persons with disabilities in job seeking and employment, as well as employers' views on persons with disabilities? If yes, what are the work plan, timeline and financial budget? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, the EOC plans to allocate funding in undertaking a study on discrimination and harassment in the Hong Kong workplace. The proposed study will collect information and views from employers and employees with a view to evaluating the existing situation and identifying effective preventive measures. As the study is still at a preliminary planning stage, further details of the study are not yet available.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie Tam
Post Title: Permanent Secretary
for Labour and Welfare
Date: 18.4.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)314

Question Serial No.

3478

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Has the Government incorporated women's needs and perspectives into the process of policy making where appropriate in 2012-13? If yes, please list out the policies that have incorporated women's needs and perspectives, as well as the details of the women's needs and perspectives incorporated.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Administration has been implementing gender mainstreaming (GM) since 2002. A Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) was developed in 2002 to provide an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic manner so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. Taking into account comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist over the years, the Checklist was revised and enhanced in late 2009.

The Administration has applied the Checklist to over 45 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby care facilities, as well as the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, etc. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of GM to their daily work, including the provision of first aid services to the public, the provision of family changing rooms in public swimming pools, and the procurement of uniforms for disciplinary forces, etc. In 2012-13, the Checklist was applied to the review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance, Batterer Intervention Programme, Paternity Leave and an education programme on stopping domestic violence.

In 2013-14, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue its effort to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie Tam
Post Title: Permanent Secretary
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)315

Question Serial No.

4245

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

During the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), what activities the Government organised, co-organised and subsidised for the International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March? What were the details of the activities, expenditure and partner organisations (if applicable)?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2010-11, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) assisted the Women's Commission (WoC) in organising a premiere of the WoC television series to celebrate IWD. The television series included a five-minute information series and a half-hour television drama series which raised public awareness of gender issues and enhanced public understanding of the multi-facets and situation of women in Hong Kong. In 2011-12, LWB assisted WoC in organising a cocktail reception cum exhibition adopting the theme of "women's groups and services for women". A cocktail reception cum exhibition to promote "gender mainstreaming" was organised in 2012-13. Around 500 participants participated in the above-mentioned events.

In addition, LWB published information leaflets setting out activities of various organisations to celebrate IWD in each of the past three years to help promote the events organised by women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The information leaflets were distributed to NGOs and the public.

The resources involved were absorbed by LWB.

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18.4.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)316

Question Serial No.

4246

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Will the Administration set aside provisions for the activities in relation to the International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March in 2013-14? If yes, what are the details of the activities and the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will continue to assist the Women's Commission in organising events to celebrate IWD. Information leaflets setting out activities of various organisations to celebrate IWD will also continue to be published to help promote the events organised by women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations to the public. The resources required for carrying out the above measures will be absorbed by LWB.

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

LWB(WW)317

Question Serial No.

4247

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Bureau states that it will promote the implementation of the "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" (the Checklist) and gender mainstreaming (GM) concept to more policy areas through the "Gender Focal Points (GFP) Network" within the Government. What are the details of the work and the estimated expenditures?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

To facilitate the promotion of GM in the Government, the Administration has set up a GFP network in all bureaux and departments since 2003. GFP serve as the resource persons for their respective bureaux and departments, and as liaison points in implementing GM. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of officers in their respective organisations. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) maintains close liaison with the GFP, and provides advice and assistance to them where necessary.

Taking into account comments received from the GFP as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist over the years, Women's Commission revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009. The Administration has applied the Checklist to over 45 specific policy or programme areas.

With the assistance of GFP, LWB has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related concepts and assist them to apply GM to their work. These include seminars open to all civil servants organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute as well as tailor-made training programmes organised for staff of different bureaux and departments, including the Planning Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Buildings Department and Labour Department. Following the advice of GFP, LWB has also developed a web-portal on GM for reference by all civil servants since January 2009. It contains information on GM and its application, as well as hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out over 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have adopted GM. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of LWB for public reference since August 2009.

In 2013-14, LWB will continue to work with GFP to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments. The resources required for carrying out relevant work will be absorbed within the existing provision of relevant bureaux and departments.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)318

Question Serial No.

4691

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that in 2013-14 it will provide gender-related training to civil servants to facilitate consideration of women's needs and perspectives during policy formulation, legislation and implementation. What are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Administration has been providing various gender-related training for civil servants of different grades and ranks. These include seminars open to all civil servants organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute (CSTDI) as well as tailor-made training programmes organised for staff of different bureaux and departments, including the Planning Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Buildings Department and Labour Department. Gender-related training has also been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers since 2001 and 2010 respectively. In addition, regular gender-related training has been arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I since 2010. To enable all civil servants to receive gender-related training in a more flexible manner, we have been running an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues since 2010.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants since January 2009. It contains information on gender mainstreaming and its application, as well as hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out over 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have adopted gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of LWB for public reference since August 2009.

In 2013-14, we will continue with our efforts to provide gender-related training for civil servants. To further promote gender mainstreaming and enhance awareness of gender-related issues, new training programme will be provided to senior civil servants including directorate officers in collaboration with CSTDI. The resources required for providing relevant training will be absorbed by LWB.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)319

Question Serial No.

4693

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration has stated that it will monitor and steer progress of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) to encourage and facilitate women to pursue continuous learning in 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Administration will provide a funding of around \$8 million to support the CBMP which is a flexible and large-scale learning programme with a focus on women's needs and interests. It is delivered through radio broadcasting and courses offered face-to-face and is also available on the internet, supplemented by optional learning activities. The courses provided include building harmonious families, parenting, family health, women leadership, management of personal finance and other practical issues in daily life. The Administration will continue to monitor the feedbacks from the women who benefit from the CBMP.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)320

Question Serial No.

4694

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Bureau states that it will implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (Funding Scheme) to encourage the community in organising programmes and activities conducive to women's development. What are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2012-13, a total of \$2 million was set aside by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) for the Women's Commission (WoC) to implement the Funding Scheme. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen District Councils was allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. Under the theme of "Women Wellness", a total of 42 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme and these projects included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them found the programmes satisfactory and useful and they also expressed their interest in joining similar programmes in the future.

In 2013-14, LWB will continue to provide a total of \$2 million to WoC in implementing the Funding Scheme. The theme will remain as "Women Wellness" as an on-going effort to promote the physical and mental well-being of women. After evaluating the effectiveness of the Funding Scheme in 2012-13, WoC has refined the funding guidelines taking into account the experience gained in implementation. It is expected that different programmes and activities will be organised to benefit women of varying backgrounds.

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

LWB(WW)321

Question Serial No.

4695

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) What international and regional fora on women's matters have the Administration participated in over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13)? What are the content of the conferences, the expenditure involved and the venues of the conferences?
- (b) The Bureau states that in 2013-14 it will conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies, and participate in key international and regional fora on women's matters. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) In the past five years, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Women's Commission (WoC) fielded representatives every year to attend the annual session of the United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women at the UN Headquarters in New York, USA. During the session, the delegates evaluated progress and shared good practices on the promotion of gender equality and advancement of women in relation to the theme of the session. WoC also attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women Leaders Network meeting and APEC Women and the Economy Summit in the APEC host countries, which brought together senior private and public sector players for a dialogue on fostering women's economic empowerment in APEC economies.

In addition to the above-mentioned events, LWB and WoC in 2010-11 attended the International Forum on Women and Urban Development cum the 15th Anniversary Commemoration of the Fourth World Conference on Women organised by All-China Women's Federation (ACWF) in Shanghai, which reviewed the progress of the implementation of Beijing Platform for Action and explored issues in relation to women and urban development. In 2011-12, LWB and WoC attended the International Forum on Women and Sustainable Development organised by ACWF in Beijing, which promoted a better understanding of the role that women could play in promoting sustainable development.

LWB, in collaboration with WoC, also took the initiative to organise in 2009 and 2012 large-scale conferences to provide a platform for participants to discuss and exchange views on issues related to the development of women, and to review Hong Kong's implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Representatives of women's organisations from overseas and the Mainland attended the conferences as speakers and shared their views with the participants.

The resources required for carrying out the above initiatives were absorbed by LWB.

- (b) To enhance mutual understanding and foster a closer partnership with local women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs), LWB and WoC regularly meet with these organisations to exchange views on issues of concern to women. In 2013-14, LWB will continue to work with WoC in meeting with women's groups and NGOs, to exchange views on issues of concern to women. We will also continue to attend key regional and international fora on women's issues. The resources required for carrying out the above initiatives will be absorbed by LWB.

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

LWB(WW)322

Question Serial No.

4696

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Did the Administration organise any programmes and activities to facilitate women's development in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? If yes, what are the details and expenditure respectively? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) has been implemented since 2004 to encourage women of different backgrounds and education levels to pursue life-long learning and self-development. It is a flexible and large-scale learning programme with a focus on women's needs and interests. It is delivered through radio broadcasting and courses offered face-to-face and is also available on the internet, supplemented by optional learning activities. Courses provided include building harmonious families, parenting, family health, women leadership, management of personal finance and other practical issues in daily life.

Up to February 2013, the cumulative number of enrolment for CBMP has exceeded 61 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by the Open University of Hong Kong in 2011, it was estimated that about 1.4 million people had listened to CBMP radio programmes so far. Feedback from the students indicates that they have benefited from CBMP in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts.

CBMP was first operated on a pilot basis in 2004. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration has turned it into a recurrent programme and provided an annual funding of around \$8 million starting from 2012-13 onwards. Part of the funding has been used to develop English and Putonghua courses for the ethnic minority and new arrival women.

To unleash women's capacities and potential, a Pilot Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Pilot Scheme) was rolled out in October 2011. "Women's Leadership Training" was adopted as the theme and women's groups were provided with funds to organise programmes and activities that were able to develop and enhance the leadership skills of women.

With the success of the Pilot Scheme, a total of \$2 million was set aside from the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in 2012-13 for the Women's Commission (WoC) to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme). Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around

\$1 million to women’s groups and relevant non-governmental organisations in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen District Councils was allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women’s groups as appropriate. Under the theme of “Women Wellness”, a total of 42 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme and these projects included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants’ awareness of their physical and mental health. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them found the programmes satisfactory and useful and they also expressed their interests in joining similar programmes in the future.

The resources required for implementing the above measures are absorbed by LWB.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)323

Question Serial No.

4698

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Bureau stated that it would review policies and services related to women and promote the development of new or improved services, including new models and good practices in 2013-14. What are the details and estimated expenditure of the work?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working with the Women's Commission (WoC) to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. In 2012-13, key policies and programmes discussed by WoC included childcare and after-school care services, primary care development strategy in Hong Kong, review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance, joint parental responsibility model, and legislation against stalking. Representatives of the concerned bureaux and departments such as Education Bureau, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, Social Welfare Department (SWD), and Department of Health were invited to brief WoC on their policies and programmes, and members provided advice and recommendations to them from the gender perspective. Bureaux and departments followed up on the advice and recommendations as appropriate and updated WoC on progress from time to time. In 2013-14, LWB will keep up its efforts and continue to work with WoC in providing advice to bureaux and departments on policies and programmes which are of concern to women.

Three new Integrated Family Service Centres were set up to strengthen the preventive, supportive and remedial services for families in 2012-13. Besides, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) was strengthened to provide child visitation services to victims of domestic violence. In 2013-14, VSP will be further enhanced to provide support to victims of domestic violence who are ethnic and sexual minorities and that the child visitation services will be extended to victims living outside refuge centres and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre. SWD will also strengthen the counselling and education services for batterers involved in domestic violence cases so as to change the batterers' abusive behaviours and attitudes. Altogether 24 additional places of residential homes for children will be provided through in-situ expansion in existing centres located in accessible locations over the territory to enhance support to the needy families.

The resources required for carrying out the above work will be absorbed within the existing provision of LWB, as well as those of other bureaux and departments

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)324

Question Serial No.

4699

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) Has the Bureau carried out any related work to enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? If yes, what were the details and expenditure of the work?
- (b) The Bureau stated that it would work with relevant parties to enhance women's participation in ASBs in 2013-14. What are the details and estimated expenditure of the work?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (a) In 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) encouraged women to register their names with the Central Personality Index and reminded the bureaux and departments to conscientiously appoint suitable women to the ASBs under their purview. The percentage of women participating in ASBs achieved the 30% benchmark set by the Administration on the advice of the Women's Commission. The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed by LWB and were not separately accounted for.
- (b) In 2013-14, LWB will continue with the above effort in an ongoing campaign to promote women's participation in ASBs. The manpower and expenditure will continue to be absorbed by LWB.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)325

Question Serial No.

4702

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) Did the Bureau conduct public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues in 2012-13? If yes, please set out the details and the expenditure involved.
- (b) The Bureau will conduct public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues in 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13, television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest were launched to promote the Capacity Building Mileage Programme and gender mainstreaming. We have also enhanced the accessibility of the website of the Women's Commission (WoC) and produced a new leaflet on WoC. A year-long roving exhibition on services for women provided by different women's groups and non-governmental organisations was arranged at 12 public housing estates. Effort was also made to encourage women to register as voters for the District Council and Legislative Council elections. The resources required for carrying out the above programmes were absorbed by LWB.
- (b) In 2013-14, a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013" will be published to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. We will also follow up the production of a new corporate video on WoC and arrange a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its applications. We will also continue organising various publicity and public education programmes on gender-related issues. The resources required for carrying out the above programmes will be absorbed by LWB.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie Tam
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)326

Question Serial No.

4704

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Bureau indicates that it will support the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting the well-being and interests of women through the three-pronged strategy in 2013-2014. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been collaborating with WoC to promote the interests and well-being of women through a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education.

To provide an enabling environment for women, the Administration has been implementing gender mainstreaming (GM) in various policy and programme areas since 2002. In this respect, a Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) was developed in 2002 and revised and enhanced in late 2009. The Checklist enables government officers to apply GM in a systematic manner. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of GM to their daily work.

WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award in 2012-2013 to recognise the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting GM and to encourage them to further apply the Checklist to their work. An award presentation ceremony cum exhibition on GM was held in March 2013 to showcase successful applications of GM. WoC also collaborated with the Labour Department to promote GM in the business sector by organising briefing sessions on GM for human resources managers in 2012-13. In addition, an Announcement in the Public Interest (API) on GM was launched in March 2013 to enhance public understanding of the concept and its application. In 2013-14, ongoing effort will be made to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments.

An amount of \$2 million was earmarked by LWB to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) in 2012-13. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen District Councils was allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. Under the theme of "Women Wellness", a total of 42 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme and these projects included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them found the programmes satisfactory and useful and they also expressed interest in joining similar programmes in the future. In

2013-14, LWB will continue to allocate funds to implement the Funding Scheme.

On empowerment of women, the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) has been implemented since 2004 to provide a flexible and large-scale learning programme with a focus on women's needs and interests. Up to February 2013, the cumulative number of enrolment for CBMP has exceeded 61 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by the Open University of Hong Kong in 2011, it was estimated that about 1.4 million people had listened to the CBMP radio programmes so far. Feedback from the students indicated that they have benefited from CBMP in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts. Starting from 2012-13, the Administration provides an annual funding of around \$8 million to turn CBMP into a recurrent project. Part of the funding has been used to develop English and Putonghua courses for ethnic minority and new arrival women.

On public education, television and radio APIs were produced to promote CBMP and GM in 2012-13. We have also enhanced the accessibility of WoC website and produced a new leaflet to help publicise the work of WoC in advancing the interests and well-being of women. A year-long roving exhibition on services for women provided by different women's groups and NGOs was organised at 12 public housing estates. Effort was made to encourage women to register as voters for the District Council and Legislative Council elections. On-going effort in organising public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues will be made in 2013-14.

The resources required for implementing the above measures have been and will continue to be absorbed within the existing provision of LWB as well as those of relevant bureaux and departments.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)327

Question Serial No.

5200

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government proposed to use median income as the benchmark for setting the poverty line. Please provide in table form the number of households and people whose income are less than 40%, 50% and 60% of the median income, and also the number of households and people whose income are less than the median income over the past five years.

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Income less than 40% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 50% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 60% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than overall median income for Hong Kong					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Based on the data obtained from the General Household Survey conducted by the Census and Statistics Department, statistics on households and persons with monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than 40%, 50%, 60% and 100% of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs) for 2008 to 2011 have been compiled (except for those for 2012 which are not yet available) and are given below.

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Note: HH = domestic households; PP = persons

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)328

Question Serial No.

5201

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government proposed to use median income as the benchmark for setting the poverty line. Please provide in table form the number of households and people whose income (after deducting education benefits transfer) are less than 40%, 50% and 60% of the median income, and also the number of households and people whose income (after deducting education benefits transfer) are less than the median income over the past five years.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Income less than 40% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 50% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
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Income less than overall median income for Hong Kong					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Monthly household income collected from the General Household Survey (GHS) of the Census and Statistics Department does not include transfer value of education benefits. The statistics on household income currently published are already without the transfer value of education benefits.

Based on the data obtained from GHS, statistics on households and persons with monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than 40%, 50%, 60% and 100% of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs) for 2008 to 2011 have been compiled (except for those for 2012 which are not yet available) and are given below.

Monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than the respective percentage of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs)	2008		2009		2010		2011	
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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)329

Question Serial No.

5202

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government proposed to use median income as the benchmark for setting the poverty line. Please provide in table form the number of households and people whose income (after deducting medical benefits transfer) are less than 40%, 50% and 60% of the median income, and also the number of households and people whose income (after deducting medical benefits transfer) are less than the median income over the past five years.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Income less than 40% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 50% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 60% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than overall median income for Hong Kong					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Monthly household income collected from the General Household Survey (GHS) of the Census and Statistics Department does not include transfer value of medical benefits. The statistics on household income currently published are already without the transfer value of medical benefits.

Based on the data obtained from GHS, statistics on households and persons with monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than 40%, 50%, 60% and 100% of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs) for 2008 to 2011 have been compiled (except for those for 2012 which are not yet available) and are given below.

Monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than the respective percentage of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs)	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	No. of HH ('000)	No. of PP ('000)	No. of HH ('000)	No. of PP ('000)	No. of HH ('000)	No. of PP ('000)	No. of HH ('000)	No. of PP ('000)
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LWB(WW)330

Question Serial No.

5203

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government proposed to use median income as the benchmark for setting the poverty line. Please provide in table form the number of households and people whose income (pre-tax transfer) are less than 40%, 50% and 60% of the median income, and also the number of households and people whose income (pre-tax transfer) are less than the median income over the past five years.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Income less than 40% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 50% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than 60% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
Income less than overall median income for Hong Kong					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Monthly household income collected from the General Household Survey (GHS) of the Census and Statistics Department does not include transfer value of taxation. The statistics on household income currently published are already without the transfer value of taxation.

Based on the data obtained from GHS, statistics on households and persons with monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than 40%, 50%, 60% and 100% of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs) for 2008 to 2011 have been compiled (except for those for 2012 which are not yet available) and are given below.

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LWB(WW)331

Question Serial No.

5204

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government proposed to use median income as the benchmark for setting the poverty line. Please provide in table form the number of households and people whose income (after deducting housing, education and medical benefits transfer) are less than 40%, 50% and 60% of the median income, and also the number of households and people whose income (after deducting housing, education and medical benefits transfer) are less than the median income over the past five years.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Income less than 40% of overall median income for Hong Kong					
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Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Monthly household income collected from the General Household Survey (GHS) of the Census and Statistics Department does not include transfer value of housing, education and medical benefits. The statistics on household income currently published are already without the transfer values of housing, education and medical benefits.

Based on the data obtained from GHS, statistics on households and persons with monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than 40%, 50%, 60% and 100% of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs) for 2008 to 2011 have been compiled (except for those for 2012 which are not yet available) and are given below.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)332

Question Serial No.

5205

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government proposed to use median income as the benchmark for setting the poverty line. Please provide in table form the number of households and people whose income (after deducting housing, education and medical benefits transfer and before tax transfer) are less than 40%, 50% and 60% of the median income, and also the number of households and people whose income (after deducting housing, education and medical benefits transfer and before tax transfer) are less than the median income over the past five years.

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Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Monthly household income collected from the General Household Survey (GHS) of the Census and Statistics Department does not include transfer value of housing, education and medical benefits, and taxation. The statistics on household income currently published are already without the transfer values of housing, education and medical benefits, and taxation.

Based on the data obtained from GHS, statistics on households and persons with monthly domestic household income (excluding foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)) less than 40%, 50%, 60% and 100% of median monthly domestic household income (excluding FDHs) of the corresponding household size (excluding FDHs) for 2008 to 2011 have been compiled (except for those for 2012 which are not yet available) and are given below.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)333

Question Serial No.

5234

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) How will the policies and services relating to women be reviewed? Which countries' models will be made reference to? Will any pressure groups and human rights organisations be consulted?
- (b) What are the specific details of the relevant policies and services?
- (c) What are the expenditure for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) and the estimated expenditure for the 2013-14 financial year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

- (a) The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was extended to Hong Kong in 1996. In January 2001, the Women's Commission (WoC) was established as a high-level central mechanism to advise the Government on policies and initiatives which are of concern to women, and develop a long-term strategy for the development of women in Hong Kong. A three-pronged strategy, namely the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education has been adopted. Researches and surveys are also conducted from time to time to gain a better understanding of women's needs and situation which will shed light on the policies relating to women's development. WoC is chaired by a non-official and comprises 20 non-official members with diverse backgrounds. It seeks to advance women's status and enhance gender awareness through collaboration with different sectors of the society, and maintains close liaison with other women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in and outside Hong Kong.
- (b) One of the major tasks of WoC is to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, Government policies and services and offer advice from gender perspectives as appropriate. Over the years, WoC has initiated discussion with different bureaux and departments to review key policies and services for women covering areas including review of legislation (e.g. amendments to the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, and review of the Control of the Obscene and Indecent Articles, etc.), women's participation in public decision making, health care reform and health care services for women, situation of ethnic minority women in Hong Kong, and services for new arrival women from the Mainland.

WoC developed in 2002 the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) providing an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development process in a systematic manner so that women and men

can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. Taking into account comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009. In 2012-13, WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award to recognise the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting gender mainstreaming (GM) and to encourage them to further apply the Checklist to their work. An award presentation ceremony cum exhibition on GM was held in March 2013 to showcase successful applications of GM.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, the Administration set in 2004 a gender benchmark of 25% as an initial working target for appointment to Advisory and Statutory Bodies (ASBs). To further encourage women's participation in ASBs, and also on the advice of WoC, the gender benchmark was raised from 25% to 30% with effect from June 2010. Letters were issued to women's associations and professional organisations inviting their female members to provide their curricula vitae for inclusion in the Central Personality Index with a view to enhancing women's participation in ASBs. As at the end of 2012, about 33% of the appointed members of the ASBs were female. WoC will continue to keep track of the progress in promoting women's participation in ASBs.

The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) has been implemented since 2004. It is a flexible and large-scale learning programme with a focus on women's needs and interests. It is delivered through radio broadcasting and courses offered face-to-face and is also available on the internet, supplemented by optional learning activities. Courses provided include building harmonious families, parenting, family health, women leadership, management of personal finance and other practical issues in daily life.

Since its launch, CBMP has encouraged women of different backgrounds and education levels to pursue life-long learning and self-development. Up to February 2013, the cumulative number of enrolment for CBMP has exceeded 61 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by the Open University of Hong Kong in 2011, it was estimated that about 1.4 million people had listened to CBMP radio programmes so far. Feedback from the students indicates that they have benefited from CBMP in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration has turned it into a recurrent programme and provided an annual funding of around \$8 million starting from 2012-13 onwards. Part of the funding has been used to develop English and Putonghua courses for the ethnic minority and new arrival women.

In 2012-13, a total of \$2 million was set aside by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme). Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocated around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant NGOs in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the eighteen District Councils was allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. Under the theme of "Women Wellness", a total of 42 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme and these projects included a myriad of activities such as workshops, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, competitions and publications aiming to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. According to the evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of them found the programmes satisfactory and useful and they expressed their interest in joining similar programmes in the future. In 2013-14, LWB will continue to provide a total of \$2 million to WoC in implementing the Funding Scheme. The theme will remain as "Women Wellness" as an on-going effort to promote the physical and mental wellness of women.

- (c) The expenditure for carrying out the above measures are absorbed by LWB.

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

LWB(WW)334

Question Serial No.

5236

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) Has the Administration reserved any provision in 2013-14 financial year to subsidise women from the grassroot level to attend important international conferences?
- (b) If yes, what is the provision? How will the Administration select the participants?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau does not have any mechanism for subsidising women from the grassroot level to attend important international conferences.

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LWB(WW)335

Question Serial No.

5237

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There are many views in the community criticising the Government of having appointed too many pro-government persons to its advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). By comparison, appointment of women from pressure groups, grassroots and vulnerable groups is rare. Please advise on the current proportion of appointees from these two groups. What supporting measures are taken to ensure equal participation by women from pressure groups and vulnerable groups and what are the specific details? What are the expenditure involved and estimates for the past five financial years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) and 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Administration makes appointments to ASBs on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned, taking into account a candidate's ability, expertise, experience, integrity and commitment to public service and with due regard to functions and nature of business of ASBs concerned, as well as the statutory provisions of statutory bodies. Political affiliation is not one of the considerations.

While upholding the principle of appointment by merit, the Administration has taken a proactive approach and established guidelines and principles for appointments to ASBs to ensure that both male and female have equal opportunities to participate in public affairs through services on these bodies. A gender benchmark of 30% is being adopted as a broad guide.

The resources required for making appointments to ASBs have been and will be absorbed by the respective bureaux and departments.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)336

Question Serial No.

5238

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) When will the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) be adopted to review the impacts of the existing legislation and policies on women?
- (b) What are the details of the review and the estimated expenditure in the financial year 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a)&(b) The Administration has been implementing gender mainstreaming (GM) since 2002. The Checklist was developed in 2002 to provide an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic manner so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. Taking into account comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist over the years, the Checklist was revised and enhanced in late 2009.

The Administration has applied the Checklist to over 45 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby care facilities, as well as the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, etc. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of GM to their daily work, including the provision of first aid services to the public, the provision of family changing rooms in public swimming pools, and the procurement of uniforms for disciplinary forces, etc.

In 2013-14, LWB will continue to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments. The resources required for carrying out relevant work will continue to be absorbed within the existing provision of relevant bureaux and departments.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)337

Question Serial No.

5239

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

After considering the second report submitted by Hong Kong under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the United Nations (UN) concluded that the Hong Kong Government should allocate sufficient resources to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, and provide details about budget allocation in its next report. Please advise on the following:

- (a) What resources did/will the Administration allocate to promote CEDAW in the past five financial years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13) and in 2013-14? Will the Administration provide funding for women's groups to promote CEDAW and the United Nations' conclusion? If yes, please list the additional manpower and relevant posts. If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) What assistance will the Administration provide for the physical and psychological development of children who witnessed domestic violence?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follow-

- (a) Ongoing effort has been made to enhance public understanding and awareness of CEDAW. From 2008-09 to 2012-13, the Women's Commission (WoC) produced publicity materials including brochures, cartoon booklets, videos and newsletters for distribution to the public. WoC also organised two large-scale conferences entitled "Beyond Limits - Women in the 21st Century" and "Bringing Together Women's Wisdom for a Better Future" which served as a platform for reviewing the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's implementation of CEDAW. Roving exhibitions in public libraries, district community centres and government buildings, etc. were organised to enhance public awareness of CEDAW. A large-scale interactive drama school tour with a total of over 150 shows was also staged to introduce the principle of CEDAW to secondary and primary school students. In parallel, the Administration provided funding support to local women's groups to organise a series of community activities to enhance public understanding of CEDAW. Subsequent to submission of the third CEDAW report to UN in 2012-13, the Administration distributed the report to the public through various channels including public libraries, Public Enquiry Service Centres under the Home Affairs Department, women's groups and non-governmental organisations, etc., and uploaded the report onto the website of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB).

In 2013-14, the Administration will continue with its efforts in enhancing public awareness and understanding of CEDAW, taking into account our past experience and the views expressed by WoC

and other concerned parties. The resources required for carrying out relevant work will be absorbed by LWB.

- (b) The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence, including children witnessing domestic violence. Apart from individual counselling provided by social workers, Family and Child Protective Services Units have also organised developmental/supportive groups for children witnessing domestic violence to help them tide over the difficult period and lessen the trauma associated with violence. If children concerned present symptoms of psychological or psychiatric problems, they would be referred to clinical psychologists or psychiatrists for service or treatment as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the resources allocated to Skills Centres and the student unit cost for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) and the 2013-14 financial year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The requested information is provided as follows:

	2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimates)	2013-14 (Estimates)
Subvention Amount ^{Note 1}	\$84.6M	\$87.6M	\$88.4M	\$96.1M	\$95.5M ^{Note 3}	\$95.4M ^{Note 3}
Unit cost per full-time student ^{Note 2}	\$92,940	\$93,650	\$101,280	\$103,040	\$104,670	\$105,710
Unit cost per part-time student ^{Note 2}	\$8,150	\$8,220	\$8,350	\$8,500	\$8,640	\$8,720

Note 1: Including capital and recurrent subventions.

Note 2: Calculated on the basis of recurrent subvention for vocational training services (i.e. excluding subvention for non-training services such as vocational assessment services and the technical aids and resource centre) of the financial year concerned.

Note 3: Decreased provision mainly due to the reduced requirement for renovation works at the centres.

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

5263

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding studies on retirement protection, please advise on:

- (a) the expenditure of the Administration on studies of retirement protection over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13);
- (b) the framework and conclusions of the studies conducted by the Central Policy Unit (CPU) regarding retirement protection issues in the past; and
- (c) whether the Administration has conducted any study on the universal retirement protection option with tripartite contributions proposed by the Alliance for Universal Pension. If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

As the Administration had reported to the then Subcommittee on Retirement Protection under the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council last year, CPU looked into the subject of retirement protection and completed five related studies from 2007 to 2010. In general, they indicated that the three pillars under the current retirement protection model in Hong Kong were complementary to one another. As the socio-economic environment in Hong Kong has undergone many changes since then and there have been adjustments to relevant policies, CPU is refining its relevant studies, including conducting a territory-wide household survey with a sampling size of about 10 000 households, to understand the latest financial situation of people aged 35 and above in Hong Kong and their retirement plans. The territory-wide household survey was conducted by the Census and Statistics Department at the request of CPU. The total expenditure is \$1.17 million and it is shared among CPU, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau. The report of the survey is scheduled for completion by mid-2013.

The Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force under Commission on Poverty agreed at its second meeting of 18 March to invite Professor Nelson Chow Wing-sun to conduct a study on retirement protection so as to form a basis for future deliberations. The study is expected to be completed within one year.

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

Head: 141 Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned that there would be new or improved measures on elderly care services in 2013-14. On the other hand, staff of organisations operating residential care homes and community care services revealed that it is difficult to employ personal care workers and domestic helpers due to relatively low wage and immense work pressure. Such manpower shortage affects service quality. Delighted to know about improvements to be made to elderly care services, I would like the Administration to advise on the following:

- (a) Will the Administration allocate additional resources, such as increased provision for emoluments or monthly special allowances for personal care workers and domestic helpers, so that operators can employ sufficient staff to maintain their services? If yes, how? If no, why not?
- (b) The Social Welfare Department is enabled to organise more classes of Enrolled Nurse Training Programme to augment nurses supply. In fact, in the elderly service sector, not only are there insufficient nurses but also a severe shortage of occupational therapists and physiotherapists, resulting in inadequate services for the elderly. Will the Administration provide more training for these two professions, so that operators can employ sufficient staff to maintain their services? If yes, how? If no, why not?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Under the lump sum grant approach, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subsidised residential and community care services have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing and determine their salary levels to ensure service quality and to meet service needs. Operators of contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) may also flexibly deploy their contract sum to engage staff where appropriate.

The Administration has adopted various measures to address the manpower demand of the elderly service sector, including the provision of additional resources to operators to recruit and retain the staff, collaboration with various institutions to organise training programmes, setting up of a steering committee to conduct strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development as well as the establishment of an Industry Training Advisory Committee to implement Qualifications Framework in the sector so as to establish an accessible articulation pathway for career advancement.

An additional provision of \$285 million was approved for providing additional funding for three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12 to enable NGOs and private RCHEs offering EA1 places under EBPS to offer more competitive salaries for recruitment and retention of paramedical staff or hire of such services. Additional resources of \$356 million was approved to continue such support for a further period of three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15. Dementia Supplement (DS) is also provided to subvented RCHEs, EBPS homes and subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs); and Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) to subvented RCHEs and EBPS homes. The supplements allow the operators to employ professional and care staff to provide enhanced care to demented and infirm elderly. In 2013-14, the estimated provision for ICS is \$95.3 million, DS for RCHEs is \$202.2 million, and DS for DE/DCUs is \$14.7 million.

- (b) In January 2012, a training sponsorship scheme was implemented to provide funding support of \$17.7 million for NGOs to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in two-year Master programmes in Occupational Therapy and in Physiotherapy run by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. A total of about 60 training places (about 30 for each programme) were provided and the graduates are expected to join the welfare sector in January 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Labour and Subhead (No. & title):
Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The purpose of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) is “to enable elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities to travel on the general Mass Transit Railway (MTR) lines, franchised buses and ferries at anytime at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip. The Scheme aims to help build a caring and inclusive society by encouraging these groups to participate more in community activities”. In this connection, would the Administration advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) The total cost of reimbursing public transport operators under the Scheme and the cost reimbursed to each public transport operator between June 2012 and end of February 2013;
- (b) The Administration originally expects that around 1.1 million people, including about 980 000 elderly people and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities, will benefit from the Scheme. What are the respective numbers of elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities who benefitted from the Scheme between June 2012 and end of February 2013?
- (c) The number of persons with disabilities in open employment in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13;
- (d) One of the aims of the Scheme is to encourage “eligible persons with disabilities” to participate more in community activities where “eligible persons with disabilities” refer to recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme or Disability Allowance (DA) with 100% disability. This shows that the Administration has totally neglected the needs of the persons with disabilities in open employment. Has the Administration considered providing travel allowance to persons with disabilities in open employment or extending the Scheme to cover these people? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- (e) There are loud voices in society asking for the relaxation of the eligibility criteria of the Scheme to cover persons who are not 100% disabled. Will the Administration consider relaxing the eligibility criteria of the Scheme to include persons with disabilities who have registered with the Central Registry for Rehabilitation? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- (f) The Administration undertakes to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Scheme three years after it has been fully implemented. However, there are calls in the community for relaxing the eligibility criteria and the age limit of the Scheme, urging the public transport operators to fulfill their corporate social responsibility, and including minibuses and trams in the Scheme. As such, will the Administration conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Scheme one year after it has been implemented? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Scheme was implemented in phases: Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering MTR; Phase 2 of the Scheme was launched on 5 August 2012 covering four franchised bus operators (i.e. Kowloon Motor Bus, New World First Bus, Citybus and Long Win Bus); and Phase 3 of the Scheme was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and New Lantao Bus. Since the launch of the Scheme till 20 March 2013, we have reimbursed the following amounts of revenue forgone to the operators :

Public transport operators	Reimbursement made as at 20 March 2013 \$ '000
MTR Corporation Limited	86,001
Franchised bus operators	139,057
Ferry operators	344

- (b) We expect that over 980 000 elderly people¹ and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities² will benefit from the Scheme. We have no record as to the actual number of beneficiaries making use of the Scheme. Up to end-January 2013, the average daily passenger trips taken by beneficiaries under the Scheme were as follows :

Public transport operators	Average daily passenger trips (up to end-January 2013 ³)	
	Elderly	Eligible persons with disabilities
MTR Corporation Limited	209 000	34 000
Franchised bus operators	358 000	42 000

- (c) According to the last round of Survey on Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases conducted by the Census and Statistics Department in 2006-07, of the 347 900 persons aged 15 and over with disabilities (excluding persons with intellectual disability), some 41 000 (11.8%) were being employed at the time of survey.
- (d) The Labour Department is now administering a Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme which aims at relieving the burden of work-related travelling expenses on low-income earners so as to promote sustained employment. Eligible applicants including employees or self-employed persons may choose to apply on an individual basis or a household basis.

¹ Elderly people aged 65 or above.

² Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme (CSSA) aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance (DA) in the same age group.

³ Figures for February and March 2013 are not yet available. The patronage for New Lantao Bus and ferry operators is excluded since they have only implemented the Scheme on 3 March 2013.

- (e) When determining the coverage of persons with disabilities under the Scheme, consideration has been given to the past deliberations of the Legislative Council “Subcommittee to Study the Transport Needs and Provision of Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities” (the Subcommittee) set up in 2005. After rounds of discussion and having regard to the views of persons with disabilities and public transport operators, the Subcommittee was of the view that recipients under CSSA Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of DA of the same age group are most in need of assistance and encouragement for social integration. The MTR Corporation Limited has also launched a fare concession scheme for this same group of persons with disabilities since 2009. The group of eligible persons with disabilities under the Scheme has been defined having regard to the above background and considerations.

The Administration is exploring the technical feasibility of extending the Scheme to cover recipients under CSSA Scheme aged under 12 years old with 100% disabilities and recipients of DA in the same age group.

The purpose of the Registration Cards for People with Disabilities (RC) is to enable a cardholder to produce, when necessary, as a documentary proof of his/her disability status to facilitate the provision of prompt and appropriate assistance to him/her. Cardholders may include persons suffering from a temporary or mild disability. The RC per se is a documentary proof, which is not associated with any provision of welfare benefits, concessions, discounts and priority services.

- (f) As referred to in (e) above, we are now studying the feasibility of extending the Scheme to children with 100% disabilities aged below 12 receiving CSSA or DA. We will also conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Scheme three years after its full implementation (i.e. 2016-17) to assess the long-term financial, transport and welfare implications. This will enable us to take account of the operating experience of the Scheme.

The Administration has all along been encouraging public transport operators to reduce fare and offer fare concessions as far as possible to help passengers lower their transport expenses. In doing so, the operators take into account their respective operating and financial conditions, overall economic environment and passenger needs. It is the commercial decision of individual operators to determine whether to provide fare concessions and the details of such concessions.

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Question Serial No.

4119

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the total number of persons with disabilities registered at the Central Registry for Rehabilitation (CRR) and its breakdown by type of disabilities as at February 2013?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

According to the records of the CRR, the number of persons with disabilities registered as at end-February 2013 was 65 845. Detailed breakdown by type of disabilities (regardless of the degree of disabilities) is as follows -

Attention deficit / Hyperactivity disorder	899
Autism	5 642
Hearing impairment	8 465
Intellectual disability	20 274
Physical disability	11 340
Mental illness	14 484
Special learning difficulties	720
Speech impairment	5 212
Visceral disability/chronic illness	15 789
Visual impairment	4 048
Total:	65 845 (Note)

Note: A person with disability may have more than one type of disability. Therefore, the total number of persons with disabilities registered at the CRR is less than the aggregate sum of the cases of each type of disability.

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

LWB(WW)343

Question Serial No.

4136

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Construction workers are generally paid by the day and do not have retirement protection. What are the Government's initiatives to address the issue of retirement protection for construction workers?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The retirement protection system in Hong Kong comprises mainly three pillars: the non-contributory social security system, the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) system and voluntary private savings.

Under the MPF System, except for exempt persons, all full-time and part-time relevant employees aged 18 and over to below 65 meeting the specified requirements, including construction workers on daily pay, are required to join an MPF scheme. In view of the high labour mobility of the construction industry and the fact that most of the employees in the industry are "casual employees", whose employment is on a day-to-day basis or for a fixed period of less than 60 days, Industry Schemes have been established under the MPF System for employers and employees in the construction industry.

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Question Serial No.

4544

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The 2013-14 Budget mentions that the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will continue to promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC), the rehabilitation sector and the community at large. In this connection, will the Administration advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) What were the resources and manpower deployed as well as efforts made annually in promoting the Convention in the past five years (from 2008-09 to 2012-13)?
- (b) What are the resources and manpower to be deployed as well as efforts to be made annually in promoting the Convention in the next three years (starting from 2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

It has along been the Administration's policy to help persons with disabilities develop their abilities and to create a barrier-free environment with a view to ensuring that they can participate in full and enjoy equal opportunities both in terms of their social life and personal growth. This is in line with the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention.

- (a) To tie in with the implementation of the Convention in Hong Kong since August 2008, LWB has substantially increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from about \$2.5 million in 2008-09 to about \$13 million from 2009-10 onwards so as to promote the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention and enhance public understanding of the rights and needs of persons with disabilities.

In the past five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, LWB, in collaboration with RAC, made proactive efforts in mobilising cross-sectoral collaboration towards building an equal and inclusive society through launching territory-wide and local public education activities. The territory-wide public education activities launched included television (TV) docudrama and programmes, TV and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. LWB has also increased funding for subsidising the District Councils (DCs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities for organising public education activities in the local communities. Apart from addition of an officer starting from September 2008, the manpower involved in implementing these public education activities was largely absorbed by the existing resources of LWB.

- (b) As an on-going public education initiative, LWB will earmark \$13.5 million in 2013-14 for organising territory-wide public education activities, including TV docudrama and programmes, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc., as well as subsidising the 18 DCs, NGOs, public organisations, and groups of persons with disabilities to organise public education programmes in local communities to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society.

Having regard to the additional workload arising from the implementation of the Convention, we will review the duties and responsibilities and ranking of Commissioner for Rehabilitation, as well as the establishment and manpower of his/her team.

Apart from LWB, other government bureaux, departments and public organisations, including the Equal Opportunities Commission, also organised public education programmes for building an equal and inclusive society. The expenditure and manpower involved are absorbed under the respective expenditure heads.

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

4545

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the 2013-14 Budget that the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to oversee the development of the Child Development Fund (CDF) projects, and consider enhancement measures for future batches of the projects. What are the details of enhancement measures considered by the Administration?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

We have commissioned a consultant to conduct a longitudinal study to evaluate the effectiveness of the first batch pioneer CDF projects. Taking into account the results and recommendations of the study and the practical experience in implementing the first three batches of CDF projects, we are now considering enhancement measures for the future batches. The enhancement measures being contemplated include:

- (a) increasing the training provision to better equip mentors and parents to guide the participating children to implement their personal development plans;
- (b) increasing the provision for the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to cover their administrative cost; and
- (c) developing a new approach in awarding CDF projects to provide more certainty to NGOs in operating the projects so as to facilitate the NGOs' long-term planning.

We are finalising our proposed enhancement measures and will brief the Legislative Council Members in due course.

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

4546

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the 2013-14 Budget that the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will continue to raise general awareness and promote early intervention of mental health problems. As such, will the Administration please inform this Committee of :

The resources and manpower allocated as well as the work carried out by the Bureau to raise general awareness and promote early intervention of mental health problems each year in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13).

The resources and manpower to be allocated as well as the work to be carried out by the Bureau to raise general awareness and promote early intervention of mental health problems each year in the next three years (starting from 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The LWB, in collaboration with more than 20 government departments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public organisations and the media, has been organising annually the "Mental Health Month" since 1995. During the "Mental Health Month", territory-wide and district-based publicity campaigns, such as television and radio programmes, Announcements in the Public Interest, newspaper supplements, walkathon, and publicity programmes targeting residents in the community, are launched to promote public understanding of mental health and acceptance of persons recovering from mental illness.

In tandem, LWB has substantially increased the allocation for the relevant public education activities from around \$2.5 million in 2008-09 to about \$13 million annually since 2009-10 to promote the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ("the Convention"), including provision of funding support to NGOs, public organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities, etc. to organise public education activities for promotion of mental health and full integration of persons recovering from mental illness into the community.

Expenditure incurred by the aforementioned public education activities on mental health from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was set out below-

Financial Year	Expenditure
2008-09	\$0.7 million
2009-10	\$0.7 million
2010-11	\$1.2 million
2011-12	\$0.9 million
2012-13	\$0.8 million

Apart from addition of an officer starting from September 2008, the manpower involved in implementing these public education activities was largely absorbed by the existing resources of LWB.

In 2013-14, LWB will continue to organise the “Mental Health Month” and subsidise the NGOs, public organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities, etc. for implementing various territory-wide and district-based public education activities with the aforementioned themes. It is estimated that the expenditure will be comparable with that of 2012-13 and will be covered within the \$13.5 million earmarked for promotion of the Convention in 2013-14. The manpower involved in implementing these public education activities will continue to be absorbed by the existing resources of LWB.

Other government departments and public organisations, including the Social Welfare Department, Department of Health, Hospital Authority and Equal Opportunities Commission, also organise public education programmes for promoting mental health and full integration of persons recovering from mental illness into community. The expenditure and manpower involved are absorbed under the respective expenditure heads.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 141 - Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was stated in the 2013-14 Budget that the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will “oversee the provision of more places for day training, pre-school and residential services for persons with disabilities”. The same measure was mentioned on page 445 of Volume I of the 2012-13 Budget, page 456 of Volume I of the 2011-12 Budget, page 454 of Volume I of the 2010-11 Budget and the 2009-10 Budget. However, with regard to the Administration’s plan to provide additional places for day training in day activity centres, the actual number of places in 2009-10 was 135 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2010-11 was 153 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2011-12 was 336 fewer than the original estimate and the number of places in the revised estimate of 2012-13 is 227 fewer than the original estimate. For early education and training centres, the actual number of places in 2009-10 was 78 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2010-11 was 106 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2011-12 was 373 fewer than the original estimate and the number of places in the revised estimate of 2012-13 is 481 fewer than the original estimate. For special child care centres, the actual number of places in 2009-10 was 66 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2010-11 was 108 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2011-12 was 123 fewer than the original estimate and the number of places in the revised estimate of 2012-13 is 126 fewer than the original estimate. For moderately mentally handicapped hostels, the actual number of places in 2009-10 was 155 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2010-11 was 82 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2011-12 was 70 fewer than the original estimate and the number of places in the revised estimate of 2012-13 is 85 fewer than the original estimate. For severely mentally handicapped hostels, the actual number of places in 2009-10 was 155 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2010-11 was 180 fewer than the original estimate, the actual number of places in 2011-12 was 251 fewer than the original estimate and the number of places in the revised estimate of 2012-13 is 137 fewer than the original estimate. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

In the past four years (2009-10 to 2012-13), what was actually done by the Administration each year to “oversee the provision of more places for day training, pre-school and residential services for persons with disabilities”?

In the past four years, how much resources and manpower was allocated by the Administration each year to “oversee the provision of more places for day training, pre-school and residential services for persons with disabilities”?

In the past four years, how effective was the work done by the Administration each year to “oversee the provision of more places for day training, pre-school and residential services for persons with disabilities”? Why was the actual increase in the number of places for day training, pre-school and residential services for persons with disabilities lower than the originally estimated increase every year?

What will actually be done by the Administration to “oversee the provision of more places for day training, pre-school and residential services for persons with disabilities” in 2013-14 and how much resources and manpower will be allocated?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration has been actively identifying suitable premises for setting up rehabilitation facilities through long, medium and short term planning. On long-term planning, the Administration maintains close contact with relevant government departments including the Planning Department, Lands Department and Housing Department, with a view to reserving sites in new development or re-development projects as far as practicable for setting up rehabilitation service facilities. On medium-term planning, the Administration will bid for vacant premises at government buildings and vacant school premises for provision of rehabilitation facilities. On short-term planning, the Administration will actively identify vacant public housing units for conversion into rehabilitation facilities.

From April 2009 to March 2013, a total of 857 additional places of day training and vocational rehabilitation services, 640 additional places of pre-school services and 985 additional places of residential care services were provided. Some of the planned service places did not come into operation as scheduled generally owing to the longer than expected preparation time required for completion of the planning formalities, such as conducting local consultation, securing the allocation of premises, seeking approval for change in land use etc.; and longer lead time required for completion of refurbishment and fitting-out works.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to collaborate and liaise closely with parties concerned at different planning stages and strive to expedite the process as far as practicable with a view to meeting the pledged targets.

LWB will continue to closely monitor the progress of provision of planned rehabilitation service places by SWD and offer the necessary support and assistance as required. The related manpower involved is absorbed within the existing resources of LWB.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)348

Question Serial No.

4955

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on the expenditures incurred for duty visits outside Hong Kong by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) in the table below.

Date of duty visit	Purpose of duty visit	Number of entourage members	Name and expenses of residing hotel	Class and price of air ticket	Total expenditure

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

Information on duty visits outside Hong Kong undertaken by the LWB between 2008-09 and 2012-13 is provided below –

Date of duty visits (Number of visits)	Purpose of duty visits	Number of entourage members	Hotel expenses (\$'000) (a)	Cost of air tickets (\$'000) (b)	Total expenditure (\$'000) (a)+(b)
2008-09 (7)	To attend seminars/ meetings and/or conduct study tour in Mainland, Singapore and United States.	From 1 to 14	126	265	391
2009-10 (7)	To attend seminars/ meetings and/or conduct study tour in Mainland, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore and United States.	From 1 to 23	290	362	652
2010-11 (9)	To attend seminars/ meetings and/or conduct study tour in Mainland, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia and United States.	From 1 to 15	190	732	922

Date of duty visits (Number of visits)	Purpose of duty visits	Number of entourage members	Hotel expenses (\$'000) (a)	Cost of air tickets (\$'000) (b)	Total expenditure (\$'000) (a)+(b)
2011-12 (10)	To attend seminars/ meetings and/or conduct study tour in Mainland, Singapore, Thailand, Germany, United Kingdom, United States and Canada.	From 1 to 17	227	836	1,063
2012-13 (4)	To attend seminars/ meetings in Mainland, Korea, Switzerland and United States.	From 1 to 8	88	502	590

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LWB(WW)349

Question Serial No.

3698

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the consultancy studies (if any) commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and its departments for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information in the following format.

(a) Using the table below, please provide information on studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated in the past two financial years (2011-2012 and 2012-13):

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee(\$)	Start date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

(b) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy studies this year (2013-2014)? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee(\$)	Start date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

(c) What are the criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects to the research institutions concerned?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

(a) The consultancy studies commissioned by the LWB and its departments which were funded between 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Tender	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund (CDF) Pioneer Projects	1,925	2008	Completed	The findings and recommendations are being used as reference in formulating enhancement measures for CDF projects.	The consultancy report has been uploaded onto the LWB's website for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Elderly Commission (EC)'s consultancy study on community care services for the elderly	978	2010	Completed	The findings were used as reference in formulating relevant policies. The Administration accepted the study's major recommendation on community care service voucher for the elderly, and will implement the relevant pilot scheme in September 2013. The Legislative Council's Panel on Welfare Services (LegCo WS Panel) was briefed on the preliminary proposal on 13 February 2012.	The study and its findings were presented to the LegCo WS Panel on 11 July 2011. The study report was uploaded onto the website of EC for public information.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)	846	2010	Completed	The findings have been taken into account for enhancing the administration of CIIF.	The final reports have been uploaded onto the CIIF website for public information.
Policy 21 Limited, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Study on knock-on effect of Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW) on pay hierarchies in the retail and restaurants sectors	510	2011	Completed	Based on the study findings, the Minimum Wage Commission assessed the possible knock-on effect of SMW on the concerned sectors.	The study report has been uploaded onto the website of the Labour Department for public information.
The Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative study of Three Pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Projects (PCYOPs) to assess the feasibility, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the PCYOPs and to recommend the way forward	237	2011	In progress	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative Study of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) to review the effectiveness of the PFD and to suggest the future direction of the Fund	515	2010	Completed	The recommendations of the consultancy studies were taken forward in the Eighth Round Application of PFD launched in 2012-13.	The study report was made public through the website of PFD.

(b) Funds have been reserved in 2013-14 for conducting the following consultancy studies –

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	For the projects that are expected to be completed in the year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative study of Three Pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Projects (PCYOPs) to assess the feasibility, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the PCYOPs and to recommend the way forward	316	2011	In progress	Not applicable.
Sau Po Centre on Ageing, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Case Mix Study on the Community Care Services for the Elderly	860	2013	Under planning	Not applicable.

(c) The criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects include technical assessment of the proposals (such as the knowledge and experience of the research institutions in the subject area, the proposed approach, methodology and work programme in conducting the studies and the past performance of the institutions) and the fee proposal.

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LWB(WW)350

Question Serial No.

3713

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In regard to the growing co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide relevant information on Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in which the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been involved.

(a) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes, please provide information over the past two years (for 2011-12 and 2012-13) as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement), and the expenditure involved	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipated completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme

(b) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes of this year (2013-14), please provide information as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement, and the expenditure involved	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipated completion date)	Will the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what will be the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme

(c) Apart from the projects or programmes listed above, are there any other modes of cross-boundary co-operation? If yes, what are they? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in the past three years (from 2010-11 to 2012-13), and what are the financial and manpower resources earmarked in this year's estimate?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

(a)&(b) The LWB did not have any Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes between 2011-12 and 2012-13. Details of the cross-boundary project/programme in 2013-14 are as follows –

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement, and the expenditure involved	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipated completion date)	Will the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what will be the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme
Guangdong Scheme	<p><u>Details and objectives</u> To provide Old Age Allowance for eligible Hong Kong elderly people who choose to reside in Guangdong.</p> <p><u>Relationship with the Framework Agreement</u> The Framework Agreement promotes, inter alia, cooperation between the two places on welfare matters. The Guangdong Scheme will be a positive development in this direction.</p> <p><u>Expenditure involved</u> The expenditure for allowance payment is estimated at \$395 million per annum.</p>	Not applicable	The Scheme will be implemented in the second half of 2013.	We briefed the Legislative Council Panel of Welfare Services on the Guangdong Scheme on 12 March 2012.	<p>Legislative changes are not required.</p> <p>After implementation of the Scheme, eligible Hong Kong elderly people aged 65 or above who choose to reside in Guangdong will be able to receive their Old Age Allowance there without having to return to Hong Kong each year.</p>

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement, and the expenditure involved	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipated completion date)	Will the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what will be the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme
	The administrative cost earmarked for 2013-14 is \$21.8 million.				

(d) Apart from the project/programme listed above, there are no other modes of cross-boundary co-operation handled by LWB.

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LWB(WW)351

Question Serial No.

3719

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of enquiries and requests for assistance relating to people of different sexual orientation or transgendered persons received by the Administration and its departments, as well as the figures on delivery of relevant services in the past five years (2008-2012).
- (b) Has the Administration assessed the need of people of different sexual orientation or transgendered persons for various types of existing social services? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- (c) Has the Administration issued guidelines to front-line staff on provision of services to people of different sexual orientation or transgendered persons? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons and whether the Administration will consider drawing up such guidelines?
- (d) Has the Administration provided training for front-line staff on provision of services to people of different sexual orientation or transgendered persons? If yes, what are the details of the training in the past three years? If not, what are the reasons and whether the Administration will consider providing such training?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), the Social Welfare Department and the Labour Department do not keep statistics on the sexual orientation of enquirers and service users.
- (b) No specific assessment has been conducted on the welfare needs of people of different sexual orientation or transgendered persons. The Administration will keep monitoring the situation and will conduct assessment as and when necessary.
- (c) LWB circulates the guidelines on good practices recommended in the Code of Practice against Discrimination in Employment on the Ground of Sexual Orientation (the Code) to staff concerned regularly to remind them of the importance of non-discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.
- (d) Officers of LWB are encouraged to attend seminars on the Code which are organised by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, in collaboration with the Civil Service Training and Development Institute.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)352

Question Serial No.

3723

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) What is the status of application of the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) in all bureaux and departments since its compilation by the Women's Commission (WoC)?
- (b) To further promote the Checklist, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued a circular memorandum to all Directors of Bureaux and Heads of Departments in November 2012 as an appeal and reminder for their support to apply the Checklist to every suitable policy area and work. What measures are taken to follow up on the application of the Checklist in policy and service development of the Government? Will the Administration further make it a mandatory requirement for departments to adopt the Checklist?
- (c) What are the yardstick and mechanism currently in place to monitor the implementation of gender mainstreaming (GM)? What are the manpower and resources involved?
- (d) What are the details concerning the assessment of the gradual implementation of GM in policy areas under various bureaux and departments in the past five years (2008 to 2012)?
- (e) Has the Administration conducted any review with WoC and the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) on the implementation of GM in the past five years? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

WoC developed in 2002 the Checklist to provide an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic manner. This helps to ensure that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. Taking into account comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in 2009.

The Administration has applied the Checklist to over 45 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby care facilities, as well as the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, etc. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of GM to their daily work, including the provision of first aid services to the public, the provision of family changing rooms in public swimming pools, and the procurement of uniforms for disciplinary forces, etc.

Besides the adoption of the Checklist, we consider it important to provide gender-related training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related concepts and assist them to apply GM to their work. This training included seminars open to all civil servants organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute, as well as tailor-made training programmes organised for staff of different bureaux and departments, including the Planning Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Buildings Department and Labour Department. Gender-related training has also been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers since 2001 and 2010 respectively. In addition, regular gender-related training has been arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I since 2010. To enable all civil servants to receive gender-related training in a more flexible manner, we have been running an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues since 2010.

In 2012-13, WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award to recognise the efforts of bureaux and departments in promoting GM as well as to encourage them to further apply the Checklist to their work. An award presentation ceremony cum exhibition on GM was held in March 2013 to showcase successful application of GM. In addition, an Announcement in the Public Interests on GM was launched in March 2013 to enhance public understanding of the concept and its application.

The Administration and WoC have been maintaining contact with EOC to discuss a wide range of gender-related issues, including GM. A sharing session on GM was held in 2011 for EOC, WoC and the Administration to exchange views on the concept and its application within the Government. In addition, WoC and EOC collaborated with the Labour Department to promote GM and prevention of sexual harassment in the business sector by organising briefing sessions for human resources managers in 2012-13.

While we have no plan to make it a mandatory requirement for all bureaux and departments to adopt the Checklist, we will continue to promote GM in the Administration through various means. The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed by LWB as well as other relevant bureaux and departments.

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Question Serial No.

4370

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The estimated financial provision for 2013-14 represents a substantial increase of 22.5% over the revised estimate for 2012-13. What are the reasons for the increase? Please give an account of the items which attributed to the increase and provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The provision for 2013-14 is \$63.3 million or 22.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2012-13. A breakdown of the increase in provision is provided below.

Description	Amount (\$ million)
Increase in cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, i.e. the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	22.9
Additional provision for public education on rehabilitation, departmental expenses and recurrent subvention	17.3
Additional provision for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients	12.6
Additional provision for the financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others	7.0
Increase in personal emolument	3.5
Total :	63.3

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Question Serial No.

4376

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Administration would continue to raise general awareness and promote early intervention of mental health problems. Will the Administration inform this Committee of its detailed plans? What are the staffing and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), in collaboration with more than 20 government departments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public organisations and the media, has been organising annually the "Mental Health Month" since 1995. During the "Mental Health Month", territory-wide and district-based publicity campaigns, such as television and radio programmes, Announcements in the Public Interest, newspaper supplements, walkathon, and publicity programmes targeting residents in the community, are launched to promote public understanding of mental health and acceptance of persons recovering from mental illness.

In tandem, LWB has substantially increased the allocation for the relevant public education activities from around \$2.5 million in 2008-09 to about \$13 million annually since 2009-10 to promote the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ("the Convention"), including provision of funding support to NGOs, public organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities, etc. to organise public education activities for promotion of mental health and full integration of persons recovering from mental illness into the community.

In 2013-14, LWB will continue to organise the "Mental Health Month" and subsidise the NGOs, public organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities, etc. for implementing various territory-wide and district-based public education activities with the aforementioned themes. The expenditure will be absorbed within the \$13.5 million earmarked for promotion of the Convention in 2013-14 and the manpower involved in implementing these public education activities will be absorbed by the existing resources of LWB.

Other government departments and public organisations, including the Social Welfare Department, Department of Health, Hospital Authority and Equal Opportunities Commission, also organise public education programmes for promoting mental health and full integration of persons recovering from mental illness into community. The expenditure and manpower involved will be absorbed under the respective expenditure heads.

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Question Serial No.

4377

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Administration would contribute to the work of the Commission on Poverty. What are the detailed plans and work to be carried out? What are the resources and staffing of various ranks involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare is an ex-officio member of the Commission of Poverty (CoP) and the vice-chairperson of the Social Security and Retirement Protection (SS&RP) Task Force of CoP. The Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare is an ex-officio member of all the six Task Forces of the CoP. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) assists the CoP Secretariat in servicing three of the six Task Forces, namely the SS&RP Task Force, the Education, Employment and Training Task Force and the Special Needs Groups Task Force. In this regard, the Poverty Team of LWB provides policy input and coordinates contributions from other policy teams of the Bureau.

The Poverty Team comprises two Administrative Officers, one Executive Officer and two secretarial and clerical support staff. The provision for the Team in 2013-14 is estimated to be \$4.2 million.

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Question Serial No.

4378

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the aim to facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives into the process of policy making where appropriate, please advise on the number of consultations conducted by the Administration in the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13), the consultation policy, and names of the consulted organisations. Were women's groups included in the consultations? Please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

In preparing for the third report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) conducted a public consultation on the subjects and topics to be covered in the report between June and July 2010. Views from stakeholders, including the Legislative Council, relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs), women's groups and human rights organisations have been incorporated into relevant sections of the report as appropriate.

In September 2010, LWB assisted the Women's Commission (WoC) in organising the "Beijing+15 Forum: Progress and Prospects of Women's Development - the International and Hong Kong Experience". The Forum provided a platform for participants to review Hong Kong's progress in implementing CEDAW and the "Beijing Platform for Action" as well as the international experience on this front. The Forum was attended by more than 150 representatives from women's groups and relevant NGOs. In December 2012, LWB organised a large scale conference entitled "Tapping Women's Wisdom for a Better Future" for members to review the implementation of CEDAW in various policy areas. Around 500 participants from women's groups, relevant NGOs and government bureaux and departments attended. From 2010-11 to 2012-13, one consultation forum and 14 exchange sessions with women's groups and related NGOs were organised by LWB and WoC to solicit views on various issues of concern to women, such as joint parental responsibility model, support services to new arrival and ethnic minority women, women safety, participation of women in public affairs, and gender mainstreaming, etc.

The Administration is aware that one of the main functions of WoC is to advise the Government on policies, services and issues of concern to women. From 2010-11 to 2012-13, WoC was consulted on various policies and programmes including promotion of breast cancer awareness and other women health services, integrated welfare services for family, healthcare reform, Capacity Building Mileage Programme, protection for part-time employees, services for new arrival women, tackling of municipal solid waste, correctional services for female offenders, promotion of breast feeding, women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies, childcare and after-school care services, primary care development strategy in Hong Kong, review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance, as well as legislation against stalking, etc.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)357

Question Serial No.

3955

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (3), the actual provision for last year (2012-13) is 11.2% lower than the original estimate while the provision for this year (2013-14) is \$4.3 million (17.0%) higher than last year's revised estimate. The Administration has explained that this is mainly due to increased support for the work of the Women's Commission (WoC). Support rendered by the Administration to the work for women's interests is already minimal and the provision for this year accounts for only 4.1% of the total expenditure under this Head. To avoid having the actual expenditure for this year again lower than the estimate, please advise on:

- (a) the reasons why the actual expenditure for last year was reduced by more than 10% as compared to the original estimate;
- (b) the new support projects or activities provided specifically with the additional provision this year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (a) The difference between the original and actual expenditure for 2012-13 in Programme (3) under Head 141 was mainly due to the savings achieved in organising public education and publicity activities by WoC and in participating in regional and international conferences as well as savings in departmental expense and personal emoluments. The reduced expenditure did not involve any reduction in service or support to WoC.
- (b) In 2013-14, a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013" will be published to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. We will also follow up the production of a new corporate video on WoC, conduct a survey on the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents and organise a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its application.

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

LWB(WW)358

Question Serial No.

3957

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Apart from the differences in the estimate and annual growth rates, the substance of all other sub-headings under Programme (3) this year is, as always, more or less the same as the previous year, in particular "Matters Requiring Special Attention", the content of which is a mere copy of that of last year.

I hope that public money is spent properly and the work carried out makes progress, in particular the implementation of gender mainstreaming (GM) in various departments and policy areas. Last November, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued a circular memorandum to all heads of bureaux and departments, appealing for their support and reminding them to apply the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) to various policies and programmes where appropriate (see the LegCo Panel Paper on this year's Policy Address). The Bureau included this point in its work report. It shows how unsatisfactory the implementation has been. In view of this, I would like to know the following:

- (a) The Women's Commission (WoC) reviewed and improved the Checklist in the end of 2009. Please tabulate by year the policies and programme areas in which the Checklist has been applied since its revision and the names of the bureaux/departments concerned.
- (b) To date, how many bureaux and departments have never applied the Checklist?
- (c) Does the Bureau has any yearly indicator to serve as a yardstick for measuring the progress of implementing gender mainstreaming and for this Committee and the public to hold the relevant departments accountable?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought in (a) to (c) is provided as follows -

Since the revision of the Checklist by WoC in late 2009, the Administration has applied the Checklist to the following policy or programme areas –

Year	Policy or Programme areas that have applied the Checklist	Responsible Bureaux and Departments
2009-10	Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence	Social Welfare Department
	Village Representative Elections	Home Affairs Department
	Review of the Relevant Guidelines on Project Administration	Architectural Services Department
	Procurement and Design of Uniforms	Fire Services Department
2010-11	Promotion on Smoking Cessation	Department of Health
	Pilot Scheme for a Public Access Defibrillators Programme at Environmental Protection Department Premises	Environmental Protection Department
	Development of Gender-specific Risks and Needs Programme for Women Offenders	Correctional Services Department
	Promotion on Intellectual Property Rights	Intellectual Property Department
	Scheduling of Area Traffic Control Centre	Transport Department
2011-12	Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme	Labour and Welfare Bureau
	2011 Population Census	Census and Statistics Department
	Travel Characteristic Survey 2011	Transport Department
	Enhanced Support Services for Ethnic Minorities and New Arrivals from the Mainland	Home Affairs Department
2012-13	Review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
	Batterer Intervention Programme	Social Welfare Department
	Paternity Leave	Labour Department
	Education programme on stopping domestic violence	Social Welfare Department

In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of GM to their daily work. We will continue to provide gender-related training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related concepts and assist them to apply GM to their work.

WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award in 2012-13 to recognise the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting GM and to encourage them to further apply the Checklist to their work. An award presentation ceremony cum exhibition on GM was held in March 2013 to showcase successful application of GM. We will continue to promote the sharing of good practices and provide incentives for bureaux and departments to apply GM to their work.

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

LWB(WW)359

Question Serial No.

5430

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In what ways will the Administration encourage the public and non-governmental organisations to participate in the work of the Elderly Commission (EC)? What strategies will be adopted to provide incentives for their participation? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

To promote the message of active ageing, EC and the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) launched the Elder Academy Scheme (Scheme) in early 2007. School sponsoring bodies and welfare organisations are encouraged to establish elder academies in primary and secondary schools to enable elderly persons to pursue a healthy and active retirement life through lifelong learning. The Scheme was subsequently expanded to the tertiary institutions, so that elderly persons can engage in academic studies. Up till now, 115 elder academies have been established and eight tertiary institutions have provided elder academy courses under the support of the Scheme. The total funding expenditure amounted to around \$11 million.

In early 2008, EC and LWB launched the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP). The elderly play a leading role in NAAP projects. Through cross-sectoral collaboration, the NAAP develops support networks at the community level. A total of 75 district projects have been completed from 2008 to 2011, with funding expenditure of over \$7 million. In early 2012, EC and LWB launched a new phase of the NAAP. A total of 69 district projects, with funding support of around \$6.77 million, are being carried out throughout the territory from 2012 to 2014.

EC had also organised other activities for the public in the past including Seminar on “Ageing in the Community”, District-based Scheme on Carer Training and Elderly Sports Day etc.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)360

Question Serial No.

5431

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the expenditure involved for the Elderly Commission (EC) in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

EC is mainly tasked to advise the Government on the formulation of a comprehensive policy for the elderly. EC members are non-remunerated. Secretariat support is provided by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB).

EC and LWB have been promoting the Elder Academy Scheme (Scheme) since 2007. In 2013-14, 59 projects with funding support from the Scheme will continue to be implemented, involving a funding expenditure of around \$2.6 million.

In early 2012, EC and LWB launched a new phase of the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (Project). A total of 69 district projects, with total funding support of around \$6.77 million, are being carried out throughout the territory. The Project is implemented from 2012 to 2014.

Expenditures incurred by the abovementioned two projects are borne by the Elder Academy Development Foundation under the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated and LWB respectively.

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

LWB(WW)361

Question Serial No.

5432

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF), please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of applications received, the number of projects and the amount of provisions approved so far, and the proportion of rejected applications (with reasons); and
- (b) the number of applications submitted by social enterprises, the number of social enterprises' projects and the amount of provisions approved so far, the districts involved and the ways by which the Administration supports the development of these social enterprises.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) From its establishment in 2002 to mid-March 2013, CIIF has received a total of 1 121 applications, of which 275 (24.5%) and 846 applications (75.5%) were approved and rejected respectively. The total amount allocated is about \$270 million. When assessing applications, the CIIF Committee will take into account their effectiveness in promoting cross-sectoral collaboration and sustainable development of social capital. Projects involving one-off activities and those lacking long-lasting impact would not be supported.
- (b) CIIF was set up in 2002 to promote social capital development through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood, community participation and cross-sectoral partnership. It is not an initiative to foster the development of social enterprises (SEs). We have not classified the CIIF-funded projects under the SEs or non SEs projects. Some project collaborators may have set up social enterprises by leveraging on their social networks established through the CIIF-funded projects.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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LWB(WW)362

Question Serial No.

5107

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Disability Allowance under the Social Security Allowance:

- (a) Chief Executive CY Leung announced in his Policy Address that the Disability Allowance would be extended to cover people with loss of one limb. Does the Administration have any implementation timetable? What is the estimated annual total expenditure of the extended coverage to people with loss of one limb?
- (b) There is much controversy over the definition of and application processing system for the Disability Allowance. The Administration intends to review the system. When will the review be completed? Does the Administration have any specific timetable?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has recently set up an “Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance (DA)” (the Working Group), having regard to the Chief Executive’s proposal in his Manifesto to “allow people with loss of one limb to apply for Disability Allowance”. The Working Group comprises representatives from the relevant bureaux and departments and the Hospital Authority. As the Working Group is in its early stage of deliberation, it is difficult at this stage to prescribe a time-table for the completion of the report.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)363

Question Serial No.

4585

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the provision for 2013-14 in this Programme is \$63.3 million (22.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2012-13, could the Administration advise this Committee of the details of the items with breakdown of the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

The provision for 2013-14 is \$63.3 million or 22.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2012-13. A breakdown of the increase in provision is provided below.

Description	Amount (\$ million)
Increase in cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, i.e. the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	22.9
Additional provision for public education on rehabilitation, departmental expenses and recurrent subvention	17.3
Additional provision for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients	12.6
Additional provision for the financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others	7.0
Increase in personal emolument	3.5
Total :	63.3

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Labour and Subhead (No. & title):
Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under this Programme, the Administration administers the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for the severely disabled. Would the Administration please provide the following information -

- a breakdown by the types of disabilities the number of persons obtaining the Registration Card for People with Disabilities (CRR Card) from the Central Registry for Rehabilitation (CRR) of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) after registration over the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13);
- the number of Disability Allowance (DA) recipients by the above types of disabilities, with a breakdown by Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) over the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13); and
- whether the Administration can review and refine the definition of the disabled and the eligibility criteria for allowances as soon as possible, so that people with CRR Cards can apply for DA according to their degree of disability.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- According to the records of CRR, the numbers of persons with disabilities registered and issued with CRR Card as at end-March 2012 and end-February 2013 were 59 959 and 65 845 respectively. Detailed breakdown by type of disabilities (regardless of the degree of disabilities) is as follows –

	End-March 2012	End-February 2013
Attention deficit / Hyperactivity disorder	592	899
Autism	4 811	5 642
Hearing impairment	8 092	8 465
Intellectual disability	19 326	20 274
Physical disability	10 278	11 340
Mental illness	11 451	14 484
Specific learning difficulties	562	720
Speech impairment	4 870	5 212
Visceral disability/chronic illness	14 178	15 789
Visual impairment	3 829	4 048
Total ^{Note}	59 959	65 845

Note A person with disability may have more than one type of disability, and therefore, the total number of persons with disabilities registered at CRR is less than the aggregate sum of the cases of each type of disability.

(b) The numbers of HDA and NDA cases in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Allowance type	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
HDA	18 292	18 992
NDA	123 459	127 829

The Social Welfare Department does not compile DA case records using the categorisation adopted by CRR.

(c) It should be noted that CRR Card is issued by LWB to eligible persons with disabilities enabling those with permanent or temporary disabilities to produce a documentary proof of his/her disability identity and type when need arises. Registration for CRR Card is entirely voluntary. It is not a documentary proof for discount of goods or services, or public benefits. As the CRR Card may be issued to persons with disabilities of varying types and severity, and a wide range of documentary proof is accepted (apart from certificates issued by doctors or allied health personnel, other documents such as certifications from special schools / rehabilitation services and disability proof for drivers with disabilities, etc. are also acceptable), it is not adopted as the eligible criterion for DA which is intended for persons with severe disabilities.

LWB has recently set up an “Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance (DA)” (the Working Group) to review the eligibility criteria for DA, assess the implications of various options on policy, implementation, finance and other related areas, and make recommendations, having regard to the Chief Executive’s proposal in his Manifesto to “allow people with loss of one limb to apply for Disability Allowance”. The Working Group comprises representatives from the relevant bureaux and departments and the Hospital Authority.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie TAM

Post Title: Permanent Secretary
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Date: 18.4.2013

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

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Question Serial No.

5390

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title): Unspecified
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14*, it is mentioned that the Administration will oversee the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme). In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) Since the launch of the Scheme, the average daily number of elderly people and persons with disabilities, who used Mass Transit Railway (MTR) services (including the Island Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tseung Kwan O Line, Tung Chung Line, Disney Resort Line, West Rail Line, East Rail Line, Ma On Shan Line, Light Rail services and MTR bus routes), under the Scheme. Please provide breakdown by individual lines;
- (b) Since the launch of the Scheme, the amount of subsidy the Administration has provided to the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), and whether MTRCL has any corresponding expenditures for the Scheme. If yes, how much?
- (c) Whether the Administration will review and study the patronage of various lines, and whether it will request MTRCL to enhance the barrier-free access facilities on the relevant lines as soon as possible, thus facilitating elderly people and persons with disabilities to ride on MTR; and
- (d) Whether the Administration will request MTRCL to offer fare concession to accompanying carers of elderly and persons with disabilities beneficiaries of the Scheme so as to encourage the community to take care of the elderly and persons with disabilities, and alleviate the transport fee burden on their carers.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (a) According to the profile of our population, we expect that over 980 000 elderly people¹ and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities² may benefit from the Scheme. We have no record as to the actual number of beneficiaries making use of the Scheme.

As MTR is an open railway network where passengers can interchange between different lines in the network, there is no patronage figure for each individual line. Since the launch of the Scheme till end-January 2013, the average daily passenger trips of the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities who used the MTR services under the Scheme were 209 000 and 34 000 respectively.

- (b) Since the launch of the Scheme till 20 March 2013, the Administration has reimbursed about \$86 million to MTRCL for its revenue forgone.

Before the launch of the Scheme, MTRCL had been offering about half fare concessions to the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities and also \$2 concessionary fare to the elderly on Wednesdays, Saturdays and non-Sunday Public Holidays. It continues to absorb the costs of these fare concessions to date. According to MTRCL, the costs amounted to about \$307 million since the launch of the Scheme till end-December 2012.

- (c) The MTRCL maintains regular dialogue with groups of persons with disabilities by holding meetings with their representatives twice a year. The meetings facilitate understanding of their needs when using railway service, inform them of enhancements provided at MTR stations for their convenience, and consult them on the design of relevant facilities in new railway or station enhancement projects. The Transport Department also regularly arranges meetings with the Working Group on Access to Public Transport by People with Disabilities in order to understand the needs of persons with disabilities. Follow-up actions will be taken when necessary.

Currently, all MTR stations are installed with at least one wide ticket gate to facilitate wheelchairs access. As at today, around 90% of MTR stations are located at ground level, or are installed with external lift(s) connecting the station concourse with ground level. It is expected that by 2016, all MTR stations not located at ground level will be equipped with facilities to enable passengers with disabilities to reach ground level directly.

- (d) The Administration will continue urging MTRCL to, based on its operational and financial situation, market condition and passengers' needs, etc., actively explore introducing more kinds and number of effective fare promotions on the basis of its existing fare concessions in order that different passenger groups' needs could be addressed.

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¹ Elderly people aged 65 or above.

² Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14*, it is mentioned that the Administration will “oversee the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme)”. In this regard, please provide the following information:

- (a) Since the launch of the Scheme, the average daily number of elderly people and persons with disabilities, who used franchised bus services under the Scheme? Please provide breakdown by individual bus operators (Kowloon Motor Bus, New World First Bus, Citybus, Long Win Bus).
- (b) Since the launch of the Scheme, the amount of subsidy the Administration has provided to franchised bus operators, and whether bus operators have any corresponding expenditures for the Scheme? If yes, how much?
- (c) Whether the Administration will plan the Scheme beyond Phase 3 as soon as possible to cover, among others, green minibuses? Has the Administration reserved any provision for the extension of the Scheme in the coming financial year?
- (d) Whether the Administration will liaise with the tram company as soon as possible to provide free rides for elderly and persons with disabilities so as to encourage them to make more use of tram on Hong Kong Island. If so, what is the progress? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) Since the launch of Phase 2 of the Scheme on 5 August 2012 till end-January 2013, the average daily passenger trips of the elderly¹ and eligible persons with disabilities² who used franchised bus services under the Scheme were 358 000 and 42 000 respectively.

(b) Since the launch of Phase 2 till 20 March 2013, the Administration has reimbursed about \$139 million to the four franchised bus operators concerned for their revenue forgone.

Before the launch of the Scheme, these franchised bus operators had been offering half fare concession to the elderly. They continue to absorb the costs of such half fare concession after the launch of Phase 2 of the Scheme. According to these franchised bus operators, such costs amounted to about \$94 million since the launch of Phase 2 till end-December 2012.

(c) There are a large number of green minibus operators and many of them are of small-scale with different modes of operation and financial position. It will take some time to study the issues involved before a view is taken on whether the Scheme will be extended to green minibuses.

(d) The Scheme enables the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities to travel on the general MTR lines, franchised buses and ferries anytime at a concessionary fare of \$2 trip. The elderly persons pay \$1.1 for each tram trip, which is lower than \$2. Persons with disabilities pay \$2.3 for each tram trip which is slightly above the \$2 figure.

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Post Title: Permanent Secretary
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Date: 18.4.2013

¹ Elderly people aged 65 or above.

² Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

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

LWB(WW)367

Question Serial No.

3899

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How will the Labour and Welfare Bureau review the existing retirement protection system in Hong Kong? How will the Bureau respond to and meet the public's request and aspirations for "universal retirement protection"?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force under the Commission on Poverty agreed at its second meeting of 18 March to invite Professor Nelson Chow Wing-sun to conduct a study on retirement protection so as to form a basis for future deliberations. The study is expected to be completed within one year.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie TAM

Post Title: Permanent Secretary
for Labour and Welfare

Date: 4.2013

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

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the estimated provision of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on conducting the means test of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)? How will LWB examine the influence of the means test on elderly people's life? Could the means test be abolished this year in order to save administrative expenses and to benefit more elderly people?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has created about 100 additional posts at an annual additional expenditure of about \$32 million for the preparation and implementation of OALA, including processing of applications and checking of the eligibility criteria of the applicants. There is no provision under LWB on implementing OALA.

Since OALA aims at alleviating the poverty of the elderly population, it should only be provided to applicants with proven needs according to prescribed income and asset requirements. We also need to be mindful that population ageing will put increasing pressure on our recurrent expenditure on welfare and medical services. The estimated increase in additional recurrent expenditure on OALA may also crowd out other government expenditures, including other welfare-related expenditures required to cope with an ageing population. It is therefore prudent and necessary that a proper means test with prescribed income and asset requirements be put in place under OALA so that our limited public resources can be directed to those who are most in need of the financial assistance.

We will review OALA one year after its implementation and report the outcome of the review to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services.

Name in block letters: Miss Annie TAM

Post Title: Permanent Secretary
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Date: 18.4.2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)369

Question Serial No.

3738

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the setting up of additional youth outreaching teams (YOTs) in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung, please provide information on the YOTs since their commencement of services in the table below.

	Tseung Kwan O	Ma On Shan	Tung Chung
Youth population in the district			
Manpower of the YOT			
Number of cases served			
Average caseload per social worker			
Average time for handling each case			

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply: According to the 2011 Population Census, the numbers of children and youths aged from five to 24 living in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung were 82 073, 41 699 and 21 069 respectively.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating YOTs have the flexibility to deploy the allocation in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The three additional YOTs in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung have commenced service since January 2013. Figures such as number of cases served and caseload per worker are not yet available. The average time spent on each case is not a performance indicator of YOTs and is not available.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)370

Question Serial No.

4864

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) stated that it monitored the performance of enhanced school social work (SSW) service in 2012-13. What are the details and the expenditure involved?
 - (b) Will SWD allocate resources for monitoring SSW service in 2013-14? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

- Reply:
- (a) To ensure service quality, SWD monitors the service performance of subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS) whereby the performance standards of subvented NGOs are assessed and monitored through their regular reports and SWD's scheduled and surprise visits to their subvented service units. The funding allocation for SSW service in 2012-13 (revised estimate) is \$301.9 million.
 - (b) The Administration will continue to monitor the performance of SSW service through SPMS. The funding allocation for SSW service in 2013-14 (estimate) is \$315.8 million.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)371

Question Serial No.

5118

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature, their gender, age distribution, marital status, level of education, the number of children in their families, the age distribution of their children (with breakdowns on aged 0-4, aged 5-9, aged 10-11, aged 12-14 and aged 15 or above) as well as other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The breakdowns of CSSA SP recipients by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2008-09			2009-10		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	19	442	461	19	439	458
25-29	95	1 259	1 354	68	1 267	1 335
30-39	816	9 284	10 100	783	8 940	9 723
40-49	2 010	13 113	15 123	1 910	13 347	15 257
50-59	1 948	3 189	5 137	1 965	3 266	5 231
60 and over	780	161	941	832	147	979
Total	5 668	27 448	33 116	5 577	27 406	32 983

Age group	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	13	428	441	17	413	430
25-29	56	1 200	1 256	51	1 120	1 171
30-39	692	8 465	9 157	585	7 904	8 489
40-49	1 672	12 956	14 628	1 483	12 405	13 888
50-59	1 953	3 216	5 169	1 928	3 202	5 130
60 and over	841	166	1 007	845	167	1 012
Total	5 227	26 431	31 658	4 909	25 211	30 120

Age group	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
18-24	9	359	368
25-29	57	1 076	1 133
30-39	530	7 538	8 068
40-49	1 343	11 545	12 888
50-59	1 832	2 874	4 706
60 and over	813	165	978
Total	4 584	23 557	28 141

Table 2: The number of CSSA SP recipients by marital status

Marital status	2008-09			2009-10		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	142	1 590	1 732	136	1 861	1 997
Married/Cohabited	1 962	2 357	4 319	1 774	2 339	4 113
Separated	1 181	5 450	6 631	1 196	5 258	6 454
Divorced	1 987	12 837	14 824	2 111	12 931	15 042
Widowed	396	5 214	5 610	360	5 017	5 377
Total	5 668	27 448	33 116	5 577	27 406	32 983

Marital status	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	141	2 038	2 179	141	2 094	2 235
Married/Cohabited	1 549	2 199	3 748	1 338	2 143	3 481
Separated	1 088	4 863	5 951	1 014	4 438	5 452
Divorced	2 095	12 593	14 688	2 097	12 157	14 254
Widowed	354	4 738	5 092	319	4 379	4 698
Total	5 227	26 431	31 658	4 909	25 211	30 120

Marital status	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Never Married	140	2 120	2 260
Married/Cohabited	1 239	2 164	3 403
Separated	867	4 034	4 901
Divorced	2 055	11 382	13 437
Widowed	283	3 857	4 140
Total	4 584	23 557	28 141

Table 3: The number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
No schooling/kindergarten	3 254	2 971	2 555	2 263	1 920
Primary	14 920	14 392	13 516	12 624	11 475
Lower Secondary	9 392	9 678	9 459	9 122	8 713
Upper Secondary ^[Note 1]	5 362	5 735	5 913	5 898	5 820
Post secondary	188	207	215	213	213
Total	33 116	32 983	31 658	30 120	28 141

Table 4: The number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	17 878	18 327	18 194	17 546	16 914
2	12 097	11 729	10 853	10 098	9 141
3	2 614	2 456	2 194	2 077	1 738
4	441	395	356	332	292
5 and above	86	76	61	67	56
Total	33 116	32 983	31 658	30 120	28 141

Table 5: The number of CSSA SP recipients by age of the children

Age of children	Number of children				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
0-4	5 837	5 569	5 423	5 142	5 061
5-9	10 851	10 715	10 067	9 598	9 487
10-11	6 848	6 345	6 093	5 662	5 157
12-14	13 142	12 534	11 324	10 300	9 733
15-21	15 858	16 353	15 664	15 247	12 723
Total	52 536	51 516	48 571	45 949	42 161

Table 6: Total monthly income of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly income

Type of monthly income	2008-09 (\$'000)	2009-10 (\$'000)	2010-11 (\$'000)	2011-12 (\$'000)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012) (\$'000)
Employment earnings from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	26,230	27,332	26,691	27,077	23,638
Contributions from friends/relatives	973	1,002	1,025	1,202	1,216
Meals provided by other parties (e.g. kindergartens)	56	48	58	65	54
Maintenance payment ^[Note 2]	2,867	2,932	3,279	3,370	3,418
Pension	132	168	149	134	149
Other income	226	209	181	200	172
Overall ^[Note 3]	30,485	31,691	31,382	32,048	28,646

[Note 1] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

[Note 2] Excluding nominal amount of maintenance payment which is equivalent to a monthly sum of no more than \$1.

[Note 3] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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Question Serial No.

5122

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Since the implementation of the seven-year residence requirement for receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), please list out, by case nature, age, gender and educational attainment of the applicants, the numbers of CSSA cases with children who are eligible for receiving child rate of CSSA but whose parents are not eligible for CSSA due to residing in Hong Kong for less than seven years, and the nature and numbers of cases living together with household members who are ineligible for CSSA due to residing in Hong Kong for less than seven years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: There is no available information on the residence status of the parents of CSSA child recipients. There is hence no available information on the number of CSSA cases involving parents who are not eligible for CSSA due to the residence requirement.

There is also no available information on the number of household members under CSSA cases who are ineligible for CSSA due to the residence requirement.

For the number of CSSA cases with eligible member(s) having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years by case nature, only statistics of the recent five years are readily available and these are provided as follows –

Case Nature	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	3 605	2 578	1 944	1 902	1 765
Permanent disability	609	506	468	428	379
Ill health	1 633	1 391	1 209	1 149	1 065
Single parent	6 153	5 032	4 308	3 951	3 546
Low-earnings	3 176	2 736	2 335	1 920	1 510
Unemployment	2 691	2 088	1 537	1 298	1 079
Others	1 513	1 566	1 516	1 359	1 299
Total	19 380	15 897	13 317	12 007	10 643

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Question Serial No.

5123

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list out, since renaming to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 1993, the payment rate levels in each year for the standard rates of different categories of CSSA recipients, the single parent supplement, long-term supplement, rent allowance, water and sewage charge allowance, domestic removal grant, special diet allowance, grant to cover kindergarten fees, meal allowance for students, and grant for selected items of school related expenses.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only information of the recent five years is readily available. The payment rate levels for the standard rates of different categories of CSSA recipients, the single parent supplement, long-term supplement, rent allowance, water and sewage charge allowance, domestic removal grant, special diet allowance, grant to cover kindergarten fees, meal allowance for students and grant for selected items of school related expenses from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are as follows –

- (a) Standard rates for different categories of CSSA recipients (amount per person per month)

Effective period		1.2.2008 – 31.7.2008			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)	Family member (\$)		
Elderly aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/50% disabled	2,370	2,235		
	100% disabled	2,875	2,540		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,040	3,705		
Ill-health/ Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/50% disabled	2,010	1,820		
	100% disabled	2,510	2,170		
	Requiring constant attendance	3,670	3,335		
Disabled child	50% disabled	2,675	2,330		
	100% disabled	3,170	2,835		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,335	4,005		
			In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults /children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults /children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able- bodied adults/ children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/Family carer		1,820	1,645	1,455
	Other adult	1,675	1,490	1,345	1,200
Able-bodied Child		2,010	1,665	1,495	1,330

Effective period		1.8.2008 – 31.1.2009			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)	Family member (\$)		
Elderly aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/50% disabled	2,475	2,335		
	100% disabled	3,000	2,650		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,220	3,870		
Ill-health/ Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/50% disabled	2,100	1,900		
	100% disabled	2,620	2,265		
	Requiring constant attendance	3,830	3,480		
Disabled child	50% disabled	2,795	2,435		
	100% disabled	3,310	2,960		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,525	4,180		
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/ children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/Family carer		1,900	1,715	1,520
	Other adult	1,750	1,555	1,405	1,255
Able-bodied Child		2,100	1,740	1,560	1,390

Effective period		1.2.2009 – 31.1.2011			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)	Family member (\$)		
Elderly aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/50% disabled	2,590	2,445		
	100% disabled	3,140	2,775		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,420	4,050		
Ill-health/ Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/50% disabled	2,200	1,990		
	100% disabled	2,745	2,370		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,010	3,645		
Disabled child	50% disabled	2,925	2,550		
	100% disabled	3,465	3,100		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,740	4,375		
			In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/ children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/Family carer		1,990	1,795	1,590
	Other adult	1,830	1,630	1,470	1,315
Able-bodied Child		2,200	1,820	1,635	1,455

Effective period		1.2.2011 – 31.7.2011			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)	Family member (\$)		
Elderly aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/50% disabled	2,680	2,530		
	100% disabled	3,245	2,870		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,570	4,190		
Ill-health/ Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/50% disabled	2,275	2,060		
	100% disabled	2,840	2,450		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,145	3,770		
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,025	2,635		
	100% disabled	3,585	3,205		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,900	4,525		
			In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults /children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/ children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/Family carer		2,060	1,855	1,645
	Other adult	1,890	1,685	1,520	1,360
Able-bodied Child		2,275	1,880	1,690	1,505

Effective period		1.8.2011 – 31.1.2012			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)	Family member (\$)		
Elderly aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/50% disabled	2,680	2,530		
	100% disabled	3,245	2,870		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,570	4,190		
Ill-health/ Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/50% disabled	2,680	2,530		
	100% disabled	3,245	2,870		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,570	4,190		
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,025	2,635		
	100% disabled	3,585	3,205		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,900	4,525		
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/ children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/Family carer		2,060	1,855	1,645
	Other adult	1,890	1,685	1,520	1,360
Able-bodied Child		2,275	1,880	1,690	1,505

Effective period		1.2.2012 – 31.1.2013			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)	Family member (\$)		
Elderly aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/50% disabled	2,820	2,660		
	100% disabled	3,415	3,020		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,810	4,410		
Ill-health /Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/50% disabled	2,820	2,660		
	100% disabled	3,415	3,020		
	Requiring constant attendance	4,810	4,410		
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,180	2,770		
	100% disabled	3,770	3,370		
	Requiring constant attendance	5,155	4,760		
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/ children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/Family carer		2,165	1,950	1,730
	Other adult	1,990	1,775	1,600	1,430
Able-bodied Child		2,395	1,980	1,780	1,585

Effective period		With effect from 1.2.2013			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)	Family member (\$)		
Elderly aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/50% disabled	2,935	2,765		
	100% disabled	3,550	3,140		
	Requiring constant attendance	5,000	4,585		
Ill-health/ Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/50% disabled	2,935	2,765		
	100% disabled	3,550	3,140		
	Requiring constant attendance	5,000	4,585		
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,305	2,880		
	100% disabled	3,920	3,505		
	Requiring constant attendance	5,360	4,950		
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/ children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/ children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/Family carer		2,250	2,030	1,800
	Other adult	2,070	1,845	1,665	1,485
Able-bodied Child		2,490	2,060	1,850	1,650

(b) Single parent supplement

Effective period	Amount per month (\$)
1.2.2008 – 31.7.2008	235
1.8.2008 – 31.1.2009	245
1.2.2009 – 31.1.2011	255
1.2.2011 – 31.1.2012	265
1.2.2012 – 31.1.2013	280
With effect from 1.2.2013	290

(c) Long-term supplement

Effective period	Payment rate per year (\$)		
	Single person	Family comprising 2 to 4 members who are old, disabled or medically certified to be in ill-health	Family comprising 5 or more members who are old, disabled or medically certified to be in ill-health
1.2.2008 – 31.7.2008	1,485	2,980	3,825
1.8.2008 – 31.1.2009	1,550	3,110	3,825
1.2.2009 – 31.1.2011	1,625	3,255	3,825
1.2.2011 – 31.1.2012	1,680	3,365	3,825
1.2.2012 – 31.1.2013	1,765	3,540	3,825
With effect from 1.2.2013	1,835	3,680	3,825

(d) Rent allowance

Effective period	Maximum level per month ^[Note 1] (\$)					
	Single person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 & more persons
From 2008 – 31.1.2012	1,265	2,550	3,330	3,545	3,550	4,435
1.2.2012 – 31.1.2013	1,335	2,695	3,520	3,745	3,750	4,690
With effect from 1.2.2013	1,440	2,905	3,795	4,035	4,045	5,055

[Note 1] Rent allowance is calculated on the basis of eligible members of a family. The amount to be allowed for rent is the actual rent paid or the maximum level appropriate to the size of the family, whichever is the less.

(e) Water and sewage charge allowance

Effective period	Allowance per eligible member per month (\$) (based on the number of persons sharing one water meter)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 & above
1.4.2008 – 31.3.2009	Nil	7.0	9.6	11.2	13.2	15.1	17.1	18.5	19.6	20.5
1.4.2009 – 31.3.2010	Nil	7.1	9.8	11.5	13.5	15.3	17.3	18.8	19.9	20.8
1.4.2010 – 31.3.2011	Nil	7.3	10.1	11.8	13.8	15.7	17.7	19.2	20.2	21.2
1.4.2011 – 31.3.2012	Nil	7.5	10.3	12.1	14.1	16.0	18.0	19.5	20.6	21.5
1.4.2012 – 31.3.2013	Nil	7.7	10.6	12.4	14.5	16.3	18.4	19.9	21.0	21.9

(f) Domestic removal grant

Effective period	Removal grant for moving to public housing estates or multistorey interim housing (based on the number of eligible members)			
	Single person (\$)	2 – 3 persons (\$)	4 – 5 persons (\$)	6 persons & above (\$)
1.4.2008 – 31.3.2009	2,907	6,197	8,048	10,276
1.4.2009 – 31.3.2010	3,756	8,185	10,641	13,561
1.4.2010 – 31.3.2011	3,388	7,392	9,690	12,292
1.4.2011 – 31.3.2012	3,530	7,797	10,171	12,931
1.4.2012 – 31.3.2013	3,970	8,690	11,325	14,485

Effective period	Removal grant for moving to private premises (based on the number of eligible members)			
	Single person (\$)	2 – 3 persons (\$)	4 – 5 persons (\$)	6 persons & above (\$)
1.4.2008 – 31.3.2009	1,120	1,621	2,246	2,948
1.4.2009 – 31.3.2010	1,341	1,804	2,516	3,266
1.4.2010 – 31.3.2011	1,211	1,695	2,445	3,121
1.4.2011 – 31.3.2012	1,249	1,802	2,543	3,270
1.4.2012 – 31.3.2013	1,473	2,074	2,898	3,804

Effective period	Removal grant for moving to Housing for Senior Citizens	
	For single person (\$)	For a couple (\$)
1.4.2008 – 31.3.2009	2,907	6,197
1.4.2009 – 31.3.2010	3,756	8,185
1.4.2010 – 31.3.2011	3,388	7,392
1.4.2011 – 31.3.2012	3,530	7,797
1.4.2012 – 31.3.2013	3,970	8,690

Effective period	Removal grant for CSSA recipients being admitted to institutions for the elderly (\$)
1.4.2008 – 31.3.2009	560
1.4.2009 – 31.3.2010	671
1.4.2010 – 31.3.2011	606
1.4.2011 – 31.3.2012	625
1.4.2012 – 31.3.2013	737

(g) Special diet allowance

Effective period	Amount per month	
	Higher rate ^[Note 2] (\$)	Lower rate ^[Note 3] (\$)
1.2.2008 – 31.7.2008	740	390
1.8.2008 – 31.1.2009	775	405
1.2.2009 – 31.1.2011	810	425
1.2.2011 – 31.1.2012	840	440
1.2.2012 – 31.1.2013	885	465
With effect from 1.2.2013	920	485

^[Note 2] For CSSA recipients certified as suffering from anaemia, malignancy, diabetes, tuberculosis (under treatment), or as requiring a fluid diet, or under a post-operative condition or those with stoma.

^[Note 3] For CSSA recipients certified as suffering from liver disease, kidney disease, disseminated lupus erythematosus or as requiring an ulcer diet.

(h) Grant to cover kindergarten fees

School year	Maximum level per annum ^[Note 4] (\$)	
	Half-day	Full-day
2008/09	16,000	25,400
2009/10	18,000	29,300
2010/11	18,700	30,200
2011/12	19,500	31,500
2012/13	20,300	32,800

^[Note 4] With the amount of fee subsidy under the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (i.e. \$11,000 per annum for the 2008/09 school year, \$12,000 per annum for the 2009/10 school year, \$14,000 per annum for the 2010/11 school year, \$16,000 per annum for the 2011/12 school year and \$16,800 per annum for the 2012/13 school year) included.

(i) Meal allowance for students

Effective period	Amount per month (\$)
1.2.2008 – 31.7.2008	200
1.8.2008 – 31.1.2009	210
1.2.2009 – 31.1.2011	220
1.2.2011 – 31.1.2012	225
1.2.2012 – 31.1.2013	235
With effect from 1.2.2013	245

(j) Grant for selected items of school related expenses

Education level	Full grant amount ^[Note 5] per student per school year (\$)				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Child care center (Group aged 0-2/ Group aged 2-3)	1,245	1,270	1,275	1,305	1,375
Kindergarten (Nursery/Lower/Upper)	2,845	2,900	2,910	2,980	3,140
Primary (Primary 1-6)	2,505	2,555	2,565	3,157	3,325
Lower Secondary (Secondary 1-3)	3,810	3,880	3,895	4,487	4,725
Upper Secondary (Senior Secondary 1-3 (Secondary 4-6)/ technical/commercial institutes)	3,210	3,270	3,285	3,877	4,080

- ^[Note 5] (i) The grant is normally paid before the commencement of the school year.
- (ii) If the family is eligible for CSSA after the commencement of the school year, the amount of grant payable will be adjusted accordingly.
- (iii) Additional payment can be considered if the actual expenses exceed the amount of the grant paid. Recipients should keep all relevant receipts to prove that the amount of grant paid is insufficient to cover the actual expenses.

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Date: 11 April 2013

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Question Serial No.

5124

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list out the asset limits for different case nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in each year from 1993-94 to 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only information of the recent five years is readily available. The asset limits for different case nature of CSSA recipients were as follows –

	Effective Period					
	February 2008 to January 2009	February 2009 to January 2011	February 2011 to January 2012	February 2012 to January 2013	February 2013 to Present	
Single person case						
Able-bodied adult	\$22,000	\$22,500	\$23,000	\$24,000	\$25,000	
A person who is not an able-bodied adult	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$36,000	\$38,000	\$39,500	
Family cases involving any able-bodied adult						
Able-bodied adults/children	For each such member	\$14,500	\$15,000	\$15,500	\$16,500	\$17,000
	Up to a maximum of (for 4 or more)	\$58,000	\$60,000	\$62,000	\$66,000	\$68,000
Persons other than able- bodied adults/children	For one such member	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$36,000	\$38,000	\$39,500
	For each additional such member	\$17,000	\$17,500	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$19,500
Family cases involved no able-bodied adult						
For the first member	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$36,000	\$38,000	\$39,500	
For each additional member	\$17,000	\$17,500	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$19,500	

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LWB(WW)375

Question Serial No.

5125

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide, by nature of cases from 1993 to 2013, the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients benefited from the provision of “disregarded earnings” (DE) and the average amount of DE. What has been the total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients’ assessable income?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of CSSA recipients and average monthly DE by case nature benefiting from DE arrangement under the CSSA Scheme from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Case nature	2008-09	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 568	1,652
Permanent disability	3 197	755
Ill health	2 763	1,273
Single parent	8 205	1,765
Low-earnings	14 353	2,250
Unemployment	5 176	1,651
Others	219	1,537
Overall	36 481	1,804

Case nature	2009-10	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 725	1,625
Permanent disability	3 209	741
Ill health	2 770	1,266
Single parent	8 411	1,777
Low-earnings	14 511	2,240
Unemployment	6 039	1,621
Others	241	1,510
Overall	37 906	1,792

Case nature	2010-11	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 844	1,593
Permanent disability	3 256	753
Ill health	2 758	1,255
Single parent	8 201	1,779
Low-earnings	13 528	2,238
Unemployment	5 858	1,608
Others	218	1,541
Overall	36 663	1,775

Case nature	2011-12	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 764	1,566
Permanent disability	3 232	761
Ill health	2 695	1,257
Single parent	7 668	1,861
Low-earnings	10 888	2,317
Unemployment	5 160	1,597
Others	253	1,510
Overall	32 660	1,785

Case nature	2012-13 (as at the end of December of 2012)	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 734	1,534
Permanent disability	3 217	759
Ill health	2 621	1,235
Single parent	6 755	1,864
Low-earnings	9 331	2,321
Unemployment	4 807	1,598
Others	245	1,547
Overall	29 710	1,756

Total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income (\$ million)
2008-09	837.2
2009-10	809.7
2010-11	811.2
2011-12	798.4
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	551.8

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Question Serial No.

5126

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list out the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients under different nature in each year from 1993-94 to 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of CSSA cases and recipients by case nature in 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1 : The number of CSSA cases by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	153 451	153 274	154 096	154 176	153 302
Permanent disability	18 001	18 192	18 491	18 376	18 384
Ill health	24 861	25 184	25 221	25 271	25 319
Single parent	36 838	35 922	34 142	32 579	30 903
Low-earnings	16 306	15 469	14 088	11 765	10 339
Unemployment	33 379	32 560	29 364	26 081	23 980
Others	6 633	7 221	7 330	7 135	7 012
Total	289 469	287 822	282 732	275 383	269 239

Table 2 : The number of CSSA recipients by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	197 235	197 980	197 397	195 886	193 426
Permanent disability	26 353	26 590	26 405	25 853	25 460
Ill health	43 569	43 762	43 112	41 944	40 703
Single parent	89 573	88 559	84 172	79 462	73 833
Low-earnings	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261
Unemployment	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457
Others	9 630	10 882	11 196	10 880	10 628
Total	478 562	479 167	462 564	439 216	418 768

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Question Serial No.

5127

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases that have changed to “unemployment” case nature from other case natures, and the number of recipients involved each year from 1993 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of CSSA unemployment cases which were originally classified as other case natures, and the number of recipients involved, in 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1: Of the 31 772 unemployment cases as at the end of December 2008, 3 798 cases involving 9 012 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2007. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2007	Number of unemployment cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2008	Number of recipients involved
Old age	394	923
Permanent disability	213	342
Ill health	1 016	1 668
Single parent	1 001	2 292
Low-earnings	966	3 366
Others	208	421
Overall	3 798	9 012

Table 2: Of the 33 279 unemployment cases as at the end of December 2009, 3 941 cases involving 9 420 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2008. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2008	Number of unemployment cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2009	Number of recipients involved
Old age	437	1 044
Permanent disability	190	326
Ill health	949	1 667
Single parent	1 106	2 489
Low-earnings	999	3 387
Others	260	507
Overall	3 941	9 420

Table 3: Of the 29 813 unemployment cases as at the end of December 2010, 3 533 cases involving 8 137 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2009. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2009	Number of unemployment cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2010	Number of recipients involved
Old age	437	1 016
Permanent disability	196	362
Ill health	886	1 481
Single parent	994	2 167
Low-earnings	787	2 657
Others	233	454
Overall	3 533	8 137

Table 4: Of the 26 859 unemployment cases as at the end of December 2011, 3 051 cases involving 6 848 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2010. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2010	Number of unemployment cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2011	Number of recipients involved
Old age	355	777
Permanent disability	165	275
Ill health	769	1 192
Single parent	822	1 771
Low-earnings	743	2 415
Others	197	418
Overall	3 051	6 848

Table 5: Of the 23 980 unemployment cases as at the end of December 2012, 2 772 cases involving 5 941 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2011. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2011	Number of unemployment cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2012	Number of recipients involved
Old age	355	741
Permanent disability	157	265
Ill health	756	1 207
Single parent	802	1 519
Low-earnings	527	1 842
Others	175	367
Overall	2 772	5 941

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Question Serial No.

5128

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases that have changed to “low-earnings” case nature from other case natures, and the number of recipients involved each year from 1993 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of CSSA low-earnings cases which were originally classified as other case natures, and the number of recipients involved, from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1: Of the 16 080 low-earnings cases as at the end of December 2008, 2 677 cases involving 8 607 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2007. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2007	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2008	Number of recipients involved
Old age	419	1 363
Permanent disability	53	152
Ill health	245	839
Single parent	407	1 039
Unemployment	1 456	4 937
Others	97	277
Overall	2 677	8 607

Table 2: Of the 15 633 low-earnings cases as at the end of December 2009, 2 492 cases involving 8 125 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2008. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2008	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2009	Number of recipients involved
Old age	432	1 423
Permanent disability	65	222
Ill health	214	747
Single parent	422	1 096
Unemployment	1 273	4 354
Others	86	283
Overall	2 492	8 125

Table 3: Of the 14 407 low-earnings cases as at the end of December 2010, 2 507 cases involving 7 993 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2009. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2009	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2010	Number of recipients involved
Old age	382	1 205
Permanent disability	69	243
Ill health	218	733
Single parent	414	1 034
Unemployment	1 312	4 457
Others	112	321
Overall	2 507	7 993

Table 4: Of the 12 319 low-earnings cases as at the end of December 2011, 1 887 cases involving 5 929 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2010. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2010	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2011	Number of recipients involved
Old age	347	1 076
Permanent disability	54	154
Ill health	213	695
Single parent	283	736
Unemployment	899	3 001
Others	91	267
Overall	1 887	5 929

Table 5: Of the 10 339 low-earnings cases as at the end of December 2012, 1 540 cases involving 4 724 recipients belonged to other case natures as at the end of December 2011. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at the end of December 2011	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case natures as at the end of December 2012	Number of recipients involved
Old age	292	846
Permanent disability	54	165
Ill health	139	463
Single parent	275	650
Unemployment	705	2 369
Others	75	231
Overall	1 540	4 724

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Question Serial No.

5129

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list out, by case nature and age of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, the numbers of new CSSA cases, the numbers of cases having left the CSSA net and the reasons for leaving the CSSA net from 1993 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The total number of CSSA new applications in 2008-09 to 2012-13 by case nature was as follows ^[Note] –

Case nature	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Old age	16 114	15 356	15 071	14 146	10 850
Permanent disability	1 851	1 777	1 640	1 566	1 213
Ill health	7 375	7 045	7 012	6 563	4 848
Single parent	5 917	4 730	3 954	3 314	2 708
Low-earnings	4 661	3 636	2 937	2 186	1 570
Unemployment	15 299	14 288	10 369	8 619	6 006
Others	5 718	5 902	5 851	5 432	4 335
Total	56 935	52 734	46 834	41 826	31 530

The total number of CSSA cases closed in 2008-09 to 2012-13 by case nature and by closure reason was as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2008-09 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	102	11 366	270	162	2 122	239	14 261
Permanent disability	6	265	74	81	688	94	1 208
Ill health	24	466	90	349	1 487	218	2 634
Single parent	18	11	101	403	3 162	115	3 810
Low-earnings	12	7	70	215	2 844	89	3 237
Unemployment	74	170	261	1 713	3 594	408	6 220
Others	7	13	30	192	738	130	1 110
Total	243	12 298	896	3 115	14 635	1 293	32 480

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2009-10 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	70	11 222	250	156	2 003	220	13 921
Permanent disability	6	275	97	72	677	82	1 209
Ill health	9	502	88	286	1 357	198	2 440
Single parent	15	10	90	376	2 876	83	3 450
Low-earnings	4	5	69	199	2 306	57	2 640
Unemployment	19	159	266	1 839	3 751	450	6 484
Others	5	17	40	278	802	114	1 256
Total	128	12 190	900	3 206	13 772	1 204	31 400

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2010-11 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	81	11 268	281	233	2 090	156	14 109
Permanent disability	4	268	86	89	687	77	1 211
Ill health	10	500	94	300	1 458	186	2 548
Single parent	9	11	97	447	3 122	73	3 759
Low-earnings	3	6	81	256	2 591	29	2 966
Unemployment	20	134	253	1 807	4 085	420	6 719
Others	1	11	24	315	891	156	1 398
Total	128	12 198	916	3 447	14 924	1 097	32 710

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2011-12 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	57	10 757	265	208	2 545	187	14 019
Permanent disability	2	232	72	77	771	84	1 238
Ill health	6	466	80	255	1 567	164	2 538
Single parent	6	11	99	340	3 253	64	3 773
Low-earnings	2	8	85	164	2 821	47	3 127
Unemployment	19	135	241	1 478	3 872	341	6 086
Others	2	13	20	325	919	163	1 442
Total	94	11 622	862	2 847	15 748	1 050	32 223

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2012-13 ^[Note] (up to the end of December 2012)						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	47	8 520	200	183	2 057	123	11 130
Permanent disability	1	182	59	71	623	52	988
Ill health	2	338	48	229	1 148	125	1 890
Single parent	3	10	84	250	2 787	51	3 185
Low-earnings	1	0	49	123	1 881	23	2 077
Unemployment	14	88	127	1 014	2 573	220	4 036
Others	2	9	16	289	784	106	1 206
Total	70	9 147	583	2 159	11 853	700	24 512

We do not keep information on the age of recipients involved in new applications and cases closed.

^[Note] Cases which have been on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once.

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

5130

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “unemployment” case nature and the number of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, family composition (the numbers of members aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), gender, education levels, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, occupation, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation from 1993 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available.

Statistics on CSSA unemployment cases with eligible members by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1 : The number of CSSA unemployment cases by number of eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	13 685	14 351	13 330	12 061	11 448
2	3 106	3 393	3 181	2 760	2 483
3	3 751	4 015	3 689	3 136	2 820
4	3 573	3 543	3 036	2 664	2 283
5	1 716	1 576	1 299	1 106	962
6 and above	782	669	545	462	412
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 2 : The number of CSSA unemployment cases by combination of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or new arrival(s) who resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combinations of member(s)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	2 691	2 088	1 537	1 298	1 079
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 60 or above	1 986	2 185	2 045	1 862	1 740
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 18 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 60 or above	7 004	7 428	6 678	5 752	5 170
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 18-59 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 18 nor elderly recipients aged 60 or above)	14 932	15 846	14 820	13 277	12 419
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 3 : The number of CSSA unemployment cases by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	5 626	5 794	4 003	2 984	2 804
More than 1 - 2	2 601	3 709	3 474	2 421	1 901
More than 2 - 3	2 376	2 108	2 687	2 521	1 824
More than 3 - 4	2 093	1 964	1 618	2 015	2 206
More than 4 - 5	2 005	1 751	1 553	1 289	1 410
More than 5	11 912	12 221	11 745	10 959	10 263
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 4 : The number of CSSA unemployment cases by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Public housing estates ^[Note 2]	17 130	17 564	15 941	13 961	12 875
Private housing	8 062	8 542	7 765	6 934	6 247
Institutions	404	374	355	340	336
Others ^[Note 3]	1 017	1 067	1 019	954	950
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 respectively were as follows –

Table 5 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	32 807	33 334	29 651	25 731	23 199
Female	26 212	26 167	23 218	20 401	18 258
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

Table 6 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
No schooling/ kindergarten	11 816	11 470	10 157	9 017	8 188
Primary	27 450	26 546	23 079	19 664	17 536
Lower secondary	12 405	13 114	11 932	10 643	9 678
Upper secondary ^[Note 4]	7 056	7 991	7 319	6 477	5 699
Post secondary	292	380	382	331	356
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

Table 7 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Under 15	13 943	13 582	11 716	10 356	9 333
15 – 59	42 591	43 286	38 712	33 569	30 046
60 and above	2 485	2 633	2 441	2 207	2 078
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 respectively were as follows –

Table 8 : The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	708	784	696	545	513
Clerk	127	134	146	103	82
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	357	361	293	233	222
Delivery worker	407	489	472	424	423
Domestic helper/baby sitter	210	227	219	218	210
Driver	145	187	171	173	173
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 343	1 604	1 564	1 410	1 329
Salesperson	278	359	338	289	241
Waiter/waitress	292	338	357	324	283
Watchman/guard	217	217	208	190	151
Others	1 161	1 375	1 432	1 280	1 208
Total	5 245	6 075	5 896	5 189	4 835

Table 9 : The number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by working hours

Working hours	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than 50	1 176	1 548	1 598	1 874	1 856
50 – less than 100	1 277	1 488	1 472	1 373	1 237
100 – less than 150	1 107	1 237	1 140	966	891
150 – less than 200	547	642	589	382	325
200 – less than 250	644	675	634	347	302
250 and above	281	302	280	110	78
Total	5 032	5 892	5 713	5 052	4 689

Table 10 : The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	722	907	934	838	757
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 310	1 588	1 546	1 381	1 342
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 061	1 160	1 100	960	861
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	729	819	777	794	745
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	475	543	477	408	410
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	384	420	410	230	215
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	298	311	319	201	182
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	159	186	176	166	139
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	64	76	92	126	91
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	17	30	26	43	50
\$10,000 and above	26	35	39	42	43
Total	5 245	6 075	5 896	5 189	4 835

- [Note 1] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.
- [Note 2] Including public housing estates under the Housing Authority and Housing Society.
- [Note 3] Including street sleeping and other unclassified types of accommodation as well as cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.
- [Note 4] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.
- [Note 5] Excluding CSSA recipients without information on working hours.

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

LWB(WW)381

Question Serial No.

5131

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and the numbers of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, family composition (the number of members aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), gender, education levels, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, occupation, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation from 1993 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. Statistics on CSSA low-earnings cases with eligible members in the family by selected profiles in 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA low-earnings cases by number of eligible members

Number of eligible members in the family	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	424	507	511	293	319
2	1 441	1 588	1 612	1 261	1 188
3	3 602	3 776	3 627	3 024	2 749
4	4 872	4 660	4 223	3 442	2 821
5	2 505	2 339	2 020	1 665	1 338
6 and above	1 112	1 027	909	796	680
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 2: The number of CSSA low-earnings cases by combinations of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or new arrival(s) who resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combinations of member(s)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	3 176	2 736	2 335	1 920	1 510
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 60 or above	3 412	3 544	3 336	2 809	2 501
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 18 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 60 or above	6 322	6 392	5 989	4 865	4 291
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 18-59 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 18 nor elderly recipients aged 60 or above)	1 046	1 225	1 242	887	793
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 3: The number of CSSA low-earnings cases by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	995	1 120	776	489	405
More than 1 - 2	864	1 056	1 039	657	490
More than 2 - 3	1 042	762	913	765	561
More than 3 - 4	1 156	923	708	753	718
More than 4 - 5	1 334	1 052	846	563	523
More than 5	8 565	8 984	8 620	7 254	6 398
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 4: The number of CSSA low-earnings cases by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Public housing estates ^[Note 2]	11 513	11 357	10 483	8 473	7 269
Private housing	2 397	2 492	2 377	1 977	1 796
Institutions	6	11	9	8	9
Others ^[Note 3]	40	37	33	23	21
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by selected profiles in 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 5: The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	26 133	25 733	23 509	19 321	16 460
Female	27 050	26 160	23 904	19 738	16 801
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

Table 6: The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
No schooling/ kindergarten	12 229	11 786	10 875	9 103	7 905
Primary	23 992	22 907	20 654	16 825	14 235
Lower secondary	10 501	10 566	9 675	8 035	6 841
Upper secondary ^[Note 4]	6 246	6 381	5 941	4 857	4 071
Post secondary	215	253	268	239	209
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

Table 7: The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Under 15	16 376	15 642	14 272	11 718	10 175
15 – 59	31 974	31 406	28 551	23 435	19 610
60 and above	4 833	4 845	4 590	3 906	3 476
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by selected profiles in 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 8: The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	2 212	2 222	1 967	1 441	1 216
Clerk	564	568	482	401	336
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	619	596	544	448	370
Delivery worker	774	773	738	659	552
Domestic helper/baby sitter	287	298	278	179	174
Driver	830	845	815	696	597
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	3 065	3 150	2 956	2 452	2 125
Salesperson	842	909	841	695	593
Waiter/waitress	752	759	671	596	515
Watchman/guard	1 616	1 493	1 374	1 003	848
Others	2 900	2 960	2 927	2 363	2 034
Total	14 461	14 573	13 593	10 933	9 360

Table 9: The number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by working hours

Working hours	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than 50	354	361	400	402	339
50 – less than 100	441	508	503	514	445
100 – less than 150	3 122	3 321	3 354	3 497	3 179
150 – less than 200	2 881	3 003	2 781	2 379	2 104
200 – less than 250	4 585	4 545	4 105	2 949	2 361
250 and above	2 080	1 965	1 658	801	634
Total	13 463	13 703	12 801	10 542	9 062

Table 10: The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	219	257	253	206	162
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	665	704	656	340	312
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 565	1 573	1 446	481	398
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	2 186	2 259	2 144	1 995	1 632
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	2 450	2 304	2 175	1 808	1 608
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	2 529	2 610	2 251	1 281	1 084
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	2 359	2 265	2 020	1 717	1 357
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 332	1 280	1 281	1 251	1 120
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	628	661	693	921	828
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	285	284	323	554	474
\$10,000 and above	243	376	351	379	385
Total	14 461	14 573	13 593	10 933	9 360

- [Note 1] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.
- [Note 2] Including public housing estates under the Housing Authority and the Housing Society.
- [Note 3] Including street sleeping and other unclassified types of accommodation as well as cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.
- [Note 4] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.
- [Note 5] Excluding CSSA recipients without information on working hours.

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

LWB(WW)382

Question Serial No.

5132

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “single parent” (SP) case nature and the number of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, family composition (the number of members aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), gender, education levels, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, occupation, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation from 1993 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available.

Statistics on CSSA SP cases with eligible members by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1 : The number of CSSA SP cases by number of eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
2	16 692	17 057	17 004	16 508	16 027
3	12 956	12 711	11 856	10 960	9 991
4	3 253	3 109	2 783	2 581	2 195
5	648	562	499	465	417
6 and above	126	122	106	104	79
Total	33 675	33 561	32 248	30 618	28 709

Table 2 : The number of SP cases by combination of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or new arrival(s) who had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combinations of member(s)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	6 112	5 006	4 290	3 933	3 523
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 60 or above	1 363	1 403	1 402	1 375	1 309
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 18 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 60 or above	24 716	25 434	24 757	23 433	22 481
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 18-59 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 18 nor elderly recipients aged 60 or above)	1 484	1 718	1 799	1 877	1 396
Total	33 675	33 561	32 248	30 618	28 709

Table 3 : The number of CSSA SP cases by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	3 179	3 137	2 672	2 259	2 284
More than 1 - 2	2 693	3 206	3 068	2 594	2 215
More than 2 - 3	2 857	2 481	2 846	2 782	2 419
More than 3 - 4	2 832	2 569	2 217	2 538	2 655
More than 4 - 5	3 002	2 542	2 325	2 006	2 067
More than 5	19 112	19 626	19 120	18 439	17 069
Total	33 675	33 561	32 248	30 618	28 709

Table 4 : The number of CSSA SP cases by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Public housing estates ^[Note 2]	24 248	24 587	23 544	22 629	21 035
Private housing	9 270	8 789	8 518	7 836	7 520
Institutions	27	53	41	40	39
Others ^[Note 3]	130	132	145	113	115
Total	33 675	33 561	32 248	30 618	28 709

Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA SP cases by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 5 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA SP cases by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	33 640	33 091	31 268	29 380	27 205
Female	55 645	55 166	52 597	49 815	46 191
Total	89 285	88 257	83 865	79 195	73 396

Table 6 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA SP cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
No schooling/ kindergarten	19 997	19 312	18 424	17 580	16 885
Primary	38 110	36 596	33 920	31 552	29 100
Lower secondary	19 867	20 359	19 644	18 587	17 172
Upper secondary ^[Note 4]	11 019	11 673	11 540	11 166	9 920
Post secondary	292	317	337	310	319
Total	89 285	88 257	83 865	79 195	73 396

Table 7 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA SP cases by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Under 15	36 678	35 163	32 907	30 702	29 438
15 – 59	50 716	51 201	49 118	46 726	42 275
60 and above	1 891	1 893	1 840	1 767	1 683
Total	89 285	88 257	83 865	79 195	73 396

Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA SP cases by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 respectively were as follows –

Table 8 : The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA SP cases by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	1 525	1 484	1 337	1 271	1 037
Clerk	346	312	296	264	221
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	53	59	69	63	57
Delivery worker	250	220	236	222	191
Domestic helper/baby sitter	707	725	695	628	534
Driver	99	96	100	92	104
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 847	1 886	1 827	1 651	1 402
Salesperson	602	721	710	650	567
Waiter/waitress	672	726	685	721	635
Watchman/guard	233	209	190	186	149
Others	1 876	1 960	2 033	1 902	1 775
Total	8 210	8 398	8 178	7 650	6 672

Table 9 : The number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA SP cases by working hours

Working hours	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than 50	1 454	1 503	1 523	1 781	1 610
50 – less than 100	1 604	1 596	1 656	1 658	1 519
100 – less than 150	2 234	2 418	2 357	2 338	1 997
150 – less than 200	1 140	1 145	1 097	909	724
200 – less than 250	1 179	1 154	1 052	716	592
250 and above	392	392	335	139	116
Total	8 003	8 208	8 020	7 541	6 558

Table 10 :The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA SP cases by employment earnings

Working hours	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	809	767	754	667	537
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 711	1 700	1 635	1 438	1 224
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 745	1 872	1 771	1 147	1 099
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	1 375	1 399	1 467	1 683	1 453
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	1 003	1 005	919	1 014	910
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	664	718	663	540	453
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	501	520	503	533	427
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	252	227	268	335	270
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	102	112	111	176	174
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	32	34	53	77	84
\$10,000 and above	16	44	34	40	41
Total	8 210	8 319	8 178	7 650	6 672

[Note 1] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.

[Note 2] Including public housing estates under the Housing Authority and Housing Society.

[Note 3] Including street sleeping and other unclassified types of accommodation as well as cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

[Note 4] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

[Note 5] Excluding CSSA recipients without information on working hours.

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

5133

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of disregarded earnings (DE), what have been the median monthly income and average income of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the “unemployment”, “low-earnings” and “single parent” case nature who have benefited from DE from 1993 to 2013?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The median and average monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients with employment earnings under the single parent, low-earnings and unemployment case natures from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Case nature	Median monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients with employment earnings (\$)				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Single parent	2,801	2,817	2,881	3,360	3,360
Low-earnings	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,400	5,345
Unemployment	2,431	2,321	2,275	2,200	2,200

Case nature	Average monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients with employment earnings (\$)				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Single parent	3,192	3,251	3,258	3,536	3,537
Low-earnings	5,020	5,071	5,088	5,619	5,644
Unemployment	2,961	2,904	2,905	2,887	2,867

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Question Serial No.

5134

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the changes in the “total amount to be disregarded” and “maximum amount to be disregarded” under the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme from 1993 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The amount of ‘no-deduction’ limit and the maximum amount of DE under the CSSA Scheme from 1993 to 2013 are as follows –

Effective period	Amount of ‘no-deduction’ limit (\$)	Maximum amount of DE (\$)
1.7.1993 - 31.3.1994	258	775
1.4.1994 - 31.3.1995	278	835
1.4.1995 - 31.3.1996	303	1,210
1.4.1996 - 31.3.1997	404	1,615
1.4.1997 - 31.3.1998	430	1,720
1.4.1998 - 31.5.2003	451	1,805
1.6.2003 - 30.11.2007	600	2,500
1.12.2007 - present	800	2,500

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Question Serial No.

5135

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme, Intensive Employment Assistance Projects, New Dawn (ND) Intensive Employment Assistance Projects, Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) (i.e. the Ordinary Employment Assistance Services, Strengthened Employment Assistance Services, ND Project Services, Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP)) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the following information about the various projects/programmes/schemes since their implementation –

- (a) the number of CSSA recipients who have joined the projects/programmes/schemes;
- (b) their age distribution, gender and educational attainment;
- (c) the number of participants who have secured full-time or part-time employment;
- (d) the nature of jobs, median employment income and average monthly working hours; and
- (e) the number of participants who have left the CSSA net.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The total number of participants served by the various projects under the SFS Scheme ^[Note 1] since its implementation in June 1999 and till the end of December 2012 was 448 638. Among them, 119 557 had secured full-time employment ^[Note 2] and 34 726 had left the CSSA net. The total number of participants served by the ND Project since its implementation in April 2006 and till the end of December 2012 was 26 162. Among them, 7 582 had secured employment, with 2 509 secured full-time employment and 5 073 secured part-time employment. Out of them, 1 162 had left the CSSA net.

The total number of participants served by the IEAPS since its implementation on 1st January 2013 and till the end of January 2013 was 14 743, comprising 13 649 participants for the Ordinary Employment Assistance Services, 1 017 participants for the Strengthened Employment Assistance Services, 52 participants for the ND Project Services and 25 participants for My STEP. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have record on the number of participants who have secured employment or left the CSSA net yet, as the IEAPS has just been implemented since January 2013.

SWD is unable to provide information on the age distribution, gender, education level, the nature of job, the median salary and the average monthly working hours of the participants as the computer systems concerned do not keep such information.

[Note 1] Including the Intensive Employment Assistance Projects, the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme and My STEP.

[Note 2] The SFS Scheme aims to encourage and assist the unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 to secure full-time employment. SWD does not have record on the number of participants who had secured part-time employment.

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LWB(WW)386

Question Serial No.

5137

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information on applications for additional grants for selected items of school-related expenses by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients from 1993-94 to 2012-13, with breakdown by primary education and secondary education –

- (a) the numbers of applicants and applications;
- (b) the numbers of successful applicants for the additional grants and the numbers of applications approved; and
- (c) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grants approved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number ^[Note] of approved claims and the total amount of grant were as follows –

Year	Number of approved claims	Total amount of the grant claimed (\$)
2008-09	584	474,772
2009-10	643	620,551
2010-11	755	715,515
2011-12	667	631,242
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	317	303,413

^[Note] Breakdowns of the number of approved claims and the amount of grant by educational level are not readily available.

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for the additional grant for selected items of school-related expenses within a year. Figures on the number of applicants and successful applicants for the grant are not readily available.

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Question Serial No.

5138

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide a breakdown of the number of students on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) from 1993-94 to 2012-13, by kindergarten education, primary education, secondary education and others, as well as by the District Council Constituency where they are living in.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The breakdowns of CSSA students by education level and by geographical district are provided as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2008)				Total
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	
Central & Western	99	323	337	12	771
Eastern	432	1 616	2 473	100	4 621
Islands	442	1 609	1 894	59	4 004
Kowloon City	498	1 444	1 891	83	3 916
Kwai Tsing	1 233	4 719	6 686	385	13 023
Kwun Tong	1 338	4 975	8 016	474	14 803
North	641	2 390	3 528	144	6 703
Sai Kung	421	1 988	3 375	186	5 970
Sha Tin	660	2 780	4 583	172	8 195
Sham Shui Po	941	3 337	4 163	180	8 621
Southern	180	844	1 150	78	2 252
Tai Po	315	1 314	1 981	95	3 705
Tsuen Wan	355	1 297	1 526	82	3 260
Tuen Mun	877	3 182	3 984	194	8 237
Wan Chai	76	188	120	5	389
Wong Tai Sin	677	2 972	5 381	266	9 296
Yau Tsim Mong	428	1 421	1 189	41	3 079
Yuen Long	1 629	6 458	8 864	457	17 408
Total	11 242	42 857	61 141	3 013	118 253

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2008)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
	Education level (as at the end of December 2009)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Central & Western	110	311	334	20	775
Eastern	505	1 571	2 392	145	4 613
Islands	447	1 556	1 894	93	3 990
Kowloon City	592	1 449	1 872	96	4 009
Kwai Tsing	1 421	4 574	6 550	341	12 886
Kwun Tong	1 653	5 160	8 164	567	15 544
North	874	2 419	3 502	150	6 945
Sai Kung	381	1 788	3 271	202	5 642
Sha Tin	856	2 742	4 589	237	8 424
Sham Shui Po	1 169	3 200	4 171	225	8 765
Southern	217	831	1 176	71	2 295
Tai Po	382	1 215	1 935	101	3 633
Tsuen Wan	416	1 254	1 583	75	3 328
Tuen Mun	958	2 972	3 970	194	8 094
Wan Chai	54	192	116	3	365
Wong Tai Sin	811	2 793	5 127	298	9 029
Yau Tsim Mong	584	1 350	1 224	43	3 201
Yuen Long	1 737	6 146	8 825	445	17 153
Total	13 167	41 523	60 695	3 306	118 691

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2010)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Central & Western	95	294	321	14	724
Eastern	509	1 559	2 169	183	4 420
Islands	382	1 373	1 821	93	3 669
Kowloon City	582	1 401	1 605	111	3 699
Kwai Tsing	1 304	4 109	5 906	381	11 700
Kwun Tong	1 686	5 116	7 637	640	15 079
North	846	2 322	3 149	203	6 520
Sai Kung	325	1 514	2 889	229	4 957
Sha Tin	783	2 545	4 127	304	7 759

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2010)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Sham Shui Po	1 162	3 057	3 924	248	8 391
Southern	223	749	1 106	90	2 168
Tai Po	369	1 108	1 672	123	3 272
Tsuen Wan	354	1 151	1 476	92	3 073
Tuen Mun	910	2 699	3 593	244	7 446
Wan Chai	51	162	107	4	324
Wong Tai Sin	808	2 629	4 595	324	8 356
Yau Tsim Mong	521	1 274	1 146	48	2 989
Yuen Long	1 732	5 592	8 041	532	15 897
Total	12 642	38 654	55 284	3 863	110 443

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2011)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Central & Western	73	239	287	12	611
Eastern	488	1 464	2 123	78	4 153
Islands	323	1 220	1 738	45	3 326
Kowloon City	574	1 328	1 574	50	3 526
Kwai Tsing	1 157	3 767	5 636	161	10 721
Kwun Tong	1 535	4 995	7 584	276	14 390
North	733	2 188	3 063	52	6 036
Sai Kung	302	1 282	2 653	86	4 323
Sha Tin	747	2 447	3 918	113	7 225
Sham Shui Po	1 059	2 799	3 841	107	7 806
Southern	227	661	1 041	43	1 972
Tai Po	357	1 065	1 656	43	3 121
Tsuen Wan	354	1 081	1 435	33	2 903
Tuen Mun	844	2 425	3 479	86	6 834
Wan Chai	60	137	130	2	329
Wong Tai Sin	807	2 461	4 450	129	7 847
Yau Tsim Mong	469	1 099	1 141	22	2 731
Yuen Long	1 579	4 923	7 685	199	14 386
Total	11 688	35 581	53 434	1 537	102 240

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2012)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Central & Western	81	178	241	13	513
Eastern	440	1 217	1 643	81	3 381
Islands	270	1 003	1 493	54	2 820
Kowloon City	519	1 174	1 310	69	3 072
Kwai Tsing	941	3 000	4 175	205	8 321
Kwun Tong	1 342	4 381	5 954	315	11 992
North	646	1 920	2 380	82	5 028
Sai Kung	269	1 021	1 945	122	3 357
Sha Tin	603	2 060	2 837	146	5 646
Sham Shui Po	930	2 491	3 097	140	6 658
Southern	183	550	818	37	1 588
Tai Po	320	895	1 210	67	2 492
Tsuen Wan	309	934	1 135	58	2 436
Tuen Mun	695	1 894	2 516	145	5 250
Wan Chai	46	120	105	2	273
Wong Tai Sin	699	2 158	3 434	195	6 486
Yau Tsim Mong	424	941	865	31	2 261
Yuen Long	1 382	3 917	5 773	306	11 378
Total	10 099	29 854	40 931	2 068	82 952

^[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

^[Note 2] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)388

Question Serial No.

5139

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the breakdown, by nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, of –

- (a) the number of CSSA households living in public housing estates and their percentage to total number of households living in the public housing estates; and
- (b) the number of CSSA cases in each District Council Constituency.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number and percentage of CSSA households by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	262	71	55	95	41	28	19	571	13%
Bo Shek Mansion	57	1	1	2	3	-	-	64	24%
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	4	3	-	-	22	5%
Butterfly	783	68	124	189	21	96	26	1 307	25%
Chai Wan	268	16	26	45	11	22	5	393	25%
Chak On	346	10	33	67	6	34	7	503	29%
Cheung Ching	339	37	45	79	37	61	18	616	13%
Cheung Fat	248	31	30	40	12	33	3	397	31%
Cheung Hang	340	46	48	57	30	57	9	587	14%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Cheung Hong	922	70	94	168	42	103	18	1 417	17%
Cheung Kwai	23	4	6	8	7	12	-	60	13%
Cheung On	311	44	49	37	12	41	7	501	36%
Cheung Shan	101	10	11	12	16	10	2	162	10%
Cheung Wah	438	25	78	94	36	58	15	744	36%
Cheung Wang	363	65	101	154	73	140	17	913	22%
Ching Ho	869	48	184	516	120	219	50	2 006	28%
Cho Yiu Chuen	177	8	11	13	10	19	1	239	10%
Choi Fai	96	6	20	15	16	24	-	177	14%
Choi Fook	374	17	46	160	40	81	18	736	22%
Choi Ha	156	12	22	18	10	21	1	240	39%
Choi Hung	906	52	130	209	63	97	18	1 475	20%
Choi Ming Court	270	48	82	79	48	66	8	601	22%
Choi Tak	599	21	61	243	38	87	37	1 086	19%
Choi Wan (I)	408	39	97	126	43	75	22	810	14%
Choi Wan (II)	227	10	35	78	23	42	11	426	15%
Choi Ying	496	19	75	209	36	115	12	962	24%
Choi Yuen	834	59	113	167	22	91	20	1 306	26%
Chuk Yuen (North)	326	36	84	55	22	47	14	584	42%
Chuk Yuen (South)	878	64	128	270	55	103	15	1 513	26%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	101	4	1	8	4	12	4	134	14%
Chun Shek	267	20	47	51	16	24	6	431	21%
Chung On	257	65	74	82	34	71	29	612	23%
Clague Garden Estate	61	-	2	6	2	2	-	73	14%
Easeful Court	18	1	7	15	7	9	1	58	11%
Fortune	543	33	68	41	23	49	6	763	37%
Fu Cheong	1 310	80	184	157	98	148	10	1 987	33%
Fu Heng	413	55	100	62	23	64	6	723	38%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Fu Shan	181	15	26	37	12	17	3	291	19%
Fu Shin	435	33	99	117	20	57	16	777	31%
Fu Tai	382	76	106	146	103	143	16	972	19%
Fu Tung	79	10	25	40	12	17	2	185	11%
Fuk Loi	366	30	50	62	12	26	7	553	18%
Fung Tak	456	29	88	39	14	48	7	681	51%
Fung Wah	83	13	14	12	5	7	3	137	34%
Grandeur Terrace	151	30	86	303	109	166	17	862	21%
Hau Tak	356	47	68	84	33	63	9	660	16%
Healthy Village	106	5	12	8	8	5	1	145	13%
Heng On	200	30	55	52	24	17	16	394	40%
High Prosperity Terrace	11	1	9	22	14	6	1	64	8%
Hin Keng	204	21	46	43	24	27	11	376	47%
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	45	6	14	5	209	26%
Hing Man	124	28	23	51	23	17	4	270	14%
Hing Tin	81	6	24	29	21	9	6	176	36%
Hing Tung	183	14	29	45	13	19	2	305	15%
Hing Wah (I)	257	60	40	46	25	40	3	471	21%
Hing Wah (II)	519	53	46	121	21	47	7	814	24%
Ho Man Tin	631	56	125	97	57	67	17	1 050	22%
Hoi Fu Court	579	27	71	79	55	66	8	885	32%
Hoi Lai	286	38	90	200	119	128	8	869	18%
Hong Tung	213	2	6	5	1	4	-	231	51%
Hung Hom	482	22	48	63	21	48	9	693	26%
Jat Min Chuen	365	18	39	28	11	28	6	495	14%
Ka Fuk	244	28	26	32	11	38	4	383	20%
Ka Wai Chuen	235	7	23	17	9	16	2	309	19%
Kai Tin	320	28	57	39	25	39	5	513	23%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Kai Yip	786	36	65	130	13	48	12	1 090	26%
Kam Peng	27	4	6	4	2	5	1	49	20%
Kin Ming	408	96	216	321	127	177	12	1 357	19%
Kin Sang	96	14	25	25	8	19	6	193	31%
King Lam	444	59	82	46	18	52	5	706	42%
Ko Cheung Court	53	10	27	97	40	35	11	273	15%
Ko Yee	191	11	14	32	10	19	4	281	24%
Kwai Chung	1 227	213	324	622	217	359	57	3 019	22%
Kwai Fong	620	97	128	104	69	105	16	1 139	18%
Kwai Hing	88	7	12	20	7	8	-	142	40%
Kwai Luen	137	9	24	65	14	46	14	309	22%
Kwai Shing (East)	765	86	135	137	77	130	15	1 345	22%
Kwai Shing (West)	459	48	73	113	34	66	6	799	15%
Kwong Fuk	525	74	119	175	37	83	30	1 043	17%
Kwong Tin	164	17	52	45	22	24	7	331	15%
Kwong Yuen	315	67	75	54	13	54	39	617	43%
Kwun Lung Lau	112	8	14	16	21	15	1	187	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	511	23	60	45	31	60	5	735	15%
Lai King	446	32	49	88	30	56	9	710	17%
Lai Kok	502	41	62	118	25	56	14	818	29%
Lai On	174	19	23	20	8	17	2	263	20%
Lai Tak Tsuen	138	17	24	8	10	10	-	207	8%
Lai Yiu	267	31	33	42	36	33	5	447	16%
Lakeside Garden	18	2	4	2	2	1	1	30	13%
Lam Tin	413	16	48	118	38	46	10	689	23%
Lee On	299	56	133	86	27	43	17	661	18%
Lei Cheng Uk	358	37	44	80	29	72	9	629	47%
Lei Muk Shue	858	115	185	303	148	170	41	1 820	17%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Lei Tung	424	55	73	107	22	48	23	752	29%
Lei Yue Mun	424	30	79	137	60	65	12	807	26%
Lek Yuen	319	45	60	90	14	35	22	585	18%
Leung King	540	66	108	113	21	99	26	973	31%
Lok Fu	400	68	89	97	36	65	8	763	21%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	320	22	37	24	20	44	2	469	13%
Lok Wah (North)	158	24	41	51	20	38	7	339	12%
Lok Wah (South)	1 473	50	94	173	16	107	15	1 928	29%
Long Bin IH	37	11	20	12	1	63	3	147	26%
Long Ping	562	60	121	226	65	132	32	1 198	27%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	250	18	45	116	27	79	10	545	14%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	512	58	99	137	36	70	13	925	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	447	60	92	157	41	99	15	911	14%
Lung Hang	242	18	64	96	42	70	34	566	13%
Lung Tin	60	13	9	8	1	15	-	106	29%
Ma Hang	45	4	10	14	7	10	1	91	10%
Ma Tau Wai	216	24	44	86	12	30	4	416	20%
Mei Lam	413	35	81	125	23	60	19	756	19%
Mei Tin	404	59	153	330	98	135	41	1 220	22%
Mei Tung	241	11	30	57	17	26	7	389	27%
Ming Tak	169	19	20	33	16	19	5	281	19%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	17	11	7	13	1	235	11%
Model Housing	52	11	7	12	14	8	3	107	16%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	92	7	7	7	6	9	1	129	14%
Nam Cheong	173	17	34	27	10	24	1	286	37%
Nam Shan	339	24	60	108	21	44	14	610	23%
Nga Ning Court	19	1	9	12	10	8	2	61	15%
Ngan Wan	28	2	6	13	6	4	-	59	14%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Oi Man	391	46	93	160	47	88	10	835	13%
Oi Tung	774	91	77	121	49	45	7	1 164	30%
On Tin	23	3	9	47	26	21	3	132	18%
On Ting	638	71	106	132	21	83	25	1 076	22%
On Yam	484	63	70	69	59	65	13	823	16%
Pak Tin	1 378	58	236	242	90	169	32	2 205	26%
Ping Shek	405	30	46	64	21	51	5	622	14%
Ping Tin	863	66	128	148	57	99	17	1 378	25%
Po Lam	303	52	56	106	31	39	5	592	30%
Po Tat	1 051	70	168	234	147	206	24	1 900	26%
Po Tin	1 157	146	360	124	12	412	21	2 232	34%
Pok Hong	294	12	69	76	17	31	12	511	41%
Prosperous Garden	91	-	4	2	-	2	1	100	15%
Sai Wan	26	2	10	5	7	6	1	57	9%
Sam Shing	146	15	19	47	12	30	10	279	16%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	431	19	83	185	49	87	26	880	22%
Sau Mau Ping	1 833	141	273	309	191	262	46	3 055	26%
Sha Kok	816	68	144	181	44	82	74	1 409	23%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	45	4	10	5	8	9	3	84	13%
Shan King	817	82	167	213	45	116	31	1 471	23%
Shatin Pass	107	5	23	58	6	23	1	223	18%
Shek Kip Mei	1 164	55	202	325	73	169	36	2 024	25%
Shek Lei (I)	640	90	75	138	53	70	21	1 087	23%
Shek Lei (II)	958	101	167	255	138	219	41	1 879	25%
Shek Mun	110	9	51	107	16	53	23	369	19%
Shek Pai Wan	458	67	83	74	67	48	18	815	16%
Shek Wai Kok	594	45	102	156	52	62	24	1 035	16%
Shek Yam (East)	342	40	35	29	21	41	4	512	22%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Shek Yam	383	53	48	70	45	45	9	653	25%
Sheung Lok	126	8	3	9	1	7	1	155	46%
Sheung Tak	560	60	113	145	103	96	13	1 090	20%
Shin Ming	165	22	44	85	19	41	10	386	20%
Shui Pin Wai	484	23	54	77	12	42	6	698	30%
Shun Lee	451	29	54	101	31	61	8	735	17%
Shun On	447	25	50	66	29	57	9	683	23%
Shun Tin	849	56	127	154	55	107	19	1 367	20%
Siu Sai Wan	307	77	90	120	48	72	10	724	12%
Sun Chui	593	56	91	158	49	108	22	1 077	16%
Sun Tin Wai	261	33	39	88	27	37	13	498	15%
Tai Hang Tung	424	19	62	43	19	35	9	611	31%
Tai Hing	1 227	91	156	231	51	147	33	1 936	23%
Tai Ping	37	5	14	16	2	16	1	91	28%
Tai Wo	559	38	92	58	19	51	14	831	39%
Tai Wo Hau	778	102	140	164	60	123	24	1 391	19%
Tai Yuen	371	43	142	95	54	70	16	791	17%
Tak Tin	698	40	104	62	31	54	12	1 001	48%
Tin Chak	451	51	133	192	56	133	21	1 037	26%
Tin Ching	683	62	160	414	73	201	57	1 650	27%
Tin Heng	210	42	139	335	173	213	23	1 135	20%
Tin King	91	18	25	54	14	29	10	241	23%
Tin Ping	211	27	48	73	18	33	9	419	34%
Tin Shui	544	64	134	213	67	125	28	1 175	15%
Tin Tsz	508	53	90	96	26	67	16	856	26%
Tin Wah	504	53	112	117	46	89	14	935	26%
Tin Wan	400	56	72	50	34	30	10	652	21%
Tin Yan	748	86	200	316	40	242	21	1 653	31%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Tin Yat	131	31	64	186	95	119	8	634	19%
Tin Yiu	622	67	184	237	67	160	31	1 368	16%
Tin Yuet	467	42	128	176	102	166	11	1 092	26%
Tsing Yi	176	21	25	27	6	26	3	284	36%
Tsui Lam	152	21	48	83	26	21	4	355	21%
Tsui Lok	113	6	5	9	1	3	-	137	43%
Tsui Ping (South)	461	30	58	66	29	44	11	699	15%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 032	68	179	173	56	132	19	1 659	51%
Tsui Wan	122	31	14	24	4	16	1	212	34%
Tsz Ching	1 288	71	186	192	132	160	17	2 046	26%
Tsz Hong	114	12	40	99	69	53	9	396	20%
Tsz Lok	818	55	119	152	57	86	15	1 302	21%
Tsz Man	210	16	47	46	27	39	8	393	20%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	6	2	2	-	3	25	10%
Tung Tau	685	57	93	109	30	94	11	1 079	44%
Tung Wui	331	11	21	21	7	25	3	419	33%
Un Chau	1 257	77	165	135	76	142	19	1 871	25%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 376	66	154	104	52	144	13	1 909	29%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	798	78	115	122	70	92	14	1 289	27%
Verbena Heights	153	8	18	7	2	13	1	202	21%
Wah Fu	599	114	104	184	86	63	24	1 174	13%
Wah Kwai	290	31	36	26	18	19	1	421	38%
Wah Lai	100	21	33	44	29	21	7	255	18%
Wah Ming	385	55	65	86	22	59	13	685	37%
Wah Sum	168	34	39	36	19	29	-	325	22%
Wan Hon	462	4	12	19	5	8	3	513	53%
Wan Tau Tong	192	36	26	24	10	16	1	305	44%
Wan Tsui	311	54	55	109	32	51	10	622	17%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Wang Tau Hom	417	65	67	119	50	95	20	833	14%
Wo Che	375	78	167	144	61	82	42	949	15%
Wo Lok	251	25	41	50	17	28	4	416	22%
Wu King	192	28	59	121	34	76	13	523	12%
Yan On	153	16	59	122	14	65	23	452	18%
Yat Tung	570	94	235	530	306	341	36	2 112	18%
Yau Lai	943	31	156	406	109	136	38	1 819	21%
Yau Oi	748	85	139	227	85	176	36	1 496	17%
Yau Tong	519	43	105	112	80	75	7	941	27%
Yiu On	176	30	78	55	10	23	15	387	33%
Yiu Tung	522	65	86	73	38	57	8	849	17%
Yue Kwong Chuen	44	6	7	3	2	13	1	76	8%
Yue Wan	208	37	32	89	13	30	4	413	19%
Yung Shing Court	233	29	45	37	41	56	1	442	26%

(b) The number of CSSA cases by case nature and by geographical district as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Geographical district [Note 1]	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 155	230	308	196	89	219	56	3 253
Eastern	8 390	1 219	983	1 327	470	790	266	13 445
Islands	1 748	207	395	751	378	546	180	4 205
Kowloon City	7 906	903	1 096	1 137	375	1 091	258	12 766
Kwai Tsing	14 938	2 241	2 263	2 899	1 244	2 136	498	26 219
Kwun Tong	22 180	1 598	3 008	4 469	1 600	2 769	722	36 346
North	7 803	954	1 325	1 914	454	1 131	478	14 059
Sai Kung	4 285	873	946	1 108	468	662	376	8 718
Sha Tin	8 978	1 432	1 975	2 257	640	1 230	644	17 156

Geographical district [Note 1]	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sham Shui Po	13 809	1 109	2 531	2 492	865	3 066	633	24 505
Southern	4 960	1 163	706	635	311	328	177	8 280
Tai Po	5 799	532	948	968	257	571	264	9 339
Tsuen Wan	4 934	421	591	875	325	507	232	7 885
Tuen Mun	11 305	2 164	2 270	2 184	522	1 812	510	20 767
Wan Chai	1 186	79	122	90	28	226	95	1 826
Wong Tai Sin	12 811	1 110	1 868	2 445	902	1 610	408	21 154
Yau Tsim Mong	5 253	384	1 113	924	253	2 185	391	10 503
Yuen Long	12 585	1 762	2 795	4 220	1 155	3 087	761	26 365
Total [Note 2]	151 025	18 381	25 243	30 891	10 336	23 966	6 949	266 791

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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

LWB(WW)389

Question Serial No.

5140

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and the numbers of recipients by the case nature of “single parent” (SP), “unemployment” (UT) and “low earnings” (LE) from 1993 to 2013, with breakdown by the duration of stay and the median duration of stay on CSSA.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: (a) Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of SP, UT and LE cases by duration of stay ^[Note] on CSSA from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09			2009-10		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	3 179	5 626	995	3 137	5 794	1 120
More than 1 - 2	2 693	2 601	864	3 206	3 709	1 056
More than 2 - 3	2 857	2 376	1 042	2 481	2 108	762
More than 3 - 4	2 832	2 093	1 156	2 569	1 964	923
More than 4 - 5	3 002	2 005	1 334	2 542	1 751	1 052
More than 5	19 112	11 912	8 565	19 626	12 221	8 984
Total	33 675	26 613	13 956	33 561	27 547	13 897

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2010-11			2011-12		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	2 672	4 003	776	2 259	2 984	489
More than 1 - 2	3 068	3 474	1 039	2 594	2 421	657
More than 2 - 3	2 846	2 687	913	2 782	2 521	765
More than 3 - 4	2 217	1 618	708	2 538	2 015	753
More than 4 - 5	2 325	1 553	846	2 006	1 289	563
More than 5	19 120	11 745	8 620	18 439	10 959	7 254
Total	32 248	25 080	12 902	30 618	22 189	10 481

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)		
	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	2 284	2 804	405
More than 1 - 2	2 215	1 901	490
More than 2 - 3	2 419	1 824	561
More than 3 - 4	2 655	2 206	718
More than 4 - 5	2 067	1 410	523
More than 5	17 069	10 263	6 398
Total	28 709	20 408	9 095

(b) The number of recipients in SP, UT and LE cases by duration of stay ^[Note] on CSSA from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09			2009-10		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	8 860	10 410	4 205	8 843	10 677	4 540
More than 1 - 2	7 520	5 173	3 825	8 680	7 296	4 349
More than 2 - 3	7 926	4 982	4 471	6 876	4 208	3 354
More than 3 - 4	7 722	4 623	4 807	7 070	4 166	3 889
More than 4 - 5	8 364	5 075	5 419	6 878	3 881	4 337
More than 5	48 893	28 756	30 456	49 910	29 273	31 424
Total	89 285	59 019	53 183	88 257	59 501	51 893

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2010-11			2011-12		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	7 589	7 191	3 325	6 633	5 641	2 345
More than 1 - 2	8 353	6 700	4 237	7 220	4 690	2 858
More than 2 - 3	7 586	5 303	3 716	7 483	4 950	3 140
More than 3 - 4	6 094	3 278	3 042	6 682	4 047	3 096
More than 4 - 5	6 280	3 303	3 443	5 417	2 619	2 433
More than 5	47 963	27 094	29 650	45 760	24 185	25 187
Total	83 865	52 869	47 413	79 195	46 132	39 059

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)_		
	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	6 704	5 194	1 967
More than 1 - 2	6 360	3 848	2 292
More than 2 - 3	6 551	3 586	2 400
More than 3 - 4	7 011	4 379	2 821
More than 4 - 5	5 347	2 778	2 198
More than 5	41 423	21 672	21 583
Total	73 396	41 457	33 261

(c) The median duration of stay ^[Note] on CSSA of SP, UT and LE cases from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Median duration of stay on CSSA (years)		
	SP	UT	LE
	2008-09	5.7	4.3
2009-10	6.1	4.1	6.6
2010-11	6.3	4.5	7.2
2011-12	6.6	4.9	7.8
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	6.4	5.1	8.3

^[Note] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)390

Question Serial No.

5149

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the numbers of applications for direct cash assistance (DCA) under the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development (DSSCYD) since 2005, with breakdown by geographical district, gender, age, household income (full grant, half grant, on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance), type of accommodation (public housing, private housing), number of household members, number of children in the family, type of needs (such as tuition, extra-curricular activities, further study, purchase of learning equipment, etc).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The numbers of approved applications of DCA under DSSCYD by Social Welfare Department (SWD) District, gender, age, family financial condition and type of needs, for the years between 2005-06 and 2012-13, are listed at the tables below ^[Note 1] –

Number of approved applications by SWD District								
SWD District	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	506	561	544	542	670	634	592	573
Eastern / Wan Chai	476	530	428	497	430	470	468	483
Kwun Tong	431	684	693	585	452	488	488	530
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	201	442	655	702	684	640	622	643
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	347	439	477	502	523	509	498	482
Sham Shui Po	392	492	390	434	517	556	542	545
Sha Tin	359	484	576	539	494	493	496	506
Tai Po / North	416	519	593	590	610	583	602	633

Number of approved applications by SWD District								
SWD District	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)
Yuen Long	733	640	684	601	589	586	632	674
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	732	749	654	681	717	682	678	725
Tuen Mun	517	494	496	521	497	512	511	577
Total	5 110	6 034	6 190	6 194	6 183	6 153	6 129	6 371

Number of approved applications by age								
Age range	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)
0-5	Not available ^[Note 2]				655	701	809	924
6-14					4 000	4 029	4 043	4 197
15-24					1 528	1 423	1 277	1 250

Number of approved applications by gender								
Gender	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)
Male	Not available ^[Note 2]				3 109	3 099	3 048	3 180
Female					3 074	3 054	3 081	3 191

Number of approved applications by family financial condition								
Family financial condition	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)
CSSA	Not available ^[Note 2]				4 634	4 733	4 495	4 556
Low-income					1 407	1 291	1 487	1 689
Others					142	129	147	126

Number of approved applications by type of needs								
Type of needs ^[Note 3]	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)
Learning and education	Not available ^[Note 2]				6 315	6 243	6 176	6 595
Job skills training and employment					80	50	56	48
Social and developmental					898	916	930	969

[Note 1] There is no information/ breakdown on the type of accommodation, household size and number of children in the household for approved applications.

[Note 2] The breakdown of number of approved applications by age, sex, family financial condition, type of needs was not available before the launching of the DCA computerised system in 2009-10.

[Note 3] As the grant may serve multiple needs of a beneficiary, the figures may be greater than the total number of approved applications.

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

5150

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the total number of applications in various districts, the number of successful applications, the number of unsuccessful and successful repeated applications for the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development (DSSCYD) since 2005. Please also advise the main reasons for rejecting the applications and the distribution of rejected applications by reasons.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of applications and that of the beneficiaries of direct cash assistance (DCA) under DSSCYD of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts from 2005-06 to 2012-13 were as follows –

SWD District	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (as at 28.2.2013)	
	A [Note 1]	B [Note 2]	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	506	506	561	561	545	544	542	542	670	670	635	634	597	592	575	573
Eastern / Wan Chai	476	476	530	530	428	428	497	497	432	430	479	470	468	468	483	483
Kwun Tong	431	431	684	684	693	693	585	585	452	452	488	488	489	488	530	530
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	201	201	442	442	655	655	702	702	685	684	640	640	622	622	643	643
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	347	347	439	439	477	477	502	502	523	523	509	509	498	498	482	482

SWD District	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (as at 28.2.2013)	
	A [Note 1]	B [Note 2]	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Sham Shui Po	392	392	492	492	391	390	436	434	517	517	558	556	544	542	549	545
Shatin	359	359	484	484	576	576	539	539	495	494	493	493	496	496	506	506
Tai Po / North	416	416	519	519	593	593	590	590	611	610	584	583	602	602	636	633
Yuen Long	733	733	640	640	685	684	609	601	599	589	591	586	650	632	674	674
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	732	732	749	749	654	654	681	681	717	717	682	682	681	678	725	725
Tuen Mun	517	517	494	494	498	496	521	521	497	497	512	512	525	511	581	577
Total [Note 3]	5 110	5 110	6 034	6 034	6 195	6 190	6 204	6 194	6 198	6 183	6 171	6 153	6 172	6 129	6 384	6 371

[Note 1]“A” refers to number of applications.

[Note 2]“B” refers to number of beneficiaries.

[Note 3]No repeated applications are allowed within the same financial year.

The number of unsuccessful applications for the years of 2005-06 and 2006-07 is not available. The number for the past six years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2012-13 (as at 28.2.2013) was 5, 10, 15, 18, 43 and 13 respectively. The reasons for not approving some applications include the requested items being out of DSSCYD’s scope, failure of the applicants to pass the financial assessment, insufficient information provided for vetting, etc.

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

5151

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development (DSSCYD), please list the amount of funding allocated for district projects, the number of the applicant organisations, the number of beneficiaries [by grades at school, gender, age, family income (on full grant, half grant, and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance), type of accommodation (public housing, private housing)], and the nature, type and distribution of places of the services/activities since 2005.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The amount of funding granted, number of applicant agencies and beneficiaries of DSSCYD for the years from 2005-06 to 2012-13 were as follows –

	2005 – 06	2006 – 07	2007 – 08	2008 – 09	2009 – 10	2010 – 11	2011 – 12	2012 –13 (as at 28.2.2013)
Amount of funding granted (\$ million)	5.19	5.27	5.42	5.39	5.37	5.51	5.69	5.59
Number of applicant agencies	179	196	176	210	195	192	185	194
Number of beneficiaries (Aged 0 -24) ^[Note 1]	16 045	23 880	14 743	20 547	21 170	23 859	21 013	18 721

The number of developmental projects approved from 2005-06 to 2012-13 in the following categories: (a) meeting the learning and educational needs of beneficiaries; (b) meeting the job skills training and employment needs of beneficiaries; and (c) meeting the social and developmental needs of beneficiaries, was set out below –

Project nature/ type ^[Note 2]	2005 – 06	2006 – 07	2007 – 08	2008 – 09	2009- 10	2010 – 11	2011 – 12	2012 –13 (as at 28.2.2013)
(a)	12	72	91	141	107	102	92	92
(b)	27	24	26	34	22	21	16	20
(c)	140	100	137	159	143	136	124	145

[Note 1] There is no information/breakdown on beneficiaries' year of study, sex, age, family income and type of accommodation.

[Note 2] A single project may fall under one or more category. The distribution of project varies depending on district needs.

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Question Serial No.

5157

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the total number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases that were exempted from the seven-year residence requirement since 2003; the reasons for exemption and the percentage of those cases to the total numbers of CSSA cases.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The total number of CSSA applications that was exempted from the seven-year residence requirement in 2008-09 to 2012-13 and the percentages of such cases compared to the total number of CSSA cases were as follows –

Year	Applications approved	Percentage to total number of CSSA cases
2008-09	1 549	0.54%
2009-10	1 918	0.67%
2010-11	2 193	0.78%
2011-12	2 091	0.76%
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	1 349	0.50%

In determining whether discretion should be exercised to exempt a new arrival from the seven-year residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department will take into account all relevant factors to establish whether there is genuine hardship. Each case is to be considered on its own merits. The main factors to be considered include –

- (a) The applicant's means of livelihood after arrival;
- (b) The cause of the present hardship;
- (c) Resources available and other possible sources of assistance in Hong Kong;
- (d) Whether other forms of assistance are available; and
- (e) The possibility of the applicant returning to his/her place of origin.

In cases where a new arrival is working to support himself/herself and his/her family members, discretion is normally exercised to treat him/her as an eligible member of the family for the purpose of CSSA in recognition of the arrival's efforts to become self-supporting.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Question Serial No.

5158

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the cases of fraud and abuse of public money and the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), please advise this Committee of (a) the total numbers of newly-reported cases in the year; (b) the numbers of cases involving fraud and abuse of CSSA; and (c) the total amounts involved for each of the said items, in each of the past ten years (i.e. 2003-04 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA fraud cases and the amount of overpayment involved in the past ten years were as follows –

Financial year	(a) Number of reported fraud cases	(b) Number of established fraud cases	(c) Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)
2003-04	2 774	401	27.0
2004-05	3 311	606	38.7
2005-06	3 495	737	47.1
2006-07	3 702	866	50.0
2007-08	3 545	973	48.0
2008-09	3 485	810	49.7
2009-10	3 061	950	58.9
2010-11	2 935	1 014	48.6
2011-12	2 871	806	51.5

Financial year	(a) Number of reported fraud cases	(b) Number of established fraud cases	(c) Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)
2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)	1 806	840	45.6

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Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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Question Serial No.

5160

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the brief targets of the policy and plan “provide a social safety net of last resort to ensure that assistance is available to the financially vulnerable”, would the Administration please inform this Committee whether it will review the threshold of the current safety net and consider conducting a full and thorough review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, including reviewing the weighting system, proportions and component items of expenditure of the “Social Security Assistance Index of Prices” (SSAIP) to ensure that the CSSA Scheme can meet the basic needs of CSSA families and children? If yes, what is the timetable? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Applicants under the CSSA Scheme are subject to income and asset tests to ensure that CSSA payments are provided to families and individuals with genuine financial difficulties. Asset limits under the CSSA Scheme are adjusted annually in accordance with changes in Consumer Price Index (A) under the established mechanism.

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Administration adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP. In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every five years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes.

To meet their special needs, the standard rates for children are set at a level higher than those for able-bodied adults, and there are special grants to support children's studies (e.g. grants for covering school fees, travelling expenses to/from school, school related expenses, and meal allowance).

SWD raised the CSSA standard payment rates by 4.0% with effect from 1 February 2013 in accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism. We will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payments annually.

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Question Serial No.

5161

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases over the past five years by the following categories –

	Household with family member(s) aged 65 or above	Household with family member(s) aged 15 or below	All household members are able-bodied adult(s) and child(ren)	Employed on full-time/long-term basis	Employed on part-time/causal job basis	Living in public housing	Living in non-public housing
2008-09							
2009-10							
2010-11							
2011-12							
2012-13							

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA cases by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases				
	With recipients aged 65 or above	With recipients aged below 15	With only able-bodied adults and/or able-bodied children	Residing in public housing	Residing in private housing
2008-09	140 168	59 779	61 902	159 913	49 413
2009-10	140 821	58 621	62 231	163 976	48 891
2010-11	139 593	54 856	57 601	162 161	46 793
2011-12	138 019	49 900	51 307	157 914	43 440
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	137 084	46 727	46 854	154 234	41 782

Year	Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings	
	With full time employment ^[Note 1]	With part time / casual employment ^[Note 2]
2008-09	21 778	9 592
2009-10	22 284	10 592
2010-11	20 896	10 823
2011-12	16 671	11 502
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	14 481	10 777

[Note 1] Refers to those with number of working hours per month no less than 120 hours.

[Note 2] Refers to those with number of working hours per month less than 120 hours.

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Question Serial No.

5162

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the 18 districts over the past five financial years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13), with breakdown by the case nature of able-bodied adult, disabled adult, able-bodied child, disabled child, elderly, household with able-bodied adult(s) and household without able-bodied adult(s).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA recipients with breakdown by selected category and by geographical district from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2008-09				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults ^[Note 3]	Able-bodied children	Disabled children ^[Note 3]	Elderly aged 60 and above
Central & Western	778	564	856	19	2 483
Eastern	4 102	2 635	5 077	169	10 419
Islands	3 137	864	4 478	75	2 102
Kowloon City	3 730	2 186	4 441	124	9 305
Kwai Tsing	11 845	5 272	14 708	326	18 187
Kwun Tong	13 271	5 416	16 167	373	25 945
North	5 509	2 567	7 512	173	8 646
Sai Kung	4 508	2 473	6 326	185	5 256
Sha Tin	7 145	3 958	8 988	283	11 564
Sham Shui Po	9 008	3 964	9 666	272	16 877
Southern	1 915	2 139	2 542	107	6 572
Tai Po	3 189	1 915	4 016	149	6 958
Tsuen Wan	2 993	1 199	3 731	74	5 922
Tuen Mun	7 984	5 246	9 062	220	13 012
Wan Chai	458	268	446	5	1 546

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2008-09				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults ^[Note 3]	Able-bodied children	Disabled children ^[Note 3]	Elderly aged 60 and above
Wong Tai Sin	8 486	3 828	9 981	305	16 197
Yau Tsim Mong	4 079	1 582	3 688	67	6 235
Yuen Long	15 395	5 743	19 180	428	14 634
Total ^[Note 2]	107 532	51 819	130 865	3 354	181 860

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2009-10				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults ^[Note 3]	Able-bodied children	Disabled children ^[Note 3]	Elderly aged 60 and above
Central & Western	756	568	844	23	2 463
Eastern	4 020	2 795	4 917	177	10 361
Islands	3 043	886	4 262	75	2 137
Kowloon City	3 726	2 229	4 415	132	9 031
Kwai Tsing	11 493	5 361	14 026	344	18 411
Kwun Tong	13 826	5 856	16 721	404	27 624
North	5 614	2 761	7 443	191	8 976
Sai Kung	4 361	2 513	5 829	182	5 382
Sha Tin	7 139	4 181	8 886	298	11 801
Sham Shui Po	8 911	4 155	9 562	302	16 813
Southern	1 864	2 193	2 433	109	6 474
Tai Po	3 150	2 003	3 825	163	6 970
Tsuen Wan	2 888	1 224	3 657	77	6 008
Tuen Mun	7 799	5 277	8 848	237	13 304
Wan Chai	424	258	384	4	1 435
Wong Tai Sin	8 319	3 954	9 610	303	16 167
Yau Tsim Mong	4 080	1 589	3 612	80	6 013
Yuen Long	15 213	5 980	18 622	443	14 932
Total ^[Note 2]	106 626	53 783	127 896	3 544	184 302

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2010-11				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults ^[Note 3]	Able-bodied children	Disabled children ^[Note 3]	Elderly aged 60 and above
Central & Western	668	586	775	26	2 445
Eastern	3 818	2 840	4 735	198	10 413
Islands	2 819	859	3 959	82	2 158
Kowloon City	3 432	2 200	4 104	133	8 780
Kwai Tsing	10 454	5 550	12 665	339	18 558
Kwun Tong	13 108	6 149	15 975	455	28 143
North	5 306	2 934	6 992	191	9 184
Sai Kung	3 859	2 506	5 051	171	5 310
Sha Tin	6 581	4 214	8 039	329	11 916
Sham Shui Po	8 291	4 228	9 013	325	16 566
Southern	1 751	2 217	2 267	110	6 397
Tai Po	2 862	2 011	3 469	181	6 911
Tsuen Wan	2 643	1 256	3 380	85	6 015
Tuen Mun	6 949	5 203	8 068	250	13 569
Wan Chai	390	249	377	4	1 343
Wong Tai Sin	7 656	4 074	8 809	311	16 141
Yau Tsim Mong	3 714	1 588	3 392	87	5 837
Yuen Long	13 850	6 193	17 088	475	15 134
Total ^[Note 2]	98 151	54 857	118 158	3 752	184 820

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2011-12				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults ^[Note 3]	Able-bodied children	Disabled children ^[Note 3]	Elderly aged 60 and above
Central & Western	572	556	648	35	2 338
Eastern	3 307	2 811	4 303	194	10 253
Islands	2 390	852	3 531	82	2 191
Kowloon City	3 030	2 281	3 862	130	8 607
Kwai Tsing	9 054	5 573	11 504	336	18 551
Kwun Tong	12 096	6 234	15 219	467	28 329
North	4 741	2 872	6 472	197	9 171
Sai Kung	3 321	2 504	4 409	173	5 469
Sha Tin	5 876	4 113	7 490	324	12 047
Sham Shui Po	7 286	4 219	8 297	312	16 243

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2011-12				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults ^[Note 3]	Able-bodied children	Disabled children ^[Note 3]	Elderly aged 60 and above
Southern	1 551	2 246	2 031	115	6 166
Tai Po	2 527	1 952	3 194	189	6 966
Tsuen Wan	2 288	1 280	3 101	93	5 872
Tuen Mun	5 940	5 242	7 361	252	13 732
Wan Chai	352	220	353	6	1 259
Wong Tai Sin	6 716	4 128	8 130	362	15 874
Yau Tsim Mong	3 356	1 557	3 104	69	5 582
Yuen Long	11 963	5 952	15 203	480	15 035
Total ^[Note 2]	86 366	54 592	108 212	3 816	183 685

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults ^[Note 3]	Able-bodied children	Disabled children ^[Note 3]	Elderly aged 60 and above
Central & Western	535	568	589	34	2 173
Eastern	2 999	2 791	3 776	193	10 090
Islands	2 180	851	3 171	91	2 246
Kowloon City	2 832	2 374	3 600	128	8 648
Kwai Tsing	8 203	5 578	10 064	327	18 534
Kwun Tong	11 350	6 279	13 703	475	28 337
North	4 201	2 856	5 788	192	9 138
Sai Kung	2 882	2 450	3 677	149	5 412
Sha Tin	5 360	4 099	6 471	317	12 080
Sham Shui Po	7 022	4 374	7 878	330	16 250
Southern	1 452	2 226	1 807	119	5 988
Tai Po	2 280	1 990	2 786	174	6 901
Tsuen Wan	2 010	1 297	2 810	93	5 779
Tuen Mun	5 336	5 111	6 455	256	13 740
Wan Chai	300	222	335	4	1 201
Wong Tai Sin	6 156	4 093	7 100	358	15 607
Yau Tsim Mong	3 096	1 599	2 940	65	5 552
Yuen Long	10 862	5 877	13 328	482	14 931
Total ^[Note 2]	79 056	54 635	96 278	3 787	182 607

The number of CSSA recipients in family cases with at least one able-bodied adult by geographical district from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Central & Western	1 485	1 425	1 287	1 091	1 004
Eastern	9 285	8 875	8 386	7 494	6 673
Islands	7 715	7 361	6 821	5 943	5 369
Kowloon City	7 674	7 478	6 866	6 228	5 874
Kwai Tsing	27 369	25 943	23 549	20 811	18 480
Kwun Tong	31 067	31 698	29 873	27 762	25 361
North	12 783	12 620	11 781	10 719	9 394
Sai Kung	11 275	10 633	9 208	7 957	6 713
Sha Tin	16 768	16 434	14 928	13 540	12 020
Sham Shui Po	17 214	16 725	15 433	13 738	13 172
Southern	4 591	4 376	4 026	3 630	3 320
Tai Po	7 417	7 136	6 564	5 855	5 172
Tsuen Wan	6 482	6 325	5 778	5 211	4 596
Tuen Mun	16 711	16 217	14 475	12 702	11 266
Wan Chai	609	536	517	446	408
Wong Tai Sin	19 310	18 480	16 668	14 929	13 369
Yau Tsim Mong	6 032	5 731	5 342	4 772	4 388
Yuen Long	34 685	33 636	30 481	26 769	23 885
Total ^[Note 2]	238 472	231 629	211 983	189 597	170 464

The number of CSSA recipients in family cases without any able-bodied adult by geographical district in 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Central & Western	567	537	526	490	472
Eastern	4 766	4 987	5 139	4 958	4 722
Islands	1 164	1 207	1 231	1 295	1 372
Kowloon City	3 493	3 599	3 546	3 602	3 477
Kwai Tsing	9 055	9 436	9 474	9 580	9 431
Kwun Tong	13 467	14 725	15 348	15 730	15 800
North	4 404	4 748	4 929	4 924	4 979
Sai Kung	2 929	2 984	3 043	3 111	3 049
Sha Tin	6 806	7 117	7 314	7 320	7 253
Sham Shui Po	7 173	7 441	7 509	7 447	7 395
Southern	2 924	2 970	3 037	2 904	2 810
Tai Po	3 416	3 540	3 444	3 495	3 459
Tsuen Wan	2 765	2 770	2 776	2 751	2 751
Tuen Mun	6 797	6 997	7 279	7 421	7 253
Wan Chai	362	320	272	229	228
Wong Tai Sin	7 546	7 762	8 050	8 134	7 821
Yau Tsim Mong	2 097	2 119	2 082	1 923	1 920
Yuen Long	7 359	7 896	8 430	8 435	8 260
Total ^[Note 2]	87 090	91 155	93 429	93 749	92 452

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

[Note 3] Disabled adults/children refer to those recipients receiving the standard rates of 50% disabled, 100% disabled, requiring constant attendance and ill-health.

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Question Serial No.

5163

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) according to the total number of recipients by case nature (“old age”, “low-earnings”, “single parent”, “unemployment” and others) and health condition (able-bodied, ill-health, 50% disability, 100% disability) and the median age and average age of recipients under different case nature.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: (a) The number of CSSA recipients by case nature as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Case nature	Number of recipients
Old age	193 426
Permanent disability	25 460
Ill health	40 703
Single parent	73 833
Low-earnings	33 261
Unemployment	41 457
Others	10 628
Total	418 768

- (b) The number of CSSA recipients by type of standard rates as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Type of standard rates	Number of recipients
Able-bodied ^[Note]	298 750
Ill health	5 609
50% disabled ^[Note]	7 190
100% disabled	87 684
Requiring constant attendance	19 373
Unknown	162
Total	418 768

- (c) The median age of CSSA recipients by case nature as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Case nature	Median age of CSSA recipients
Old age	69
Permanent disability	46
Ill health	44
Single parent	38
Low-earnings	44
Unemployment	44
Others	20
Overall	46

- (d) The number of CSSA recipients from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Number of recipients
2008-09	478 562
2009-10	479 167
2010-11	462 564
2011-12	439 216
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	418 768

^[Note] 50% disabled elderly aged 60 and above are included in the able-bodied category.

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Question Serial No.

5164

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide under different case nature (“old age”, “low-earnings”, “single parent”, “unemployment”, etc.) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applicants who had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years with their applications being accepted on a discretionary basis over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13). Please also advise the reasons for exercising such discretion.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA applicants exempted from the seven-year residence requirement in the past five years broken down by case nature was as follows –

Case nature	Year					Total
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	
Old age	209	280	346	320	233	1 388
Low-earnings	382	482	477	417	239	1 997
Single parent	589	682	822	786	519	3 398
Unemployment	122	146	157	155	84	664
Ill health	209	300	365	382	247	1 503
Others	38	28	26	31	27	150
Total	1 549	1 918	2 193	2 091	1 349	9 100

In determining whether discretion should be exercised to exempt a new arrival from the seven-year residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme, SWD will take into account all relevant factors to establish whether there is genuine hardship. Each case is to be considered on its own merits. The main factors to be considered include –

- the applicant's means of livelihood after arrival;
- the cause of the present hardship;
- resources available and other possible sources of assistance in Hong Kong;
- whether other forms of assistance are available; and
- the possibility of the applicant returning to his/her place of origin.

In cases where a new arrival is working to support himself/herself and his/her family members, discretion is normally exercised to treat him/her as an eligible member of the family for the purpose of CSSA in recognition of the new arrival's efforts to become self-supporting.

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Question Serial No.

5165

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the year of residence in Hong Kong of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, please provide information on the number of recipients who have resided in Hong Kong for seven years or less with specific length of residence over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) and the expenditure on CSSA involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA recipients who had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Length of residence in Hong Kong	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
< 1 year	1 201	1 320	971	788	710
1 - < 2 years	1 943	2 049	2 214	1 604	1 397
2 - < 3 years	2 734	2 429	2 390	2 590	2 035
3 - < 4 years	3 692	3 051	2 632	2 496	2 663
4 - < 5 years	3 205	3 955	3 099	2 706	2 659
5 - < 6 years	5 943	3 377	3 915	3 035	2 349
6 - < 7 years	8 479	6 118	3 409	3 735	3 030
Total	27 197	22 299	18 630	16 954	14 843

The relevant CSSA expenditure (including the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment) involved from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2008-09	1,022
2009-10	869
2010-11	699
2011-12	673
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	484

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Question Serial No.

5166

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the respective number of elderly recipients on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who have lived with their families over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), and the number of families who have lived with elderly person(s) but with a monthly household income less than the CSSA payments for CSSA households of the same size in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA cases with CSSA recipients aged 60 or above living with at least one CSSA recipient of a younger age from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2008-09	26 854
2009-10	27 287
2010-11	26 616
2011-12	25 189
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	24 008

The number of domestic households ^[Note 1] in Hong Kong with at least one member aged 60 or above and at least one member (excluding foreign domestic helpers) of a younger age and with household income below average monthly CSSA payment ^[Note 2] was as follows –

Year ^[Note 3]	Number of domestic households in Hong Kong
2008	65 500
2009	80 900
2010	75 600
2011	75 900

^[Note 1] Figures on numbers of domestic households in Hong Kong are provided by the Census and Statistics Department. Annual figure for 2012 is not available yet.

^[Note 2] Average monthly CSSA payment refers to the amount a CSSA case without other income would get in a month. It can be more specifically regarded as "recognised needs" under the CSSA Scheme.

^[Note 3] Figures in 2008 to 2010 presented in the above table are statistics which involve the use of the population figures in the compilation process. They have been revised to take into account the results of the 2011 Population Census which provided a benchmark for revising the population figures compiled since the 2006 Population By-census.

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Question Serial No.

5167

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme –

- (a) the number of new CSSA cases (including reapplications from those having left the CSSA net before) and the number of cases which left the CSSA net in each of the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), with breakdown by nature of case;
- (b) the number of new CSSA recipients (including reapplications from those having left the CSSA net before) and the number of recipients who left the CSSA net (please provide the numbers of recipients who left the CSSA net due to death separately) in each of the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), with breakdown by age group; and
- (c) the number of recipients who left the CSSA net (please provide the number of recipients who left the CSSA net due to death separately) in each of the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The breakdowns of CSSA new applications and cases closed from 2008-09 to 2012-13 by case nature are provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA new applications with breakdown by case nature ^[Note]

Case nature	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Old age	16 114	15 356	15 071	14 146	10 850
Permanent disability	1 851	1 777	1 640	1 566	1 213
Ill health	7 375	7 045	7 012	6 563	4 848
Single parent	5 917	4 730	3 954	3 314	2 708
Low-earnings	4 661	3 636	2 937	2 186	1 570
Unemployment	15 299	14 288	10 369	8 619	6 006
Others	5 718	5 902	5 851	5 432	4 335
Total	56 935	52 734	46 834	41 826	31 530

Table 2: The number of CSSA cases closed with breakdown by case nature ^[Note]

Case nature	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Old age	14 261	13 921	14 109	14 019	11 130
Permanent disability	1 208	1 209	1 211	1 238	988
Ill health	2 634	2 440	2 548	2 538	1 890
Single parent	3 810	3 450	3 759	3 773	3 185
Low-earnings	3 237	2 640	2 966	3 127	2 077
Unemployment	6 220	6 484	6 719	6 086	4 036
Others	1 110	1 256	1 398	1 442	1 206
Total	32 480	31 400	32 710	32 223	24 512

- (b) We do not keep information on the number of recipients involved in new applications and cases closed.

- (c) The numbers of CSSA cases closed in 2008-09 to 2012-13 by case nature and by closure reason were as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2008-09 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	102	11 366	270	162	2 122	239	14 261
Permanent disability	6	265	74	81	688	94	1 208
Ill health	24	466	90	349	1 487	218	2 634
Single parent	18	11	101	403	3 162	115	3 810
Low-earnings	12	7	70	215	2 844	89	3 237
Unemployment	74	170	261	1 713	3 594	408	6 220
Others	7	13	30	192	738	130	1 110
Total	243	12 298	896	3 115	14 635	1 293	32 480

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2009-10 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	70	11 222	250	156	2 003	220	13 921
Permanent disability	6	275	97	72	677	82	1 209
Ill health	9	502	88	286	1 357	198	2 440
Single parent	15	10	90	376	2 876	83	3 450
Low-earnings	4	5	69	199	2 306	57	2 640
Unemployment	19	159	266	1 839	3 751	450	6 484
Others	5	17	40	278	802	114	1 256
Total	128	12 190	900	3 206	13 772	1 204	31 400

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2010-11 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	81	11 268	281	233	2 090	156	14 109
Permanent disability	4	268	86	89	687	77	1 211
Ill health	10	500	94	300	1 458	186	2 548
Single parent	9	11	97	447	3 122	73	3 759
Low-earnings	3	6	81	256	2 591	29	2 966
Unemployment	20	134	253	1 807	4 085	420	6 719
Others	1	11	24	315	891	156	1 398
Total	128	12 198	916	3 447	14 924	1 097	32 710

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2011-12 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	57	10 757	265	208	2 545	187	14 019
Permanent disability	2	232	72	77	771	84	1 238
Ill health	6	466	80	255	1 567	164	2 538
Single parent	6	11	99	340	3 253	64	3 773
Low-earnings	2	8	85	164	2 821	47	3 127
Unemployment	19	135	241	1 478	3 872	341	6 086
Others	2	13	20	325	919	163	1 442
Total	94	11 622	862	2 847	15 748	1 050	32 223

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2012-13 ^[Note] (up to the end of December 2012)						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	47	8 520	200	183	2 057	123	11 130
Permanent disability	1	182	59	71	623	52	988
Ill health	2	338	48	229	1 148	125	1 890
Single parent	3	10	84	250	2 787	51	3 185
Low-earnings	1	0	49	123	1 881	23	2 077
Unemployment	14	88	127	1 014	2 573	220	4 036
Others	2	9	16	289	784	106	1 206
Total	70	9 147	583	2 159	11 853	700	24 512

We do not keep record of the number of CSSA cases with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA, and record of the numbers of recipients involved in cases closed.

^[Note] Cases which have been on CSSA intermittently are counted more than once.

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5168

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the numbers of students on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of student in various districts over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), and the amount of CSSA payments provided to students each year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The breakdowns of CSSA students from 2008-09 to 2012-13 by education level and geographical district are provided as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2008)				Total
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	
Central & Western	99	323	337	12	771
Eastern	432	1 616	2 473	100	4 621
Islands	442	1 609	1 894	59	4 004
Kowloon City	498	1 444	1 891	83	3 916
Kwai Tsing	1 233	4 719	6 686	385	13 023
Kwun Tong	1 338	4 975	8 016	474	14 803
North	641	2 390	3 528	144	6 703
Sai Kung	421	1 988	3 375	186	5 970
Sha Tin	660	2 780	4 583	172	8 195
Sham Shui Po	941	3 337	4 163	180	8 621
Southern	180	844	1 150	78	2 252
Tai Po	315	1 314	1 981	95	3 705
Tsuen Wan	355	1 297	1 526	82	3 260
Tuen Mun	877	3 182	3 984	194	8 237
Wan Chai	76	188	120	5	389

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2008)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Wong Tai Sin	677	2 972	5 381	266	9 296
Yau Tsim Mong	428	1 421	1 189	41	3 079
Yuen Long	1 629	6 458	8 864	457	17 408
Total	11 242	42 857	61 141	3 013	118 253

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2009)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Central & Western	110	311	334	20	775
Eastern	505	1 571	2 392	145	4 613
Islands	447	1 556	1 894	93	3 990
Kowloon City	592	1 449	1 872	96	4 009
Kwai Tsing	1 421	4 574	6 550	341	12 886
Kwun Tong	1 653	5 160	8 164	567	15 544
North	874	2 419	3 502	150	6 945
Sai Kung	381	1 788	3 271	202	5 642
Sha Tin	856	2 742	4 589	237	8 424
Sham Shui Po	1 169	3 200	4 171	225	8 765
Southern	217	831	1 176	71	2 295
Tai Po	382	1 215	1 935	101	3 633
Tsuen Wan	416	1 254	1 583	75	3 328
Tuen Mun	958	2 972	3 970	194	8 094
Wan Chai	54	192	116	3	365
Wong Tai Sin	811	2 793	5 127	298	9 029
Yau Tsim Mong	584	1 350	1 224	43	3 201
Yuen Long	1 737	6 146	8 825	445	17 153
Total	13 167	41 523	60 695	3 306	118 691

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2010)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Central & Western	95	294	321	14	724
Eastern	509	1 559	2 169	183	4 420
Islands	382	1 373	1 821	93	3 669
Kowloon City	582	1 401	1 605	111	3 699
Kwai Tsing	1 304	4 109	5 906	381	11 700
Kwun Tong	1 686	5 116	7 637	640	15 079
North	846	2 322	3 149	203	6 520
Sai Kung	325	1 514	2 889	229	4 957
Sha Tin	783	2 545	4 127	304	7 759
Sham Shui Po	1 162	3 057	3 924	248	8 391
Southern	223	749	1 106	90	2 168
Tai Po	369	1 108	1 672	123	3 272
Tsuen Wan	354	1 151	1 476	92	3 073
Tuen Mun	910	2 699	3 593	244	7 446
Wan Chai	51	162	107	4	324
Wong Tai Sin	808	2 629	4 595	324	8 356
Yau Tsim Mong	521	1 274	1 146	48	2 989
Yuen Long	1 732	5 592	8 041	532	15 897
Total	12 642	38 654	55 284	3 863	110 443

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2011)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Central & Western	73	239	287	12	611
Eastern	488	1 464	2 123	78	4 153
Islands	323	1 220	1 738	45	3 326
Kowloon City	574	1 328	1 574	50	3 526
Kwai Tsing	1 157	3 767	5 636	161	10 721
Kwun Tong	1 535	4 995	7 584	276	14 390
North	733	2 188	3 063	52	6 036
Sai Kung	302	1 282	2 653	86	4 323
Sha Tin	747	2 447	3 918	113	7 225
Sham Shui Po	1 059	2 799	3 841	107	7 806

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (as at the end of December 2011)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Southern	227	661	1 041	43	1 972
Tai Po	357	1 065	1 656	43	3 121
Tsuen Wan	354	1 081	1 435	33	2 903
Tuen Mun	844	2 425	3 479	86	6 834
Wan Chai	60	137	130	2	329
Wong Tai Sin	807	2 461	4 450	129	7 847
Yau Tsim Mong	469	1 099	1 141	22	2 731
Yuen Long	1 579	4 923	7 685	199	14 386
Total	11 688	35 581	53 434	1 537	102 240

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Education level (preliminary figures) (as at the end of December 2012)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 2]	Total
Central & Western	81	178	241	13	513
Eastern	440	1 217	1 643	81	3 381
Islands	270	1 003	1 493	54	2 820
Kowloon City	519	1 174	1 310	69	3 072
Kwai Tsing	941	3 000	4 175	205	8 321
Kwun Tong	1 342	4 381	5 954	315	11 992
North	646	1 920	2 380	82	5 028
Sai Kung	269	1 021	1 945	122	3 357
Sha Tin	603	2 060	2 837	146	5 646
Sham Shui Po	930	2 491	3 097	140	6 658
Southern	183	550	818	37	1 588
Tai Po	320	895	1 210	67	2 492
Tsuen Wan	309	934	1 135	58	2 436
Tuen Mun	695	1 894	2 516	145	5 250
Wan Chai	46	120	105	2	273
Wong Tai Sin	699	2 158	3 434	195	6 486
Yau Tsim Mong	424	941	865	31	2 261
Yuen Long	1 382	3 917	5 773	306	11 378
Total	10 099	29 854	40 931	2 068	82 952

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

(b) We do not have breakdown of the CSSA expenditure provided to students.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)404

Question Serial No.

5169

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information on applications for additional grants for school-related expenses by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), with breakdown by type of grant and age group (0 - 6, 7 - 14, 15 - 24 and over 25) –

- (a) the numbers of applicants and applications;
- (b) the number of successful applicants for the additional grants and the number of applications approved;
- (c) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved; and
- (d) the total expenditure of the related grants.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of approved claims and the total grant amounts by age group of recipients from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Age group	2008-09	
	Number of approved claims	Total amount of the grant claimed (\$)
0 - 6	261	225,081
7 - 14	290	226,538
15 - 24	33	23,152
25 and above	0	0
Overall	584	474,772

Age group	2009-10	
	Number of approved claims	Total amount of the grant claimed (\$)
0 - 6	292	303,710
7 - 14	299	267,057
15 - 24	52	49,784
25 and above	0	0
Overall	643	620,551

Age group	2010-11	
	Number of approved claims	Total amount of the grant claimed (\$)
0 - 6	275	282,961
7 - 14	368	328,607
15 - 24	112	103,947
25 and above	0	0
Overall	755	715,515

Age group	2011-12	
	Number of approved claims	Total amount of the grant claimed (\$)
0 - 6	283	292,043
7 - 14	319	274,501
15 - 24	65	64,698
25 and above	0	0
Overall	667	631,242

Age group	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	
	Number of approved claims	Total amount of the grant claimed (\$)
0 - 6	144	168,813
7 - 14	142	109,490
15 - 24	31	25,110
25 and above	0	0
Overall	317	303,413

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for the additional grant for selected items of school-related expenses (the grant) within a year. Figures on the numbers of applicants and successful applicants for the grant are not readily available.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)405

Question Serial No.

5170

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information for the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) –

- (a) with regard to application for dental grant by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, i) the numbers of applicants and applications; ii) the numbers of applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved, with breakdown by age group; and
- (b) the numbers of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for providing examination service and cost quotation to CSSA recipients, and the geographical distribution of such clinics.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: (a) The number of approved claims together with the related amounts of dental grant by age group of the recipients from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

(i) Claims by recipients aged 18 and below

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Number of approved claims	22	27	32	22	31
Average amount of dental grant claimed (\$)	1,998	1,838	1,715	1,762	1,581
Total amount of dental grant claimed (\$ million)	0.0 ^[Note]	0.0 ^[Note]	0.1	0.0 ^[Note]	0.0 ^[Note]

^[Note] Less than \$0.05 million.

(ii) Claims by recipients aged 19 – 59

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Number of approved claims	1 786	2 693	3 101	3 340	2 773
Average amount of dental grant claimed (\$)	4,015	4,113	4,150	4,209	4,239
Total amount of dental grant claimed (\$ million)	7.2	11.1	12.9	14.1	11.8

(iii) Claims by recipients aged 60 and above

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Number of approved claims	3 487	5 506	6 806	7 643	6 331
Average amount of dental grant claimed (\$)	4,563	4,779	4,926	4,991	5,101
Total amount of dental grant claimed (\$ million)	15.9	26.3	33.5	38.1	32.3

(iv) Overall – Claims by recipients of all age groups

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Number of approved claims	5 295	8 226	9 939	11 005	9 135
Average amount of dental grant claimed (\$)	4,367	4,551	4,674	4,747	4,828
Total amount of dental grant claimed (\$ million)	23.1	37.4	46.5	52.2	44.1

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for dental grant within a year. Figures on the numbers of applicants for dental grant are not readily available.

- (b) (i) The number of dental clinics designated by SWD for providing examination service and cost quotation to CSSA recipients from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Number of designated dental clinics (including the two mobile clinics)	40	41	47	51	54

- (ii) The numbers of the designated dental clinics (excluding the two mobile clinics) by geographical district from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

District	Number of designated dental clinics				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Aberdeen	1	1	1	1	1
Central	1	1	1	1	1
Chai Wan	2	2	2	2	2
Diamond Hill	2	2	2	2	2
Fanling	0	0	0	1	1
Kowloon City	2	2	2	2	2
Kwai Chung	1	1	1	1	2
Kwai Tsing	1	1	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	4	4	5	6	6
Lam Tin	1	1	1	1	1
Lei Cheng Uk	1	1	1	1	1
Mongkok	1	1	1	1	1
Ngau Tau Kok	1	1	2	2	2
North Point	1	1	1	1	1
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	2	2	2	2	2
Shau Kei Wan	0	0	1	0	1
Tai Po	3	3	3	3	3
Tin Shui Wai	1	1	1	1	2
To Kwa Wan	0	0	1	1	1
Tseung Kwan O	3	3	3	3	3
Tsim Sha Tsui	1	1	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	0	0	1	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	2	2
Tung Chung	1	1	1	1	1
Wan Chai	2	2	2	2	2
Wong Tai Sin	0	1	2	2	2
Yau Ma Tei	2	2	2	3	3
Yuen Long	1	1	1	1	1

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

5171

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list by nature of case (“old age”, “low-earnings”, “single parent”, “unemployment”, etc.), the respective numbers of recipients (by age group) who have been on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for over three years and five years in the following five years –

	Number of recipients on CSSA for over three years	Number of recipients on CSSA for over five years
2008-09		
2009-10		
2010-11		
2011-12		
2012-13		

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA recipients who had received CSSA for more than three years by case nature and by age group from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Table 1 : CSSA old age cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	4 919	6 757	1 421	4 255	5 046	139 666
2009-10	4 408	6 332	1 334	4 045	4 921	140 894
2010-11	4 051	5 626	1 273	3 773	4 721	140 272
2011-12	3 911	5 287	1 157	3 546	4 455	140 460
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	3 793	4 339	1 142	3 225	4 426	140 597

Table 2 : CSSA permanent disability cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	2 063	2 106	3 652	5 754	5 991	1 769
2009-10	1 975	2 053	3 584	5 686	6 332	1 846
2010-11	1 814	1 882	3 518	5 497	6 576	1 820
2011-12	1 733	1 792	3 403	5 426	6 716	1 781
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	1 652	1 568	3 365	5 268	6 916	1 891

Table 3 : CSSA ill health cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	4 671	4 345	3 174	6 906	9 691	2 495
2009-10	4 396	4 252	3 168	6 644	10 021	2 567
2010-11	4 159	3 981	2 957	6 465	10 194	2 538
2011-12	3 977	3 739	2 891	6 347	10 361	2 564
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	3 949	3 191	2 963	6 182	10 526	2 620

Table 4 : CSSA single parent cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	24 305	15 511	7 258	12 236	4 410	1 445
2009-10	22 968	15 946	6 918	12 211	4 592	1 443
2010-11	21 196	15 374	6 351	11 733	4 498	1 423
2011-12	20 175	14 864	5 969	11 186	4 505	1 376
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	19 697	12 680	5 741	10 384	4 305	1 348

Table 5 : CSSA low-earnings cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	11 350	8 440	4 143	7 663	5 109	3 977
2009-10	10 729	8 398	3 969	7 316	5 209	4 029
2010-11	9 688	7 540	3 592	6 661	4 836	3 818
2011-12	8 385	6 355	3 085	5 577	3 994	3 320
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	7 508	4 923	2 747	4 823	3 612	2 989

Table 6 : CSSA unemployment cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	8 361	7 307	3 472	7 363	10 057	1 894
2009-10	7 673	7 341	3 225	7 044	10 055	1 982
2010-11	6 665	6 497	2 875	6 373	9 403	1 862
2011-12	6 182	5 565	2 728	5 679	8 971	1 726
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	5 882	4 596	2 605	5 301	8 766	1 679

Table 7 : CSSA others cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	2 465	1 144	249	263	226	133
2009-10	2 865	1 306	270	296	284	264
2010-11	3 102	1 321	272	295	295	290
2011-12	3 021	1 314	260	300	316	348
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	2 946	1 160	255	287	309	370

The number of CSSA recipients who had received CSSA for more than five years by case nature and by age group from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Table 8 : CSSA old age cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	3 523	5 870	1 107	3 421	4 124	116 518
2009-10	3 333	5 721	1 074	3 495	4 222	120 382
2010-11	3 134	5 188	1 073	3 364	4 164	122 224
2011-12	2 953	4 806	984	3 153	3 990	122 979
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	2 776	3 868	946	2 830	3 928	122 670

Table 9 : CSSA permanent disability cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	1 496	1 786	2 968	4 924	5 089	1 497
2009-10	1 483	1 781	2 969	4 955	5 529	1 633
2010-11	1 437	1 639	2 950	4 901	5 814	1 647
2011-12	1 336	1 553	2 865	4 804	6 012	1 647
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	1 259	1 314	2 781	4 641	6 205	1 735

Table 10 : CSSA ill health cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	3 316	3 657	2 219	5 429	7 737	1 989
2009-10	3 190	3 670	2 280	5 352	8 243	2 105
2010-11	3 069	3 451	2 202	5 280	8 540	2 175
2011-12	2 865	3 237	2 156	5 104	8 653	2 197
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	2 763	2 705	2 188	4 924	8 662	2 220

Table 11 : CSSA single parent cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	16 786	13 054	4 797	9 612	3 692	1 114
2009-10	16 453	13 796	4 788	9 951	3 959	1 153
2010-11	15 413	13 461	4 496	9 709	3 907	1 181
2011-12	14 525	12 988	4 166	9 189	3 927	1 147
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	13 784	10 916	3 861	8 377	3 707	1 110

Table 12 : CSSA low-earnings cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	7 775	6 940	2 640	5 859	4 093	3 149
2009-10	7 673	7 229	2 777	5 882	4 443	3 420
2010-11	7 194	6 643	2 688	5 526	4 254	3 345
2011-12	6 188	5 561	2 318	4 635	3 544	2 941
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	5 438	4 309	2 026	3 968	3 192	2 650

Table 13 : CSSA unemployment cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	5 668	6 101	2 222	5 598	7 701	1 466
2009-10	5 433	6 394	2 175	5 605	8 039	1 627
2010-11	4 797	5 813	2 027	5 109	7 725	1 623
2011-12	4 272	4 876	1 838	4 474	7 234	1 491
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	3 853	3 950	1 627	4 035	6 815	1 392

Table 14 : CSSA others cases

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2008-09	1 304	760	167	193	163	88
2009-10	1 553	912	187	208	224	224
2010-11	1 779	935	179	219	232	254
2011-12	1 813	949	171	229	250	289
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	1 785	799	177	220	240	308

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Question Serial No.

5172

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list out, by different nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases (“elderly”, “low-earnings”, “single parent”, “unemployment”, etc.), the total number of recipients in each of the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Please also list out in the past five years –

- (a) the number of CSSA cases and the number of recipients having employment earnings by case nature; and
- (b) the number of CSSA cases and the number of recipients having earnings under “unemployment” case nature.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA recipients by case nature was as follows –

Case nature	Year				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	197 235	197 980	197 397	195 886	193 426
Permanent disability	26 353	26 590	26 405	25 853	25 460
Ill health	43 569	43 762	43 112	41 944	40 703
Single parent	89 573	88 559	84 172	79 462	73 833
Low-earnings	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261
Unemployment	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457
Others	9 630	10 882	11 196	10 880	10 628
Total	478 562	479 167	462 564	439 216	418 768

- (a) & (b) The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings and the number of cases with recipients having employment earnings by case nature were as follows –

The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	2 619	2 769	2 889	2 807	2 768
Permanent disability	3 208	3 221	3 268	3 247	3 229
Ill health	2 784	2 790	2 792	2 724	2 644
Single parent	8 248	8 442	8 232	7 695	6 780
Low-earnings	14 461	14 573	13 593	10 933	9 360
Unemployment	5 245	6 075	5 896	5 189	4 835
Others	220	244	221	256	249
Total	36 785	38 114	36 891	32 851	29 865

The number of CSSA cases with recipients having employment earnings by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	2 525	2 642	2 762	2 714	2 678
Permanent disability	3 134	3 138	3 183	3 155	3 151
Ill health	2 676	2 653	2 664	2 609	2 544
Single parent	7 943	8 101	7 903	7 470	6 590
Low-earnings	13 181	13 198	12 278	9 949	8 559
Unemployment	4 839	5 552	5 378	4 800	4 466
Others	213	236	213	249	244
Total	34 511	35 520	34 381	30 946	28 232

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LWB(WW)408

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5173

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide –

- (a) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “unemployment” case nature and the number of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, family composition (whether there were members aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), their gender, education level, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, nature of job, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), and the average amount allowed for exempted cases under that case nature and the number of recipients who left CSSA net; and
- (b) the number of CSSA cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and the number of recipients with breakdowns by the number of household members, family composition (whether there were members aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), their gender, education level, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, nature of job, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), and the average amount allowed for exempted cases under that case nature and the number of recipients who left CSSA net.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

- (a) (i) Statistics on CSSA unemployment cases with eligible members by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1 : The number of CSSA unemployment cases by number of eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	13 685	14 351	13 330	12 061	11 448
2	3 106	3 393	3 181	2 760	2 483
3	3 751	4 015	3 689	3 136	2 820
4	3 573	3 543	3 036	2 664	2 283
5	1 716	1 576	1 299	1 106	962
6 and above	782	669	545	462	412
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 2 : The number of CSSA unemployment cases by combination of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or new arrival(s) who resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combinations of member(s)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	2 691	2 088	1 537	1 298	1 079
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 65 or above	1 097	1 184	1 098	954	887
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 15 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 65 or above	5 570	5 931	5 348	4 658	4 204
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 15-64 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 15 nor elderly recipients aged 65 or above)	17 255	18 344	17 097	15 279	14 238
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 3 : The number of CSSA unemployment cases by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	5 626	5 794	4 003	2 984	2 804
More than 1 - 2	2 601	3 709	3 474	2 421	1 901
More than 2 - 3	2 376	2 108	2 687	2 521	1 824
More than 3 - 4	2 093	1 964	1 618	2 015	2 206
More than 4 - 5	2 005	1 751	1 553	1 289	1 410
More than 5	11 912	12 221	11 745	10 959	10 263
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 4 : The number of CSSA unemployment cases by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Public housing estates ^[Note 2]	17 130	17 564	15 941	13 961	12 875
Private housing	8 062	8 542	7 765	6 934	6 247
Institutions	404	374	355	340	336
Others ^[Note 3]	1 017	1 067	1 019	954	950
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

- (a) (ii) Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 5 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	32 807	33 334	29 651	25 731	23 199
Female	26 212	26 167	23 218	20 401	18 258
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

Table 6 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
No schooling/ kindergarten	11 816	11 470	10 157	9 017	8 188
Primary	27 450	26 546	23 079	19 664	17 536
Lower secondary	12 405	13 114	11 932	10 643	9 678
Upper secondary ^[Note 4]	7 056	7 991	7 319	6 477	5 699
Post secondary	292	380	382	331	356
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

Table 7 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Under 15	13 943	13 582	11 716	10 356	9 333
15 – 59	42 591	43 286	38 712	33 569	30 046
60 and above	2 485	2 633	2 441	2 207	2 078
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

- (a) (iii) Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 8 : The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	708	784	696	545	513
Clerk	127	134	146	103	82
Construction worker/labourer/decoration worker	357	361	293	233	222
Delivery worker	407	489	472	424	423
Domestic helper/baby sitter	210	227	219	218	210
Driver	145	187	171	173	173
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 343	1 604	1 564	1 410	1 329
Salesperson	278	359	338	289	241
Waiter/waitress	292	338	357	324	283
Watchman/guard	217	217	208	190	151
Others	1 161	1 375	1 432	1 280	1 208
Total	5 245	6 075	5 896	5 189	4 835

Table 9 : The number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by working hours

Working hours	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than 50	1 176	1 548	1 598	1 874	1 856
50 – less than 100	1 277	1 488	1 472	1 373	1 237
100 – less than 150	1 107	1 237	1 140	966	891
150 – less than 200	547	642	589	382	325
200 – less than 250	644	675	634	347	302
250 and above	281	302	280	110	78
Total	5 032	5 892	5 713	5 052	4 689

Table 10 :The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	722	907	934	838	757
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 310	1 588	1 546	1 381	1 342
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 061	1 160	1 100	960	861
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	729	819	777	794	745
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	475	543	477	408	410
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	384	420	410	230	215
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	298	311	319	201	182
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	159	186	176	166	139
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	64	76	92	126	91
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	17	30	26	43	50
\$10,000 and above	26	35	39	42	43
Total	5 245	6 075	5 896	5 189	4 835

Table 11 :The number of closed CSSA unemployment caes ^[Note6]

Year	Number of closed cases
2008-09	6 220
2009-10	6 484
2010-11	6 719
2011-12	6 086
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	4 036

Table 12 :The average monthly disregarded earnings (DE) per CSSA recipient in unemployment cases benefiting from DE arrangement under the CSSA scheme

Year	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient in unemployment cases (\$)
2008-09	1,651
2009-10	1,621
2010-11	1,608
2011-12	1,597
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	1,598

- (b) (i) Statistics on CSSA low-earnings cases with eligible members by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1 : The number of CSSA low-earnings cases by number of eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	424	507	511	293	319
2	1 441	1 588	1 612	1 261	1 188
3	3 602	3 776	3 627	3 024	2 749
4	4 872	4 660	4 223	3 442	2 821
5	2 505	2 339	2 020	1 665	1 338
6 and above	1 112	1 027	909	796	680
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 2 : The number of CSSA low-earnings cases by combinations of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or new arrival(s) who resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combinations of member(s)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	3 176	2 736	2 335	1 920	1 510
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 65 or above	2 439	2 480	2 339	1 971	1 771
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 15 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 65 or above	5 702	5 784	5 382	4 337	3 822
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 15-64 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 15 nor elderly recipients aged 65 or above)	2 639	2 897	2 846	2 253	1 992
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 3 : The number of CSSA low-earnings cases by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	995	1 120	776	489	405
More than 1 - 2	864	1 056	1 039	657	490
More than 2 - 3	1 042	762	913	765	561
More than 3 - 4	1 156	923	708	753	718
More than 4 - 5	1 334	1 052	846	563	523
More than 5	8 565	8 984	8 620	7 254	6 398
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 4 : The number of CSSA low-earnings cases by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Public housing estates ^[Note 2]	11 513	11 357	10 483	8 473	7 269
Private housing	2 397	2 492	2 377	1 977	1 796
Institutions	6	11	9	8	9
Others ^[Note 3]	40	37	33	23	21
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

- (b) (ii) Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by selected profiles in 2008-09 to 2012-13 respectively were as follows –

Table 5 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	26 133	25 733	23 509	19 321	16 460
Female	27 050	26 160	23 904	19 738	16 801
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

Table 6 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
No schooling/ kindergarten	12 229	11 786	10 875	9 103	7 905
Primary	23 992	22 907	20 654	16 825	14 235
Lower secondary	10 501	10 566	9 675	8 035	6 841
Upper secondary ^[Note 4]	6 246	6 381	5 941	4 857	4 071
Post secondary	215	253	268	239	209
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

Table 7 : The number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Under 15	16 376	15 642	14 272	11 718	10 175
15 – 59	31 974	31 406	28 551	23 435	19 610
60 and above	4 833	4 845	4 590	3 906	3 476
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

- (b) (iii) Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 8 : The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	2 212	2 222	1 967	1 441	1 216
Clerk	564	568	482	401	336
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	619	596	544	448	370
Delivery worker	774	773	738	659	552
Domestic helper/baby sitter	287	298	278	179	174
Driver	830	845	815	696	597
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	3 065	3 150	2 956	2 452	2 125
Salesperson	842	909	841	695	593
Waiter/waitress	752	759	671	596	515
Watchman/guard	1 616	1 493	1 374	1 003	848
Others	2 900	2 960	2 927	2 363	2 034
Total	14 461	14 573	13 593	10 933	9 360

Table 9 : The number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by working hours

Working hours	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than 50	354	361	400	402	339
50 – less than 100	441	508	503	514	445
100 – less than 150	3 122	3 321	3 354	3 497	3 179
150 – less than 200	2 881	3 003	2 781	2 379	2 104
200 – less than 250	4 585	4 545	4 105	2 949	2 361
250 and above	2 080	1 965	1 658	801	634
Total	13 463	13 703	12 801	10 542	9 062

Table 10 : The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	219	257	253	206	162
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	665	704	656	340	312
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 565	1 573	1 446	481	398
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	2 186	2 259	2 144	1 995	1 632
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	2 450	2 304	2 175	1 808	1 608
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	2 529	2 610	2 251	1 281	1 084
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	2 359	2 265	2 020	1 717	1 357
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 332	1 280	1 281	1 251	1 120
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	628	661	693	921	828
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	285	284	323	554	474
\$10,000 and above	243	376	351	379	385
Total	14 461	14 573	13 593	10 933	9 360

Table 11 : The number of closed CSSA low-earnings cases ^[Note 6]

Year	Number of closed cases
2008-09	3 237
2009-10	2 640
2010-11	2 966
2011-12	3 127
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	2 077

Table 12 : The average monthly DE per CSSA recipient in low-earnings cases benefiting from monthly DE under the CSSA scheme

Year	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient in low-earnings cases (\$)
2008-09	2,250
2009-10	2,240
2010-11	2,238
2011-12	2,317
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	2,321

[Note 1] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.

[Note 2] Including public housing estates under the Housing Authority and Housing Society.

[Note 3] Including street sleeping and other unclassified types of accommodation as well as cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

[Note 4] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

[Note 5] Excluding CSSA recipients without information on working hours.

[Note 6] Cases which have been on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)409

Question Serial No.

5174

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the recipients in the unemployment and low-earnings categories under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

(a) the numbers of CSSA unemployed recipients, their gender, age distribution, duration of stay on CSSA, previous job position, wages and residing district in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13); and

(b) the numbers of CSSA low-earnings recipients, their gender, age distribution, duration of stay on CSSA, previous job position, wages and residing district in the past five years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply : The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) Statistics on CSSA unemployed recipients ^[Note 1] by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1 : The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	20 847	20 928	18 679	16 142	14 707
Female	11 729	12 563	12 450	11 340	10 743
Total	32 576	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 450

Table 2 : The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
15 – 19	1 686	1 780	1 600	1 054	1 108
20 – 29	2 303	2 526	2 281	1 827	1 761
30 – 39	3 957	4 099	3 683	3 146	2 788
40 – 49	9 604	9 677	9 026	8 166	7 400
50 – 59	15 026	15 409	14 539	13 289	12 393
Total	32 576	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 450

Table 3 : The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	6 141	6 260	4 414	3 320	3 035
More than 1 - 2	2 802	3 812	3 747	2 612	2 107
More than 2 - 3	2 591	2 259	2 878	2 670	2 008
More than 3 - 4	2 340	2 204	1 826	2 197	2 351
More than 4 - 5	2 425	1 989	1 772	1 478	1 595
More than 5	16 277	16 967	16 492	15 205	14 354
Total	32 576	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 450

Table 4 : The number of CSSA unemployed recipients with employment earnings by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	232	302	324	308	278
Clerk	14	20	37	31	24
Construction worker/labourer/ decoration worker	95	104	92	65	57
Delivery worker	191	250	260	226	228
Domestic helper/baby sitter	201	193	209	189	204
Driver	49	76	68	83	71
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	611	726	781	700	629
Salesperson	78	102	124	121	119
Waiter/waitress	108	133	129	129	138
Watchman/guard	33	45	45	30	26
Others	438	550	640	599	567
Jobless	30 526	30 990	28 420	25 001	23 109
Total	32 576	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 450

Table 5 : The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
\$0	30 526	30 990	28 420	25 001	23 109
Less than the respective standard rate of an able- bodied adult ^[Note 1]	2 050	2 501	2 709	2 481	2 341
Total	32 576	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 450

Table 6 : The number of CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by geographical district

District ^[Note 2]	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Central & Western	300	286	246	233	204
Eastern	1 182	1 261	1 238	1 060	1 001
Islands	790	773	693	606	581
Kowloon City	1 296	1 334	1 226	1 101	1 027
Kwai Tsing	3 283	3 273	2 908	2 452	2 315
Kwun Tong	3 649	3 971	3 772	3 453	3 313
North	1 506	1 610	1 637	1 421	1 230
Sai Kung	1 063	1 098	985	872	813
Sha Tin	1 834	1 928	1 836	1 690	1 558
Sham Shui Po	3 529	3 603	3 439	3 065	2 926
Southern	414	438	491	432	449
Tai Po	855	894	791	701	631
Tsuen Wan	858	761	662	552	470
Tuen Mun	2 707	2 666	2 294	1 947	1 676
Wan Chai	227	228	210	195	160
Wong Tai Sin	2 324	2 396	2 343	2 091	1 975
Yau Tsim Mong	2 093	2 233	2 082	1 876	1 748
Yuen Long	4 666	4 738	4 276	3 735	3 373
Total	32 576	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 450

(b) Statistics on CSSA low-earnings recipients ^[Note 3] by selected profiles in 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1 : The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	10 630	11 026	10 359	8 406	7 426
Female	10 613	11 078	10 382	8 708	7 468
Total	21 243	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 894

Table 2 : The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
15 – 19	1 071	1 100	1 090	701	603
20 – 29	3 077	3 395	3 216	2 473	2 146
30 – 39	3 441	3 510	3 249	2 823	2 529
40 – 49	8 709	8 833	8 216	6 981	5 920
50 – 59	4 945	5 266	4 970	4 136	3 696
Total	21 243	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 894

Table 3 : The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by duration of stay ^[Note 4] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	1 591	1 931	1 385	1 033	880
More than 1 - 2	1 427	1 743	1 751	1 176	969
More than 2 - 3	1 633	1 301	1 483	1 325	981
More than 3 - 4	1 729	1 460	1 149	1 196	1 262
More than 4 - 5	1 930	1 599	1 311	921	860
More than 5	12 933	14 070	13 662	11 463	9 942
Total	21 243	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 894

Table 4 : The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with employment earnings by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	3 262	3 271	2 903	2 273	1 865
Clerk	1 019	990	882	718	602
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	892	881	772	639	560
Delivery worker	1 058	1 095	1 033	905	790
Domestic helper/baby sitter	501	571	558	424	395
Driver	922	940	902	766	691
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	4 684	4 971	4 647	3 951	3 453
Salesperson	1 395	1 588	1 462	1 257	1 062
Waiter/waitress	1 247	1 322	1 284	1 084	922
Watchman/guard	1 831	1 704	1 570	1 215	1 012
Others	4 432	4 771	4 728	3 882	3 542
Total	21 243	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 894

Table 5 : The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$4,200	8 531	9 166	8 632	6 331	5 500
\$4,200 – less than \$6,000	6 254	6 312	5 542	3 997	3 504
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	4 975	4 924	4 763	4 282	3 498
\$8,000 and above	1 483	1 702	1 804	2 504	2 392
Total	21 243	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 894

Table 6 : The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by geographical district

District ^[Note 2]	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Central and Western	162	156	136	112	115
Eastern	862	898	841	690	578
Islands	621	645	641	528	455
Kowloon City	659	728	678	577	521
Kwai Tsing	2 548	2 571	2 515	2 072	1 802
Kwun Tong	2 930	3 130	3 030	2 601	2 322
North	988	1 089	1 016	865	730
Sai Kung	1 072	1 098	1 005	823	629
Sha Tin	1 436	1 490	1 348	1 095	949
Sham Shui Po	1 610	1 660	1 556	1 281	1 178
Southern	520	492	419	331	305
Tai Po	663	656	619	522	426
Tsuen Wan	589	671	663	540	448
Tuen Mun	1 243	1 307	1 225	978	898
Wan Chai	70	60	59	45	38
Wong Tai Sin	2 034	2 089	1 840	1 516	1 242
Yau Tsim Mong	505	494	425	372	333
Yuen Long	2 731	2 870	2 725	2 166	1 925
Total	21 243	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 894

[Note 1] CSSA unemployed recipients refer to those who are unemployed or who are gainfully employed but with employment earnings less than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,630, \$1,685 and \$1,775 with effect from 1.2.2009, 1.2.2011 and 1.2.2012 respectively).

[Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 3] CSSA low-earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed and with employment earnings equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,630, \$1,685 and \$1,775 with effect from 1.2.2009, 1.2.2011 and 1.2.2012 respectively).

[Note 4] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA, regardless of whether there have been any changes in their employable status.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)410

Question Serial No.

5175

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients benefiting from the provision of disregarded earnings (DE), with a breakdown by case nature (such as “old age”, “low-earnings”, “single parent”, “unemployment”, etc.) over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13), and the average amount of DE and the median monthly income under different case nature.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from DE arrangement from 2008-09 to 2012-13, with breakdown by case nature, and the corresponding average monthly DE, were as follows –

Case nature	2008-09	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefiting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 568	1,652
Permanent disability	3 197	755
Ill health	2 763	1,273
Single parent	8 205	1,765
Low-earnings	14 353	2,250
Unemployment	5 176	1,651
Others	219	1,537
Overall	36 481	1,804

Case nature	2009-10	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 725	1,625
Permanent disability	3 209	741
Ill health	2 770	1,266
Single parent	8 411	1,777
Low-earnings	14 511	2,240
Unemployment	6 039	1,621
Others	241	1,510
Overall	37 906	1,792

Case nature	2010-11	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 844	1,593
Permanent disability	3 256	753
Ill health	2 758	1,255
Single parent	8 201	1,779
Low-earnings	13 528	2,238
Unemployment	5 858	1,608
Others	218	1,541
Overall	36 663	1,775

Case nature	2011-12	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 764	1,566
Permanent disability	3 232	761
Ill health	2 695	1,257
Single parent	7 668	1,861
Low-earnings	10 888	2,317
Unemployment	5 160	1,597
Others	253	1,510
Overall	32 660	1,785

Case nature	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	
	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefitting from DE arrangement (\$)
Old age	2 734	1,534
Permanent disability	3 217	759
Ill health	2 621	1,235
Single parent	6 755	1,864
Low-earnings	9 331	2,321
Unemployment	4 807	1,598
Others	245	1,547
Overall	29 710	1,756

The median employment earnings of CSSA recipients by case nature from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Case nature	2008-09
	Median monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients (\$)
Old age	2,706
Permanent disability	455
Ill health	1,430
Single parent	2,801
Low-earnings	5,000
Unemployment	2,431
Others	2,195
Overall	3,300

Case nature	2009-10
	Median monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients (\$)
Old age	2,600
Permanent disability	412
Ill health	1,495
Single parent	2,817
Low-earnings	5,000
Unemployment	2,321
Others	2,172
Overall	3,246

Case nature	2010-11
	Median monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients (\$)
Old age	2,540
Permanent disability	440
Ill health	1,454
Single parent	2,881
Low-earnings	5,000
Unemployment	2,275
Others	2,320
Overall	3,200

Case nature	2011-12
	Median monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients (\$)
Old age	2,500
Permanent disability	455
Ill health	1,413
Single parent	3,360
Low-earnings	5,400
Unemployment	2,200
Others	2,178
Overall	3,500

Case nature	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
	Median monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients (\$)
Old age	2,400
Permanent disability	450
Ill health	1,260
Single parent	3,360
Low-earnings	5,345
Unemployment	2,200
Others	2,198
Overall	3,400

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

LWB(WW)411

Question Serial No.

5176

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In considering the integration of various employment assistance programmes under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of (a) the details of the work; and (b) the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has commissioned 26 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as operating agencies to implement 41 projects under the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) since January 2013. The IEAPS projects provide able-bodied CSSA recipients with a range of one-stop integrated employment assistance services on family basis, including individual/group interviews, personalised action plan to seek employment, information on labour market, job matching, employment-related training, arrangement of work experiences, post employment support and temporary financial aid etc. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$107.8 million and the operating NGOs have the flexibility in deploying the funding allocated to them to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)412

Question Serial No.

5177

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) –

- (a) the number of employable adult recipients who had been on CSSA for less than one year, one to two years, three to five years and over six years in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) (year-end figures), with breakdown by age group (15-59, 60 or above);
- (b) the number of CSSA recipients in the age group of 15-59 who had no need to join the Support for Self-reliance Scheme (SFS) in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) (year-end figures), and the reasons for exemption from joining the SFS; and
- (c) the number of employable adult recipients who had been on CSSA for less than one year, one to two years, three to five years and over six years in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) (year-end figures), with breakdown by age group (15-24, 25-39, 40-49, 50-59) and educational attainment.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply : Under the CSSA Scheme, employable adults refer to CSSA recipients who are aged 15 - 59 and considered available for work. Those aged 14 or below and 60 or above are not included. The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of employable adults with the breakdown by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA and by age group from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Table 1: The number of employable adults by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay ^[Note 1]	Year				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
One and less than one year	7 732	8 191	5 799	4 353	3 915
More than one to three years	8 453	9 115	9 859	7 783	6 065
More that three to five years	8 424	7 252	6 058	5 792	6 068
More than five years	29 210	31 037	30 154	26 668	24 296

- (b) All employable CSSA recipients aged 15-59 are required to join the SFS Scheme.
- (c) The breakdowns of employable adults by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA, age group and educational attainment from 2008-09 to 2012-13 respectively are provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of employable adults with one and less than one year of stay on CSSA ^[Note 1]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2008-2009	No schooling/kindergarten	6	80	119	212	417
	Primary	58	652	1 113	1 441	3 264
	Lower secondary	203	975	743	465	2 386
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	217	593	482	271	1 563
	Post secondary	14	34	30	24	102
	Total	498	2 334	2 487	2 413	7 732
2009-2010	No schooling/kindergarten	3	59	115	190	367
	Primary	46	627	1 055	1 597	3 325
	Lower secondary	217	991	780	540	2 528
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	269	692	511	344	1 816
	Post secondary	26	47	44	38	155
	Total	561	2 416	2 505	2 709	8 191
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	4	39	65	116	224
	Primary	38	466	728	1 146	2 378
	Lower secondary	163	693	511	436	1 803
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	168	493	362	250	1 273
	Post secondary	21	35	36	29	121
	Total	394	1 726	1 702	1 977	5 799
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	2	37	49	110	198
	Primary	27	305	523	783	1 638
	Lower secondary	116	538	433	341	1 428
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	104	383	320	199	1 006
	Post secondary	28	18	19	18	83
	Total	277	1 281	1 344	1 451	4 353
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	1	33	50	92	176
	Primary	32	258	405	737	1 432
	Lower secondary	96	471	400	315	1 282
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	89	346	279	219	933
	Post secondary	29	22	22	19	92
	Total	247	1 130	1 156	1 382	3 915

Table 2: The number of employable adults with more than one to three years of stay on CSSA ^[Note 1]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2008-2009	No schooling/kindergarten	9	89	196	323	617
	Primary	51	765	1 373	1 826	4 015
	Lower secondary	206	831	809	510	2 356
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	257	465	408	253	1 383
	Post secondary	12	15	33	22	82
	Total	535	2 165	2 819	2 934	8 453
2009-2010	No schooling/kindergarten	5	88	174	294	561
	Primary	61	723	1 343	1 881	4 008
	Lower secondary	196	954	948	618	2 716
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	299	573	536	329	1 737
	Post secondary	11	21	36	25	93
	Total	572	2 359	3 037	3 147	9 115
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	4	77	168	276	525
	Primary	56	702	1 336	2 025	4 119
	Lower secondary	210	1 044	1 010	755	3 019
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	336	648	632	440	2 056
	Post secondary	16	41	38	45	140
	Total	622	2 512	3 184	3 541	9 859
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	4	52	115	197	368
	Primary	33	550	1 026	1 627	3 236
	Lower secondary	150	779	811	628	2 368
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	206	556	523	408	1 693
	Post secondary	14	31	35	38	118
	Total	407	1 968	2 510	2 898	7 783
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	5	38	75	150	268
	Primary	36	416	805	1 264	2 521
	Lower secondary	117	556	622	523	1 818
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	153	439	441	334	1 367
	Post secondary	7	28	23	33	91
	Total	318	1 477	1 966	2 304	6 065

Table 3: The number of employable adults with more than three to five years of stay on CSSA ^[Note 1]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2008-2009	No schooling/kindergarten	1	84	218	371	674
	Primary	60	578	1 567	2 050	4 255
	Lower secondary	299	623	745	520	2 187
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	320	312	371	243	1 246
	Post secondary	9	21	13	19	62
	Total	689	1 618	2 914	3 203	8 424
2009-2010	No schooling/kindergarten	4	60	178	258	500
	Primary	60	501	1 213	1 681	3 455
	Lower secondary	250	582	717	460	2 009
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	288	328	383	213	1 212
	Post secondary	17	15	25	19	76
	Total	619	1 486	2 516	2 631	7 252
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	4	54	150	200	408
	Primary	33	400	981	1 329	2 743
	Lower secondary	201	465	687	423	1 776
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	251	272	346	202	1 071
	Post secondary	9	12	24	15	60
	Total	498	1 203	2 188	2 169	6 058
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	10	39	111	185	345
	Primary	40	330	898	1 238	2 506
	Lower secondary	152	526	649	485	1 812
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	160	286	383	245	1 074
	Post secondary	8	12	19	16	55
	Total	370	1 193	2 060	2 169	5 792
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	5	39	92	180	316
	Primary	41	330	835	1 275	2 481
	Lower secondary	146	577	703	559	1 985
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	183	320	416	294	1 213
	Post secondary	8	17	23	25	73
	Total	383	1 283	2 069	2 333	6 068

Table 4: The number of employable adults with more than five years of stay on CSSA ^[Note 1]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2008-2009	No schooling/kindergarten	19	164	1 334	1 965	3 482
	Primary	1 205	906	5 409	7 132	14 652
	Lower secondary	1 464	1 163	2 250	1 599	6 476
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	1 916	759	1 057	672	4 404
	Post secondary	68	32	43	53	196
	Total	4 672	3 024	10 093	11 421	29 210
2009-2010	No schooling/kindergarten	15	159	1 238	1 934	3 346
	Primary	1 337	941	5 597	7 526	15 401
	Lower secondary	1 508	1 179	2 419	1 863	6 969
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	2 258	829	1 157	801	5 045
	Post secondary	113	58	41	64	276
	Total	5 231	3 166	10 452	12 188	31 037
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	34	133	1 101	1 693	2 961
	Primary	1 245	914	5 332	7 277	14 768
	Lower secondary	1 418	1 253	2 440	1 924	7 035
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	2 114	855	1 252	865	5 086
	Post secondary	137	61	43	63	304
	Total	4 948	3 216	10 168	11 822	30 154
2011-12	No schooling/ kindergarten	26	113	924	1 450	2 513
	Primary	823	806	4 630	6 587	12 846
	Lower secondary	1 034	1 171	2 441	1 890	6 536
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	1 615	768	1 185	931	4 499
	Post secondary	103	69	53	49	274
	Total	3 601	2 927	9 233	10 907	26 668
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	36	92	733	1 227	2 088
	Primary	814	710	3 933	5 969	11 426
	Lower secondary	925	1 082	2 319	1 858	6 184
	Upper secondary ^[Note 2]	1 500	748	1 097	965	4 310
	Post secondary	123	67	47	51	288
	Total	3 398	2 699	8 129	10 070	24 296

^[Note 1] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA, regardless of whether there have been any changes in their employable status.

^[Note 2] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

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

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Question Serial No.

5178

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) –

- (a) The number of CSSA recipients having employment income in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) (year-end figures), with breakdown by employment income (\$999 or below, \$1,000 to \$2,499, \$2,500 to \$4,999, \$5,000 to \$9,999, \$10,000 to \$14,999 and \$15,000 or above);
- (b) The number of CSSA cases having employment income in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) (year-end figures), with breakdown by total household employment income (\$999 or below, \$1,000 to \$2,499, \$2,500 to \$4,999, \$5,000 to \$9,999, \$10,000 to \$14,999 and \$15,000 or above) and household size (one member, two members, three members, four members or above);
- (c) The number of CSSA cases having household members who had/had not engaged in paid employment in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) (year-end figures); and
- (d) The number of CSSA cases involving recipients aged 65 or above residing in one-member households, and the number of CSSA cases involving both recipients aged over 65 residing in two-member households in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) (year-end figures).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) & (b) The breakdown of CSSA recipients having employment earnings by range of such earnings from 2008-09 to 2011-12 respectively was as follows –

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	5 803	6 074	6 181	5 980	5 708
\$1,000 – less than \$2,500	7 752	8 250	7 982	6 428	6 022
\$2,500 – less than \$5,000	11 881	12 090	11 618	10 372	9 334
\$5,000 – less than \$10,000	11 032	11 206	10 634	9 533	8 232
\$10,000 – less than \$15,000	291	407	414	487	548
\$15,000 and above	26	87	62	51	21
Total	36 785	38 114	36 891	32 851	29 865

(c) The number of CSSA cases with and without recipient(s) having employment earnings from 2008-09 to 2012-13 respectively was as follows –

Year	Number of cases with recipient(s) having employment earnings	Number of cases without any recipient having employment earnings	Total
2008-09	34 511	232 229	266 740
2009-10	35 520	235 284	270 804
2010-11	34 381	233 116	267 497
2011-12	30 946	228 713	259 659
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	28 232	225 801	254 033

- (d) The number of singleton and 2-person CSSA cases with all recipients aged 65 and above from 2008-09 to 2012-13 respectively was as follows –

Year	Number of singleton CSSA cases with recipients aged 65 and above	Number of 2-person CSSA cases with both recipients aged 65 and above
2008-09	98 958	17 168
2009-10	99 290	17 143
2010-11	98 899	16 994
2011-12	98 394	17 070
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	98 303	17 013

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Question Serial No.

5179

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the expenditure involved.

Year	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of persons receiving rent allowance	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance
2008-09			
2009-10			
2010-11			
2011-12			
2012-13			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA cases and the number of recipients receiving rent allowance, and the expenditure involved in the past five years were as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)
2008-09	245 819	450 327	2,778
2009-10	250 152	451 257	3,016
2010-11	247 667	436 004	2,831
2011-12	240 881	414 248	2,978
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	235 693	394 682	1,985

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Date: 10 April 2013

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

5180

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases that are living in public housing estates and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or greater than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) –

Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA
1-person			
2-person			
3-person			
4-person			
5-person			
6-person or above			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA, with breakdown by number of eligible members in the family, from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

2008-09			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	63 023	67	2 032
2	42 176	3	168
3	23 053	1	63
4	14 634	0	30
5	5 907	0	13
6 and above	2 300	0	3
Total	151 093	71	2 309

2009-10			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	65 755	60	2 519
2	44 080	2	206
3	23 677	0	48
4	13 862	0	27
5	5 324	2	10
6 and above	1 924	0	1
Total	154 622	64	2 811

2010-11			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	66 764	77	3 307
2	44 397	2	315
3	22 614	0	46
4	12 332	0	38
5	4 425	0	11
6 and above	1 573	0	2
Total	152 105	79	3 719

2011-12			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	68 212	17	2 732
2	43 980	0	184
3	20 840	0	36
4	10 760	0	32
5	3 754	1	6
6 and above	1 378	0	1
Total	148 924	18	2 991

2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	67 509	40	4 452
2	43 285	3	385
3	19 178	0	53
4	9 116	0	38
5	3 020	1	22
6 and above	1 159	0	5
Total	143 267	44	4 955

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)416

Question Serial No.

5181

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in private housing (i.e. non-public housing flats) receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or higher than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) –

	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent higher than MRA
1-person			
2-person			
3-person			
4-person			
5-person			
6-person or above			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA, as well as the breakdown by the numbers of eligible members in the family, for the past five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

008-09			
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	7 337	745	13 731
2	5 802	188	4 552
3	3 343	29	2 719
4	1 298	2	1 202
5	346	8	411
6 and above	201	1	152
Total	18 327	973	22 767

2009-10			
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	6 944	740	13 971
2	5 605	162	4 655
3	3 228	25	2 814
4	1 310	0	1 242
5	320	8	442
6 and above	198	0	168
Total	17 605	935	23 292

2010-11			
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	6 281	691	13 445
2	5 353	141	4 842
3	2 990	19	2 900
4	1 173	1	1 205
5	279	5	453
6 and above	172	0	190
Total	16 248	857	23 035

2011-12			
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	8 257	52	10 675
2	5 117	1	4 408
3	3 095	1	2 329
4	1 144	0	1 138
5	279	3	423
6 and above	152	0	178
Total	18 044	57	19 151

2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)			
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	6 859	201	11 281
2	4 398	12	4 925
3	2 646	4	2 515
4	909	1	1 174
5	241	1	421
6 and above	129	0	171
Total	15 182	219	20 487

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)417

Question Serial No.

5182

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information on the rent allowance –

- (a) the numbers of cases with actual rent less than, equal to or higher than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) among the cases in public housing estates receiving rent allowance in the year 2013 (as at the end of February), with breakdown by the numbers of eligible household members and amounts of rent from \$1 to \$99, \$100 to \$499, \$500 to \$999 and \$1,000 or above; and the numbers of cases in private housing receiving rent allowance by the above criteria; and
- (b) the median amount of the actual rent paid by households in private housing per month, among the cases in private housing receiving rent allowance in the past five years, i.e. from 2009 to 2013 (as at the end of February), with breakdown by the numbers of eligible household members, types of accommodation and geographical districts (District Council districts).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than, equal to or greater than the MRA as well as the breakdown by the number of eligible members in the family and the amount of actual rent exceeding the MRA as at end of December 2012 were as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family	Public housing						
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				Total
			Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	
1	67 509	40	1 200	1 914	1 144	194	4 452
2	43 285	3	54	220	80	31	385
3	19 178	0	13	17	13	10	53
4	9 116	0	7	15	7	9	38
5	3 020	1	7	6	5	4	22
6 and above	1 159	0	3	0	0	2	5
Total	143 267	44	1 284	2 172	1 249	250	4 955

Number of eligible members in the family	Private housing						
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				Total
			Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	
1	6 859	201	1 638	5 123	2 401	2 119	11 281
2	4 398	12	386	1 718	1 330	1 491	4 925
3	2 646	4	199	854	559	903	2 515
4	909	1	118	256	228	572	1 174
5	241	1	28	77	71	245	421
6 and above	129	0	6	36	38	91	171
Total	15 182	219	2 375	8 064	4 627	5 421	20 487

- (b) Median actual rent of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with breakdown by the numbers of eligible members and districts for the past five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in private housing in 2008-09 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members in the family					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,350	2,500	3,600	4,167	4,800	4,500
Eastern	1,500	2,600	3,500	4,000	4,550	5,300
Islands	1,350	2,500	3,000	2,800	3,150	3,800
Kowloon City	1,400	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,800	4,000
Kwai Tsing	1,400	2,400	3,300	3,500	3,800	3,800
Kwun Tong	1,400	2,600	3,300	3,500	3,696	4,500
North	1,300	2,500	3,200	3,500	3,500	3,900
Sai Kung	1,265	2,600	3,600	3,300	4,650	5,900
Sha Tin	777	2,030	3,550	4,100	4,000	4,025
Sham Shui Po	1,300	2,500	3,100	3,300	3,500	4,300
Southern	1,400	2,500	3,500	3,500	3,975	4,000
Tai Po	1,375	2,500	3,350	3,600	3,900	4,200
Tsuen Wan	1,300	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,364	4,350
Tuen Mun	1,300	2,500	3,499	3,600	4,100	4,500
Wan Chai	1,350	2,500	3,500	3,800	3,900	5,600
Wong Tai Sin	1,300	2,550	3,500	3,573	3,500	4,000
Yau Tsim Mong	1,300	2,500	3,200	3,548	3,650	4,200
Yuen Long	1,300	2,400	3,000	3,400	3,200	3,550
Overall	1,300	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,700	4,200

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in private housing in 2009-10 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members in the family					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,400	2,600	3,630	4,050	4,600	4,678
Eastern	1,500	2,600	3,500	4,250	4,400	5,243
Islands	1,400	2,500	3,200	3,000	3,242	4,150
Kowloon City	1,400	2,500	3,300	3,450	3,775	3,900
Kwai Tsing	1,400	2,500	3,300	3,390	3,875	4,100
Kwun Tong	1,450	2,600	3,350	3,625	3,700	4,200
North	1,400	2,500	3,200	3,500	3,575	3,000
Sai Kung	1,263	2,500	3,666	3,800	5,253	5,500
Sha Tin	772	1,935	3,600	4,200	4,200	4,015
Sham Shui Po	1,300	2,500	3,200	3,300	3,600	4,300
Southern	1,475	2,500	3,200	3,300	3,975	4,800
Tai Po	1,400	2,550	3,330	3,500	4,450	4,500
Tsuen Wan	1,400	2,500	3,300	3,700	4,350	4,050
Tuen Mun	1,300	2,500	3,500	3,600	4,100	4,200
Wan Chai	1,400	2,500	3,300	4,400	4,350	6,150
Wong Tai Sin	1,300	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,559	4,300
Yau Tsim Mong	1,300	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,867	4,600
Yuen Long	1,300	2,500	3,200	3,400	3,500	4,000
Overall	1,350	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,800	4,300

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in private housing in 2010-11 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members in the family					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,400	2,700	3,700	4,200	4,800	4,865
Eastern	1,500	2,700	3,600	4,500	4,125	4,700
Islands	1,400	2,500	3,100	3,000	3,400	3,800
Kowloon City	1,400	2,550	3,300	3,500	3,875	4,300
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,250	4,700
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,600	3,425	3,600	3,800	4,500
North	1,500	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,800	3,450
Sai Kung	767	2,500	3,600	3,670	4,500	6,243
Sha Tin	765	2,000	3,775	4,184	4,200	4,500
Sham Shui Po	1,350	2,500	3,300	3,390	3,700	4,300
Southern	1,500	2,600	3,300	4,000	3,500	5,150
Tai Po	1,500	2,566	3,500	3,500	4,500	5,000
Tsuen Wan	1,400	2,600	3,300	3,800	3,550	4,500
Tuen Mun	1,300	2,486	3,500	3,707	4,600	4,500
Wan Chai	1,350	2,600	3,250	4,100	4,500	6,600
Wong Tai Sin	1,375	2,500	3,385	3,850	4,200	4,300
Yau Tsim Mong	1,400	2,550	3,330	3,700	4,000	4,850
Yuen Long	1,300	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,800	4,200
Overall	1,400	2,500	3,300	3,600	4,000	4,500

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in private housing in 2011-12 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members in the family					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,450	2,732	3,800	4,500	4,600	5,650
Eastern	1,500	2,750	3,791	4,233	5,000	5,200
Islands	1,500	2,575	3,000	3,200	3,000	4,500
Kowloon City	1,450	2,600	3,402	3,750	4,000	4,750
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,600	3,345	3,550	4,000	4,889
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,775	4,000	4,600
North	1,500	2,600	3,300	3,550	3,800	4,300
Sai Kung	787	2,050	3,250	3,915	5,000	6,385
Sha Tin	781	1,169	3,775	4,500	4,175	5,100
Sham Shui Po	1,400	2,600	3,300	3,500	3,900	4,500
Southern	1,500	2,700	3,700	4,000	5,400	5,380
Tai Po	1,500	2,600	3,600	3,800	4,500	5,500
Tsuen Wan	1,500	2,600	3,500	3,800	4,000	4,650
Tuen Mun	1,300	2,500	3,500	3,923	4,800	4,700
Wan Chai	1,400	2,600	3,500	4,500	4,500	6,150
Wong Tai Sin	1,323	2,550	3,500	3,800	4,500	4,400
Yau Tsim Mong	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,800	3,800	5,350
Yuen Long	1,360	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,800	4,500
Overall	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,700	4,000	4,800

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in private housing (as at the end of December 2012) (\$)					
	Number of eligible members in the family					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,500	3,000	3,950	4,500	5,000	6,300
Eastern	1,500	2,800	4,000	4,500	4,141	5,550
Islands	1,500	2,600	3,350	3,250	3,500	4,200
Kowloon City	1,500	2,795	3,600	3,900	4,050	4,750
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,800	4,000	5,200
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,250	4,650
North	1,500	2,800	3,500	3,800	3,800	4,850
Sai Kung	807	1,888	3,359	4,000	4,300	5,393
Sha Tin	831	949	3,700	4,500	4,500	4,700
Sham Shui Po	1,500	2,800	3,500	3,700	3,800	4,500
Southern	1,500	2,800	3,700	4,000	4,500	5,500
Tai Po	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,700	5,300
Tsuen Wan	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,000	4,600
Tuen Mun	1,340	2,500	3,500	4,081	5,000	4,500
Wan Chai	1,450	2,700	3,600	4,100	5,000	6,500
Wong Tai Sin	1,400	2,700	3,700	3,800	4,350	5,150
Yau Tsim Mong	1,500	2,800	3,600	3,900	4,500	5,550
Yuen Long	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,800	4,000	4,800
Overall	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,900	4,148	5,000

[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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

Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

5183

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the numbers of households which are currently on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) living in all public housing estates, the number as a percentage of the total number of households in the public housing estates, and the number of households on CSSA in each public housing estate by case nature of CSSA (it must include old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment, others and their total).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: (a) The number and percentages of CSSA households in each of the public housing estates as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	571	13%
Bo Shek Mansion	64	24%
Broadview Garden	22	5%
Butterfly	1 307	25%
Chai Wan	393	25%
Chak On	503	29%
Cheung Ching	616	13%
Cheung Fat	397	31%
Cheung Hang	587	14%
Cheung Hong	1 417	17%
Cheung Kwai	60	13%
Cheung On	501	36%
Cheung Shan	162	10%
Cheung Wah	744	36%
Cheung Wang	913	22%
Ching Ho	2 006	28%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Cho Yiu Chuen	239	10%
Choi Fai	177	14%
Choi Fook	736	22%
Choi Ha	240	39%
Choi Hung	1 475	20%
Choi Ming Court	601	22%
Choi Tak	1 086	19%
Choi Wan (I)	810	14%
Choi Wan (II)	426	15%
Choi Ying	962	24%
Choi Yuen	1 306	26%
Chuk Yuen (North)	584	42%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 513	26%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	134	14%
Chun Shek	431	21%
Chung On	612	23%
Clague Garden Estate	73	14%
Easeful Court	58	11%
Fortune	763	37%
Fu Cheong	1 987	33%
Fu Heng	723	38%
Fu Shan	291	19%
Fu Shin	777	31%
Fu Tai	972	19%
Fu Tung	185	11%
Fuk Loi	553	18%
Fung Tak	681	51%
Fung Wah	137	34%
Grandeur Terrace	862	21%
Hau Tak	660	16%
Healthy Village	145	13%
Heng On	394	40%
High Prosperity Terrace	64	8%
Hin Keng	376	47%
Hin Yiu	209	26%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Hing Man	270	14%
Hing Tin	176	36%
Hing Tung	305	15%
Hing Wah (I)	471	21%
Hing Wah (II)	814	24%
Ho Man Tin	1 050	22%
Hoi Fu Court	885	32%
Hoi Lai	869	18%
Hong Tung	231	51%
Hung Hom	693	26%
Jat Min Chuen	495	14%
Ka Fuk	383	20%
Ka Wai Chuen	309	19%
Kai Tin	513	23%
Kai Yip	1 090	26%
Kam Peng	49	20%
Kin Ming	1 357	19%
Kin Sang	193	31%
King Lam	706	42%
Ko Cheung Court	273	15%
Ko Yee	281	24%
Kwai Chung	3 019	22%
Kwai Fong	1 139	18%
Kwai Hing	142	40%
Kwai Luen	309	22%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 345	22%
Kwai Shing (West)	799	15%
Kwong Fuk	1 043	17%
Kwong Tin	331	15%
Kwong Yuen	617	43%
Kwun Lung Lau	187	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	735	15%
Lai King	710	17%
Lai Kok	818	29%
Lai On	263	20%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Lai Tak Tsuen	207	8%
Lai Yiu	447	16%
Lakeside Garden	30	13%
Lam Tin	689	23%
Lee On	661	18%
Lei Cheng Uk	629	47%
Lei Muk Shue	1 820	17%
Lei Tung	752	29%
Lei Yue Mun	807	26%
Lek Yuen	585	18%
Leung King	973	31%
Lok Fu	763	21%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	469	13%
Lok Wah (North)	339	12%
Lok Wah (South)	1 928	29%
Long Bin IH	147	26%
Long Ping	1 198	27%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	545	14%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	925	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	911	14%
Lung Hang	566	13%
Lung Tin	106	29%
Ma Hang	91	10%
Ma Tau Wai	416	20%
Mei Lam	756	19%
Mei Tin	1 220	22%
Mei Tung	389	27%
Ming Tak	281	19%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	235	11%
Model Housing	107	16%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	129	14%
Nam Cheong	286	37%
Nam Shan	610	23%
Nga Ning Court	61	15%
Ngan Wan	59	14%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Oi Man	835	13%
Oi Tung	1 164	30%
On Tin	132	18%
On Ting	1 076	22%
On Yam	823	16%
Pak Tin	2 205	26%
Ping Shek	622	14%
Ping Tin	1 378	25%
Po Lam	592	30%
Po Tat	1 900	26%
Po Tin	2 232	34%
Pok Hong	511	41%
Prosperous Garden	100	15%
Sai Wan	57	9%
Sam Shing	279	16%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	880	22%
Sau Mau Ping	3 055	26%
Sha Kok	1 409	23%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	84	13%
Shan King	1 471	23%
Shatin Pass	223	18%
Shek Kip Mei	2 024	25%
Shek Lei (I)	1 087	23%
Shek Lei (II)	1 879	25%
Shek Mun	369	19%
Shek Pai Wan	815	16%
Shek Wai Kok	1 035	16%
Shek Yam (East)	512	22%
Shek Yam	653	25%
Sheung Lok	155	46%
Sheung Tak	1 090	20%
Shin Ming	386	20%
Shui Pin Wai	698	30%
Shun Lee	735	17%
Shun On	683	23%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Shun Tin	1 367	20%
Siu Sai Wan	724	12%
Sun Chui	1 077	16%
Sun Tin Wai	498	15%
Tai Hang Tung	611	31%
Tai Hing	1 936	23%
Tai Ping	91	28%
Tai Wo	831	39%
Tai Wo Hau	1 391	19%
Tai Yuen	791	17%
Tak Tin	1 001	48%
Tin Chak	1 037	26%
Tin Ching	1 650	27%
Tin Heng	1 135	20%
Tin King	241	23%
Tin Ping	419	34%
Tin Shui	1 175	15%
Tin Tsz	856	26%
Tin Wah	935	26%
Tin Wan	652	21%
Tin Yan	1 653	31%
Tin Yat	634	19%
Tin Yiu	1 368	16%
Tin Yuet	1 092	26%
Tsing Yi	284	36%
Tsui Lam	355	21%
Tsui Lok	137	43%
Tsui Ping (South)	699	15%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 659	51%
Tsui Wan	212	34%
Tsz Ching	2 046	26%
Tsz Hong	396	20%
Tsz Lok	1 302	21%
Tsz Man	393	20%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	25	10%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to total number of households in that public housing estate
Tung Tau	1 079	44%
Tung Wui	419	33%
Un Chau	1 871	25%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 909	29%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 289	27%
Verbena Heights	202	21%
Wah Fu	1 174	13%
Wah Kwai	421	38%
Wah Lai	255	18%
Wah Ming	685	37%
Wah Sum	325	22%
Wan Hon	513	53%
Wan Tau Tong	305	44%
Wan Tsui	622	17%
Wang Tau Hom	833	14%
Wo Che	949	15%
Wo Lok	416	22%
Wu King	523	12%
Yan On	452	18%
Yat Tung	2 112	18%
Yau Lai	1 819	21%
Yau Oi	1 496	17%
Yau Tong	941	27%
Yiu On	387	33%
Yiu Tung	849	17%
Yue Kwong Chuen	76	8%
Yue Wan	413	19%
Yung Shing Court	442	26%

(b) The number of households on CSSA by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	262	71	55	95	41	28	19	571
Bo Shek Mansion	57	1	1	2	3	-	-	64
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	4	3	-	-	22
Butterfly	783	68	124	189	21	96	26	1 307
Chai Wan	268	16	26	45	11	22	5	393
Chak On	346	10	33	67	6	34	7	503
Cheung Ching	339	37	45	79	37	61	18	616
Cheung Fat	248	31	30	40	12	33	3	397
Cheung Hang	340	46	48	57	30	57	9	587
Cheung Hong	922	70	94	168	42	103	18	1 417
Cheung Kwai	23	4	6	8	7	12	-	60
Cheung On	311	44	49	37	12	41	7	501
Cheung Shan	101	10	11	12	16	10	2	162
Cheung Wah	438	25	78	94	36	58	15	744
Cheung Wang	363	65	101	154	73	140	17	913
Ching Ho	869	48	184	516	120	219	50	2 006
Cho Yiu Chuen	177	8	11	13	10	19	1	239
Choi Fai	96	6	20	15	16	24	-	177
Choi Fook	374	17	46	160	40	81	18	736
Choi Ha	156	12	22	18	10	21	1	240
Choi Hung	906	52	130	209	63	97	18	1 475
Choi Ming Court	270	48	82	79	48	66	8	601
Choi Tak	599	21	61	243	38	87	37	1 086
Choi Wan (I)	408	39	97	126	43	75	22	810
Choi Wan (II)	227	10	35	78	23	42	11	426
Choi Ying	496	19	75	209	36	115	12	962
Choi Yuen	834	59	113	167	22	91	20	1 306
Chuk Yuen (North)	326	36	84	55	22	47	14	584
Chuk Yuen (South)	878	64	128	270	55	103	15	1 513
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	101	4	1	8	4	12	4	134
Chun Shek	267	20	47	51	16	24	6	431
Chung On	257	65	74	82	34	71	29	612
Clague Garden Estate	61	-	2	6	2	2	-	73
Easeful Court	18	1	7	15	7	9	1	58
Fortune	543	33	68	41	23	49	6	763

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Fu Cheong	1 310	80	184	157	98	148	10	1 987
Fu Heng	413	55	100	62	23	64	6	723
Fu Shan	181	15	26	37	12	17	3	291
Fu Shin	435	33	99	117	20	57	16	777
Fu Tai	382	76	106	146	103	143	16	972
Fu Tung	79	10	25	40	12	17	2	185
Fuk Loi	366	30	50	62	12	26	7	553
Fung Tak	456	29	88	39	14	48	7	681
Fung Wah	83	13	14	12	5	7	3	137
Grandeur Terrace	151	30	86	303	109	166	17	862
Hau Tak	356	47	68	84	33	63	9	660
Healthy Village	106	5	12	8	8	5	1	145
Heng On	200	30	55	52	24	17	16	394
High Prosperity Terrace	11	1	9	22	14	6	1	64
Hin Keng	204	21	46	43	24	27	11	376
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	45	6	14	5	209
Hing Man	124	28	23	51	23	17	4	270
Hing Tin	81	6	24	29	21	9	6	176
Hing Tung	183	14	29	45	13	19	2	305
Hing Wah (I)	257	60	40	46	25	40	3	471
Hing Wah (II)	519	53	46	121	21	47	7	814
Ho Man Tin	631	56	125	97	57	67	17	1 050
Hoi Fu Court	579	27	71	79	55	66	8	885
Hoi Lai	286	38	90	200	119	128	8	869
Hong Tung	213	2	6	5	1	4	-	231
Hung Hom	482	22	48	63	21	48	9	693
Jat Min Chuen	365	18	39	28	11	28	6	495
Ka Fuk	244	28	26	32	11	38	4	383
Ka Wai Chuen	235	7	23	17	9	16	2	309
Kai Tin	320	28	57	39	25	39	5	513
Kai Yip	786	36	65	130	13	48	12	1 090
Kam Peng	27	4	6	4	2	5	1	49
Kin Ming	408	96	216	321	127	177	12	1 357
Kin Sang	96	14	25	25	8	19	6	193
King Lam	444	59	82	46	18	52	5	706
Ko Cheung Court	53	10	27	97	40	35	11	273
Ko Yee	191	11	14	32	10	19	4	281
Kwai Chung	1 227	213	324	622	217	359	57	3 019

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kwai Fong	620	97	128	104	69	105	16	1 139
Kwai Hing	88	7	12	20	7	8	-	142
Kwai Luen	137	9	24	65	14	46	14	309
Kwai Shing (East)	765	86	135	137	77	130	15	1 345
Kwai Shing (West)	459	48	73	113	34	66	6	799
Kwong Fuk	525	74	119	175	37	83	30	1 043
Kwong Tin	164	17	52	45	22	24	7	331
Kwong Yuen	315	67	75	54	13	54	39	617
Kwun Lung Lau	112	8	14	16	21	15	1	187
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	511	23	60	45	31	60	5	735
Lai King	446	32	49	88	30	56	9	710
Lai Kok	502	41	62	118	25	56	14	818
Lai On	174	19	23	20	8	17	2	263
Lai Tak Tsuen	138	17	24	8	10	10	-	207
Lai Yiu	267	31	33	42	36	33	5	447
Lakeside Garden	18	2	4	2	2	1	1	30
Lam Tin	413	16	48	118	38	46	10	689
Lee On	299	56	133	86	27	43	17	661
Lei Cheng Uk	358	37	44	80	29	72	9	629
Lei Muk Shue	858	115	185	303	148	170	41	1 820
Lei Tung	424	55	73	107	22	48	23	752
Lei Yue Mun	424	30	79	137	60	65	12	807
Lek Yuen	319	45	60	90	14	35	22	585
Leung King	540	66	108	113	21	99	26	973
Lok Fu	400	68	89	97	36	65	8	763
Lok Man Sun Chuen	320	22	37	24	20	44	2	469
Lok Wah (North)	158	24	41	51	20	38	7	339
Lok Wah (South)	1 473	50	94	173	16	107	15	1 928
Long Bin IH	37	11	20	12	1	63	3	147
Long Ping	562	60	121	226	65	132	32	1 198
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	250	18	45	116	27	79	10	545
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	512	58	99	137	36	70	13	925
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	447	60	92	157	41	99	15	911
Lung Hang	242	18	64	96	42	70	34	566
Lung Tin	60	13	9	8	1	15	-	106
Ma Hang	45	4	10	14	7	10	1	91
Ma Tau Wai	216	24	44	86	12	30	4	416
Mei Lam	413	35	81	125	23	60	19	756

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Mei Tin	404	59	153	330	98	135	41	1 220
Mei Tung	241	11	30	57	17	26	7	389
Ming Tak	169	19	20	33	16	19	5	281
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	17	11	7	13	1	235
Model Housing	52	11	7	12	14	8	3	107
Moon Lok Dai Ha	92	7	7	7	6	9	1	129
Nam Cheong	173	17	34	27	10	24	1	286
Nam Shan	339	24	60	108	21	44	14	610
Nga Ning Court	19	1	9	12	10	8	2	61
Ngan Wan	28	2	6	13	6	4	-	59
Oi Man	391	46	93	160	47	88	10	835
Oi Tung	774	91	77	121	49	45	7	1 164
On Tin	23	3	9	47	26	21	3	132
On Ting	638	71	106	132	21	83	25	1 076
On Yam	484	63	70	69	59	65	13	823
Pak Tin	1 378	58	236	242	90	169	32	2 205
Ping Shek	405	30	46	64	21	51	5	622
Ping Tin	863	66	128	148	57	99	17	1 378
Po Lam	303	52	56	106	31	39	5	592
Po Tat	1 051	70	168	234	147	206	24	1 900
Po Tin	1 157	146	360	124	12	412	21	2 232
Pok Hong	294	12	69	76	17	31	12	511
Prosperous Garden	91	-	4	2	-	2	1	100
Sai Wan	26	2	10	5	7	6	1	57
Sam Shing	146	15	19	47	12	30	10	279
Sau Mau Ping (South)	431	19	83	185	49	87	26	880
Sau Mau Ping	1 833	141	273	309	191	262	46	3 055
Sha Kok	816	68	144	181	44	82	74	1 409
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	45	4	10	5	8	9	3	84
Shan King	817	82	167	213	45	116	31	1 471
Shatin Pass	107	5	23	58	6	23	1	223
Shek Kip Mei	1 164	55	202	325	73	169	36	2 024
Shek Lei (I)	640	90	75	138	53	70	21	1 087
Shek Lei (II)	958	101	167	255	138	219	41	1 879
Shek Mun	110	9	51	107	16	53	23	369
Shek Pai Wan	458	67	83	74	67	48	18	815
Shek Wai Kok	594	45	102	156	52	62	24	1 035
Shek Yam (East)	342	40	35	29	21	41	4	512

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shek Yam	383	53	48	70	45	45	9	653
Sheung Lok	126	8	3	9	1	7	1	155
Sheung Tak	560	60	113	145	103	96	13	1 090
Shin Ming	165	22	44	85	19	41	10	386
Shui Pin Wai	484	23	54	77	12	42	6	698
Shun Lee	451	29	54	101	31	61	8	735
Shun On	447	25	50	66	29	57	9	683
Shun Tin	849	56	127	154	55	107	19	1 367
Siu Sai Wan	307	77	90	120	48	72	10	724
Sun Chui	593	56	91	158	49	108	22	1 077
Sun Tin Wai	261	33	39	88	27	37	13	498
Tai Hang Tung	424	19	62	43	19	35	9	611
Tai Hing	1 227	91	156	231	51	147	33	1 936
Tai Ping	37	5	14	16	2	16	1	91
Tai Wo	559	38	92	58	19	51	14	831
Tai Wo Hau	778	102	140	164	60	123	24	1 391
Tai Yuen	371	43	142	95	54	70	16	791
Tak Tin	698	40	104	62	31	54	12	1 001
Tin Chak	451	51	133	192	56	133	21	1 037
Tin Ching	683	62	160	414	73	201	57	1 650
Tin Heng	210	42	139	335	173	213	23	1 135
Tin King	91	18	25	54	14	29	10	241
Tin Ping	211	27	48	73	18	33	9	419
Tin Shui	544	64	134	213	67	125	28	1 175
Tin Tsz	508	53	90	96	26	67	16	856
Tin Wah	504	53	112	117	46	89	14	935
Tin Wan	400	56	72	50	34	30	10	652
Tin Yan	748	86	200	316	40	242	21	1 653
Tin Yat	131	31	64	186	95	119	8	634
Tin Yiu	622	67	184	237	67	160	31	1 368
Tin Yuet	467	42	128	176	102	166	11	1 092
Tsing Yi	176	21	25	27	6	26	3	284
Tsui Lam	152	21	48	83	26	21	4	355
Tsui Lok	113	6	5	9	1	3	-	137
Tsui Ping (South)	461	30	58	66	29	44	11	699
Tsui Ping (North)	1 032	68	179	173	56	132	19	1 659
Tsui Wan	122	31	14	24	4	16	1	212
Tsz Ching	1 288	71	186	192	132	160	17	2 046

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsz Hong	114	12	40	99	69	53	9	396
Tsz Lok	818	55	119	152	57	86	15	1 302
Tsz Man	210	16	47	46	27	39	8	393
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	6	2	2	-	3	25
Tung Tau	685	57	93	109	30	94	11	1 079
Tung Wui	331	11	21	21	7	25	3	419
Un Chau	1 257	77	165	135	76	142	19	1 871
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 376	66	154	104	52	144	13	1 909
Upper Wong Tai Sin	798	78	115	122	70	92	14	1 289
Verbena Heights	153	8	18	7	2	13	1	202
Wah Fu	599	114	104	184	86	63	24	1 174
Wah Kwai	290	31	36	26	18	19	1	421
Wah Lai	100	21	33	44	29	21	7	255
Wah Ming	385	55	65	86	22	59	13	685
Wah Sum	168	34	39	36	19	29	-	325
Wan Hon	462	4	12	19	5	8	3	513
Wan Tau Tong	192	36	26	24	10	16	1	305
Wan Tsui	311	54	55	109	32	51	10	622
Wang Tau Hom	417	65	67	119	50	95	20	833
Wo Che	375	78	167	144	61	82	42	949
Wo Lok	251	25	41	50	17	28	4	416
Wu King	192	28	59	121	34	76	13	523
Yan On	153	16	59	122	14	65	23	452
Yat Tung	570	94	235	530	306	341	36	2 112
Yau Lai	943	31	156	406	109	136	38	1 819
Yau Oi	748	85	139	227	85	176	36	1 496
Yau Tong	519	43	105	112	80	75	7	941
Yiu On	176	30	78	55	10	23	15	387
Yiu Tung	522	65	86	73	38	57	8	849
Yue Kwong Chuen	44	6	7	3	2	13	1	76
Yue Wan	208	37	32	89	13	30	4	413
Yung Shing Court	233	29	45	37	41	56	1	442
Total	88 545	8 499	15 913	22 588	8 245	14 541	2 780	161 111

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

LWB(WW)419

Question Serial No.

5184

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of CSSA households living in public housing estates, and the number as a percentage of the total number of households living in public housing estates, and the amount of CSSA payments involved;
- (b) the number of CSSA recipients living in public housing estates, and the number as a percentage of the total number of residents living in public housing estates;
- (c) the numbers of different CSSA households currently living in public housing estates with breakdown by the following case nature –
 - (i) single person cases: able-bodied adult, adult with disability/in ill-health, able-bodied child, child with disability/in ill health, and elderly;
 - (ii) family cases with able-bodied adult(s); and
 - (iii) family cases without able-bodied adult.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) There were 161 111 CSSA cases residing in public housing estates as at the end of December 2012, representing about 23% of the total households living in public housing estates. We do not keep information on the amount of CSSA payment involved.
- (b) There were 284 851 CSSA recipients residing in public housing estates as at the end of December 2012, representing about 14% of the total population in public housing estates.
- (c) The number of CSSA cases ^[Note 1] in public housing estates by selected profiles as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

(i) The number of CSSA singleton cases by type of category

Type of category	Number of CSSA singleton cases (as at the end of December 2012)
Able-bodied adults	5 587
Disabled adults ^[Note 2]	12 962
Able-bodied children	1 035
Disabled children ^[Note 2]	38
Elderly aged 60 and above	56 482

(ii) There were 43 779 CSSA family cases with at least one able-bodied adult residing in public housing estates as at the end of December 2012.

(iii) There were 34 295 CSSA family cases without able-bodied adult residing in public housing estates as at the end of December 2012.

^[Note 1] Only CSSA cases with payment as at the end of December 2012 were included.

^[Note 2] Disabled adults/children refer to those cases with recipients receiving the standard rates of 50% disabled, 100% disabled, requiring constant attendance and ill-health.

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

LWB(WW)420

Question Serial No.

5185

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in public housing estates and private housing with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) over the past five years, i.e. from 2009 to 2013 (as at the end of February).

Number of eligible members	Exceeded by \$1-\$99	Exceeded by \$100-\$499	Exceeded by \$500-\$999	Exceeded by \$1,000 or above
1-person				
2-person				
3-person				
4-person				
5-person				
6-person or above				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent greater than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) and the breakdown by number of eligible members in the family, for the past five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Number of eligible members	Public housing 2008-09				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	335	1 444	230	23	2 032
2	56	82	19	11	168
3	15	19	12	17	63
4	3	15	7	5	30
5	4	5	2	2	13
6 and above	0	1	1	1	3
Total	413	1 566	271	59	2 309

Number of eligible members	Private housing 2008-09				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	3 518	6 510	2 532	1 171	13 731
2	693	1 963	960	936	4 552
3	200	1 054	688	777	2 719
4	115	412	302	373	1 202
5	23	120	98	170	411
6 and above	29	42	29	52	152
Total	4 578	10 101	4 609	3 479	22 767

Number of eligible members	Public housing 2009-10				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	477	1 748	272	22	2 519
2	60	100	25	21	206
3	11	12	12	13	48
4	3	15	6	3	27
5	2	4	2	2	10
6 and above	0	0	0	1	1
Total	553	1 879	317	62	2 811

Number of eligible members	Private housing 2009-10				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	3 360	6 398	2 846	1 367	13 971
2	661	1 955	1 006	1 033	4 655
3	186	1 053	754	821	2 814
4	102	399	316	425	1 242
5	22	116	110	194	442
6 and above	33	34	47	54	168
Total	4 364	9 955	5 079	3 894	23 292

Number of eligible members	Public housing 2010-11				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	865	1 536	843	63	3 307
2	105	125	63	22	315
3	6	20	11	9	46
4	5	18	7	8	38
5	1	6	1	3	11
6 and above	0	2	0	0	2
Total	982	1 707	925	105	3 719

Number of eligible members	Private housing 2010-11				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	3 064	5 828	2 924	1 629	13 445
2	640	1 957	1 109	1 136	4 842
3	171	1 029	714	986	2 900
4	95	358	270	482	1 205
5	19	114	103	217	453
6 and above	28	36	51	75	190
Total	4 017	9 322	5 171	4 525	23 035

Number of eligible members	Public housing 2011-12				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	513	1 872	312	35	2 732
2	34	94	30	26	184
3	5	12	13	6	36
4	2	10	8	12	32
5	0	3	1	2	6
6 and above	0	0	0	1	1
Total	554	1 991	364	82	2 991

Number of eligible members	Private housing 2011-12				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	1 442	5 282	2 275	1 676	10 675
2	390	1 638	1 200	1 180	4 408
3	174	785	521	849	2 329
4	109	264	262	503	1 138
5	27	83	80	233	423
6 and above	9	46	49	74	178
Total	2 151	8 098	4 387	4 515	19 151

Number of eligible members	Public housing 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	1 200	1 914	1 144	194	4 452
2	54	220	80	31	385
3	13	17	13	10	53
4	7	15	7	9	38
5	7	6	5	4	22
6 and above	3	0	0	2	5
Total	1 284	2 172	1 249	250	4 955

Number of eligible members	Private housing 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)				
	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	1 638	5 123	2 401	2 119	11 281
2	386	1 718	1 330	1 491	4 925
3	199	854	559	903	2 515
4	118	256	228	572	1 174
5	28	77	71	245	421
6 and above	6	36	38	91	171
Total	2 375	8 064	4 627	5 421	20 487

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

LWB(WW)421

Question Serial No.

5186

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature, their gender, age distribution, marital status, level of education, the number of children in their families, the age distribution of their children (with breakdown on aged 0-4, aged 5-9, aged 10-11, aged 12-14 and aged 15 or above) as well as other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The breakdowns of CSSA SP recipients by selected profiles as at the end of 2010-11 and 2011-12 are provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	13	428	441	17	413	430
25-29	56	1 200	1 256	51	1 120	1 171
30-39	692	8 465	9 157	585	7 904	8 489
40-49	1 672	12 956	14 628	1 483	12 405	13 888
50-59	1 953	3 216	5 169	1 928	3 202	5 130
60 and over	841	166	1 007	845	167	1 012
Total	5 227	26 431	31 658	4 909	25 211	30 120

Table 2: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by marital status

Marital status	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	141	2 038	2 179	141	2 094	2 235
Married/Cohabited	1 549	2 199	3 748	1 338	2 143	3 481
Separated	1 088	4 863	5 951	1 014	4 438	5 452
Divorced	2 095	12 593	14 688	2 097	12 157	14 254
Widowed	354	4 738	5 092	319	4 379	4 698
Total	5 227	26 431	31 658	4 909	25 211	30 120

Table 3: The number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2010-11	2011-12
No schooling/kindergarten	2 555	2 263
Primary	13 516	12 624
Lower Secondary	9 459	9 122
Upper Secondary ^[Note 1]	5 913	5 898
Post secondary	215	213
Total	31 658	30 120

Table 4: The number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children in their families

Number of children	2010-11	2011-12
1	18 194	17 546
2	10 853	10 098
3	2 194	2 077
4	356	332
5 and above	61	67
Total	31 658	30 120

Table 5: The number of children of CSSA SP recipients by age of the children

Age of children	2010-11	2011-12
0-4	5 423	5 142
5-9	10 067	9 598
10-11	6 093	5 662
12-14	11 324	10 300
15-21	15 664	15 247
Total	48 571	45 949

Table 6: Total monthly income of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly income

Type of monthly income	2010-11 (\$'000)	2011-12 (\$'000)
Employment earnings from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	26,691	27,077
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,025	1,202
Meals provided by other parties (e.g. kindergartens)	58	65
Maintenance payment ^[Note 2]	3,279	3,370
Pension	149	134
Other income	181	200
Overall ^[Note 3]	31,382	32,048

- [Note 1] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.
- [Note 2] Excluding nominal amount of maintenance payment which is equivalent to a monthly sum of no more than \$1.
- [Note 3] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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

LWB(WW)422

Question Serial No.

5187

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) a breakdown of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments and the number of recipients, by nature of cases, in 2010-11 and 2011-12;
- (b) a breakdown of the number of cases and recipients respectively under the “single parent”, “unemployment” and “low-earnings” case nature, by the duration of stay on CSSA, in 2010-11 and 2011-12; and
- (c) a breakdown of the number of cases and recipients with employment earnings, by range of earnings, in 2010-11 and 2011-12; and comparing the figures as at the end of 2009 with those as at the end of 2010, a breakdown of the number of “low-earnings” CSSA cases transferred from other case natures (including the numbers of cases and recipients)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of CSSA cases and the expenditure by case nature in 2010-11 and 2011-12 were as follows –

Case nature	2010-11	
	Number of CSSA recipients	Expenditure ^[Note 1] (\$ million)
Old age	197 397	9,477
Permanent disability	26 405	1,168
Ill health	43 112	1,754
Single parent	84 172	2,942
Low-earnings	47 413	1,069
Unemployment	52 869	1,660
Others	11 196	423
Total	462 564	18,493

Case nature	2011-12	
	Number of CSSA recipients	Expenditure ^[Note 1] (\$ million)
Old age	195 886	10,294
Permanent disability	25 853	1,315
Ill health	41 944	1,942
Single parent	79 462	2,997
Low-earnings	39 059	982
Unemployment	46 132	1,575
Others	10 880	442
Total	439 216	19,548

- (b) (i) The numbers of CSSA single parent (SP), unemployment (UT) and low earnings (LE) cases by duration of stay ^[Note 2] on CSSA in 2010-11 and 2011-12 were as follows –

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2010-11			2011-12		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	2 672	4 003	776	2 259	2 984	489
More than 1 - 2	3 068	3 474	1 039	2 594	2 421	657
More than 2 - 3	2 846	2 687	913	2 782	2 521	765
More than 3 - 4	2 217	1 618	708	2 538	2 015	753
More than 4 - 5	2 325	1 553	846	2 006	1 289	563
More than 5	19 120	11 745	8 620	18 439	10 959	7 254
Total	32 248	25 080	12 902	30 618	22 189	10 481

- (b) (ii) The numbers of recipients in CSSA single parent (SP), unemployment (UT) and low earnings (LE) cases by duration of stay ^[Note 2] on CSSA in 2010-11 and 2011-12 were as follows –

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2010-11			2011-12		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	7 589	7 191	3 325	6 633	5 641	2 345
More than 1 - 2	8 353	6 700	4 237	7 220	4 690	2 858
More than 2 - 3	7 586	5 303	3 716	7 483	4 950	3 140
More than 3 - 4	6 094	3 278	3 042	6 682	4 047	3 096
More than 4 - 5	6 280	3 303	3 443	5 417	2 619	2 433
More than 5	47 963	27 094	29 650	45 760	24 185	25 187
Total	83 865	52 869	47 413	79 195	46 132	39 059

- (c) (i) The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings by range of such earnings in 2010-11 and 2011-12 was as follows–

Employment earnings	2010-11	2011-12
Less than \$1,000	6 181	5 980
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	5 169	4 440
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	5 290	3 400
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	5 082	5 265
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	4 059	3 695
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	3 819	2 370
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	3 299	2 838
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	2 018	2 085
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	1 047	1 451
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	451	789
\$10,000 and above	476	538
Total	36 891	32 851

- (c) (ii) Of the 14 407 low-earnings cases as at end of December 2010, 2 507 cases involving 7 993 recipients belonged to other case natures as at end of December 2009. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at end of December 2009	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case nature as at end of December 2010	Number of recipients involved
Old age	382	1 205
Permanent disability	69	243
Ill health	218	733
Single parent	414	1 034
Unemployment	1 312	4 457
Others	112	321
Overall	2 507	7 993

[Note 1] The expenditure includes one additional month of standard rate payment. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

[Note 2] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.

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

LWB(WW)423

Question Serial No.

5188

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stipulated by the Administration, children under the age of 18 cannot apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) on their own. To be eligible for CSSA, they must be living with a guardian and if the guardian is in financial hardship, then they can apply together on a household basis. In this connection, would the Administration please provide the number of cases of new applications made by children under the age of 18 by the above means, as well as the number of such cases staying on CSSA over the past five financial years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13), and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: We do not have the information on the number of new applications made by children under the age 18 who are living with their guardians; nor the expenditure involved. The number of CSSA cases from 2008-09 to 2012-13 with recipients aged less than 18 who were not living with their parents/guardians was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2008-09	7 133
2009-10	7 702
2010-11	7 822
2011-12	7 606
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	7 534

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)424

Question Serial No.

5189

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding social security, please provide the number of cases for persons aged 65 or above who received Social Security Allowance (SSA) and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13), and the details of expenditure involved in each year.

		Number of cases			Total amount involved (\$)
		Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above	
Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA)					
Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA)					
Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)					
Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)					
CSSA	Able-bodied				
	50% Disabled				
	100% Disabled				
	Requiring constant attendance (CA)				
Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of SSA (including HOAA, NOAA, HDA and NDA) and CSSA recipients aged 65 and above together with their corresponding expenditure from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

(a) The number of SSA recipients aged 65 and above and their corresponding expenditure –

Type of allowance	2008-09			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of March 2009)			Expenditure ^[Note 1] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
HOAA	-	157 924	258 530	5,543
NOAA	69 401	-	-	872
HDA	900	1 614	8 560	360
NDA	7 129	9 268	29 808	790

Type of allowance	2009-10			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of March 2010)			Expenditure ^[Note 1] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
HOAA	-	157 139	270 823	5,429
NOAA	69 980	-	-	891
HDA	967	1 589	9 202	381
NDA	7 212	8 681	29 710	755

Type of allowance	2010-11			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of March 2011)			Expenditure ^[Note 1] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
HOAA	-	154 990	282 012	5,552
NOAA	71 068	-	-	897
HDA	969	1 563	9 823	399
NDA	7 615	8 319	30 070	749

Type of allowance	2011-12			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of March 2012)			Expenditure ^[Note 1] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
HOAA	-	150 760	294 537	5,918
NOAA	76 189	-	-	976
HDA	1 075	1 481	10 632	443
NDA	8 464	7 986	31 163	798

Type of allowance	2012-13			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of December 2012)			Expenditure ^[Note 1] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
HOAA	-	148 594	305 656	6,371
NOAA	84 921	-	-	1,131
HDA	1 133	1 493	11 077	481
NDA	9 285	7 593	31 349	842

(b) The number of CSSA recipients aged 65 and above ^[Note 2] and their corresponding expenditure ^[Note 3] _

Category of recipient	2008-09			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of March 2009)			Expenditure ^[Note 5] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^[Note 4]	23 527	29 064	56 997	7,522
100% disabled	3 910	5 452	26 245	
CA	868	1 639	12 140	

Category of recipient	2009-10			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of March 2010)			Expenditure ^[Note 5] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^[Note 4]	23 012	28 299	57 466	7,740
100% disabled	4 050	5 422	27 013	
CA	870	1 634	12 729	

Category of recipient	2010-11			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of March 2011)			Expenditure ^[Note 5] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^[Note 4]	22 104	27 071	57 138	7,627
100% disabled	4 219	5 296	27 633	
CA	915	1 689	13 005	

Category of recipient	2011-12			
	Number of recipients (as at the end of March 2012)			Expenditure ^[Note 5] (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^[Note 4]	22 093	25 289	56 932	8,209
100% disabled	4 647	5 024	27 687	
CA	954	1 648	13 273	

Category of recipient	2012-13			Expenditure ^[Note 5] (\$ million)
	Number of recipients (as at the end of December 2012)			
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 and above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^[Note 4]	22 181	23 923	56 875	8,479
100% disabled	4 987	4 869	27 716	
CA	995	1 547	13 475	

^[Note 1] The expenditure included the payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective years.

^[Note 2] Including cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

^[Note 3] Expenditure breakdowns by health condition are not available.

^[Note 4] Breakdowns for able-bodied and 50% disabled elderly are not available.

^[Note 5] The expenditure included the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment.

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

LWB(WW)425

Question Serial No.

5214

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the expenditure involved in the publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) and the estimated expenditure for the financial year 2013-14. Please provide a breakdown of the distribution on different usages and the respective proportions of the estimated expenditure, the criteria and indicators of the performance of the publicity campaign, the performance of the programme over the past five years and the performance indicators for the financial year 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon.CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2002 launched a series of territory-wide publicity and district-based programmes on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” to enhance public awareness of the need to strengthen families and prevent domestic violence. Various media channels have been effectively used to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence including broadcasting of docudramas and publicity videos on TV, showing education short films on transportation systems, posting of posters at public venues and transportation systems, organising games and competitions through the Internet, and distribution of promotional leaflets and premiums, etc. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have also been organised from time to time by the District Social Welfare Offices (DSWOs) of SWD. The numbers of attendance of public education programmes organised by DSWOs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are listed below –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to December 2012)
Number of attendance	102 000	117 000	106 000	128 000	99 000

The publicity campaign has achieved positive feedbacks as reflected by the high participation in the programmes. The audience rate of the eight episodes of TV docudrama on various family issues, which were jointly produced by SWD and the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) and broadcasted in 2010, ranged from about 1 080 000 to 1 150 000 for each episode. The click rates of the on-line public education programme on prevention of suicide-filicide launched in 2011-12 and the on-line short-film cum storyboard creation competition on prevention of child sexual abuse launched in 2012-13 were more than

140 000 and 220 000 respectively. The public education programmes organised by the DSWOs of SWD from April 2008 to December 2012 attracted more than 552 000 attendance. The programmes could definitively enhance public awareness of the importance of family solidarity and prevention of domestic violence.

From 2008-09 to 2013-14, the annual budget for the publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million per year. In 2013-14, SWD will continue to make use of various channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence, including the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with RTHK with an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million. SWD has no breakdown of the expenditure on different publicity foci.

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LWB(WW)426

Question Serial No.

5215

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Please give the details of the purposes and services that the additional resources allocated to the subsidised agencies will be used for. Please also list the estimates for each service item.
 - (b) Regarding each item of the purposes and services listed in (a), by what means (e.g. invitation to tender, Lump Sum Grant (LSG)) will the Government allocate the resources to the subsidised agencies?
 - (c) Regarding each item of service listed in (a) to be provided, what is the timetable of the Administration? In which districts will the services be launched?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The respective additional funding allocation for subsidised residential care service and community care and support services for the elderly in 2013-14, the funding mode/means and estimated time of service commencement are as follows –

Service	Estimated recurrent funding (\$ million)	Funding mode	Estimated time of service commencement
Residential care services			
(1) Set up three new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to provide additional nursing home and care-and-attention (C&A) places	38.8	Service fee	2014-15 to 2015-16
(2) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide additional places with a continuum of care (COC)	5.2	LSG	2013-14
(3) Increase subvention for existing C&A places with COC and upgrade ordinary C&A places in subvented RCHEs to places with COC	164.0	LSG	2013-14

Service	Estimated recurrent funding (\$ million)	Funding mode	Estimated time of service commencement
(4) Purchase additional C&A places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	29.4	Unit subsidy	2013-14
Sub-total	237.4		
Community care and support services			
Add 100 day care places and extend the service hours of new day care centre/units for the elderly (DE/DCUs)	9.0	LSG/ Service fee	2014-15 onwards
Sub-total	9.0		
Total	246.4		

The operators of the new contract RCHEs and DCUs attached to them, if any, will be selected through invitation to tender. The new contract RCHEs/RCHEs with DCU are located at Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po and Wan Chai districts. The Enhanced Bought Place Scheme homes under the new round of the purchase exercise will be selected through invitation of applications from private RCHEs. The geographical distribution of these residential care places depends on the applications received and the demand for such places in the districts.

As for community care and support service, the operator of the new DE will be selected through invitation of proposals from non-governmental organisations running subvented community care services and/or residential care services for the elderly. The new DE/DCUs are located at Sai Kung, Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po and Shatin districts.

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Question Serial No.

5216

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The existing adjustment mechanism of the payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme has been lagging behind and is unable to reflect the movement of the Consumer Price Index for CSSA recipients. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Will the adjustment of CSSA payment rates be made by estimation as in the years before 2000? If yes, when will it be implemented? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Will the expenditure level of households in the lowest 5% expenditure group be used for adjustment of Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP)? If yes, when will it be implemented? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) Has any funding been earmarked for carrying out “Basic Needs” study? If yes, what are the specific details? What is the amount? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In an audit investigation into the administration of the CSSA and Social Security Allowance Schemes from late 1998 to early 1999, the Director of Audit noted, amongst other things, that the Administration had over-estimated the upward movement of SSAIP in the previous years and, as a result, there was a significant impact on Administration expenditure. As such, we do not consider it appropriate to resume the previous practice of adjusting the social security payment rates according to the forecast inflation. No matter how thorough and sophisticated the forecast may be, discrepancies between the forecast and the actual inflation are inevitable. Where the upward movement of SSAIP is significantly over-estimated, the Administration would need to reduce the payment rates so as to offset the over-estimated increase. The recipients may find it difficult to adapt.
- (b) & (c) In accordance with the established mechanism, the Administration adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP. In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every five years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes.

As SSAIP targets CSSA recipients, it can reflect accurately the impact of price changes on them. In fact, in households of various sizes, the average monthly CSSA payments granted to CSSA recipients are all higher than the average monthly expenditure of non-CSSA households whose spending is the lowest 25% in Hong Kong.

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Question Serial No.

5217

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) As regards the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme, please set out the government expenditure for its implementation, the number of participants and its effectiveness in each of the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13)?
 - (b) As regards the above Scheme, please provide the estimated expenditure for its implementation, the target number of participants and the target effectiveness for the financial year 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: (a) The required information on the SFS Scheme from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured employment	Actual/Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
2008-09	29 296	5 817	81.9
2009-10	31 090	7 281	89.9
2010-11	26 329	6 891	97.7
2011-12	21 568	5 422	99.1
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	14 180	3 843	70.6

- (b) In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department has implemented the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). The estimated annual expenditure and the estimated number of participants for the IEAPS are \$107.8 million and 36 280 respectively.

Under the IEAPS, the operating agencies are required to achieve the performance requirements as follows –

Category of services	Percentage of participants securing employment for one month	Percentage of participants securing employment for three months
Ordinary Employment Assistance Services	20%	15%
Strengthened Employment Assistance Services	40%	30%
New Dawn Project Services	40%	30%
Special Training and Enhancement Programme [Note]	45%	35%

^[Note] Including the percentage of participants returning to mainstream schooling.

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Question Serial No.

5218

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide, for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13), the total numbers of fraud and abuse cases on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, the total numbers of reported cases, the numbers of established cases of fraud and abuse of public money and the amount involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of CSSA fraud cases and the amount of overpayment involved in the past five years were as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
(i) Number of reported fraud cases	3 485	3 061	2 935	2 871	1 806
(ii) Number of established fraud cases	810	950	1 014	806	840
(iii) Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	49.7	58.9	48.6	51.5	45.6

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Question Serial No.

5219

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of caseworkers in the Special Investigation (SI) Section responsible for the investigation into fraud and abuse cases and their respective grades and the size of the staffing establishment for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13). Is there any plan for the Administration to further expand the size of the Section?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Currently, the manpower strength in the SI Section is about 120. They are specialised in the prevention and detection of fraud and abuse of social security benefits. In view of the complexity of fraud investigation, eight retired officers from the disciplined forces have also been appointed as fraud investigation advisors to enhance the investigation techniques of the investigation officers of the Fraud Investigation Teams under the SI Section.

The establishment position of the SI Section from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Position as at	Establishment								Total
	Chief Social Security Officer	Senior Social Security Officer	Social Security Officer I	Social Security Officer II	Senior Social Security Assistant	Social Security Assistant	Clerical Officer	Clerical Assistant	
31 March 2009	1	1	4	55	47	0	1	3	112
31 March 2010	1	1	4	55	29	20	1	3	114
31 March 2011	1	1	4	55	29	20	1	3	114
31 March 2012	1	1	4	55	29	20	1	3	114
31 March 2013	1	1	5	54	31	20	1	3	116

We will continue to keep in view the manpower requirement of the SI Section based on a risk management approach.

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Question Serial No.

5220

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the number of clinical psychologists employed by the Administration in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13). What is the number of cases handled by each of them at present in various government and subvented organisations? Based on this workload, and the Government's pledge to plan to strengthen psychological support services for vulnerable children and adolescents who present signs of psychological problems, who are affected by abusive and violence incidents, or having suicidal acts, what will be the estimated waiting time for clinical psychology service in such cases? How many cases were on the waiting list as at 1 March, 2013?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of clinical psychologists (CPs) serving family and casework settings in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) (with subvented CP posts) and their average caseloads from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were –

	SWD		NGOs	
	No. of CPs	Average caseload	No. of CPs	Average caseload
2008-09	39	47	11	33
2009-10	43	46	11	35
2010-11	44	44	11	39
2011-12	44	46	11	36
2012-13 (up to December 2012)	44	47	11	38

In SWD, CPs do not keep a waiting list since all new referrals are given a first appointment within eight weeks upon receipt of referral by the Clinical Psychology Units. For urgent referral, the first appointment will be given within a week or even within shorter duration. This applies to all cases.

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

5221

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide details about the number of family caseworkers in various ranks [i.e. Senior Social Work Officers (SSWOs), Social Work Officers (SWOs) and Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs)] within the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) over the past five years (i.e. year 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The staff establishment of the FCPSUs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 is as follows –

Rank of social workers \ Year	Year				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
SSWO	11	11	11	11	11
SWO	114	119	119	119	119
ASWO	42	49	49	49	49

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Question Serial No.

5222

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the average costs of the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by the Government and the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) respectively over the past five years (i.e. year 2008-09 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided in the following table –

	Average costs (\$ million)				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
IFSC run by SWD	11.8	12.1	12.0	12.7	13.6
IFSC run by NGO	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.9

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)434

Question Serial No.

5223

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure/estimated expenditure for the work in relation to domestic violence for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The expenditure for these services in the past five years was as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2008 – 09	1,590.6
2009 – 10	1,716.1
2010 – 11	1,743.1
2011 – 12	1,864.0
2012 – 13 (Revised Estimate)	2,060.0

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

5224

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the amount of matching grants released, the numbers of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) benefited, and the numbers of social welfare projects, partnering business corporations and disadvantaged persons benefited under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) by category of the above NGOs in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: PFD was set up in 2005 with \$200 million to promote tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support NGOs to run welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In May 2010, \$200 million was injected into PFD to further encourage cross-sectoral collaboration in helping the disadvantaged. As at the end of December 2012, PFD has launched seven rounds of applications, benefiting over 800 000 disadvantaged persons.

The number of approved PFD projects, applicant NGOs, business partners and the amount of matching grant released from 2008-09 to 2012-13 is provided as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Amount of matching grant (\$ million)	16.0	37.9	60.0	57.2	62.6
Number of applicant NGOs	41	47	72	62	91
Number of approved projects	54	80	142	123	131
Number of business partners	108	174	272	317	260

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Question Serial No.

5240

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the total number of cases that were exempted from the seven-year residence requirement in getting Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The total number of CSSA applications exempted from the seven-year residence requirement in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) was as follows –

	Number of such applications approved on a discretionary basis
2008-09	1 549
2009-10	1 918
2010-11	2 193
2011-12	2 091
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	1 349

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LWB(WW)437

Question Serial No.

5241

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) There will be additional resources and manpower for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) this year. What are the staffing establishment of IFSCs and the number of registered social workers for each centre?
 - (b) In view of the additional manpower, will the corresponding indicators of subvented services become higher?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The increase in resources and manpower in IFSC services was mainly earmarked for setting up three new IFSCs in 2012-13. The manpower provision of each IFSC, including supervisor, frontline social workers and support staff, will be arranged with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality. For IFSCs operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the NGOs concerned have the flexibility in deploying the subvention to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. As at the end of February 2013, there were on average 18.5 registered social workers in each of the existing 65 IFSCs.
- (b) The output indicators (e.g. number of cases handled and groups/ programmes conducted) and outcome indicators (e.g. percentage of service users indicating satisfaction after receiving the service) would remain the same despite the increase in resources and manpower for IFSCs.

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Question Serial No.

5242

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Has any funding allocation been earmarked for home visits for developing prevention work for child abuse in the financial year 2013-14? If yes, what are the specific details and the amount of allocation? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Has the Administration earmarked any funding allocation for the efforts targeted at child abuse prevention in 2013-14? What is the amount of allocation? What are the specific details and the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence, including child abuse, and support victims of domestic violence and families in need. In 2013-14, the total estimated funding allocation for these services is \$2,218.7 million. In handling domestic violence cases, home visits would be conducted by social workers whenever necessary. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for conducting home visits to child abuse cases.
- (b) In 2013-14, SWD has earmarked a budget of \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, including prevention of child abuse. We will continue to make use of various channels to publicise the messages to the public, including the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with the Radio Television of Hong Kong with an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million.

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Question Serial No.

5243

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Nowadays, schools are implementing life-wide learning; and through the activity approach, students are encouraged to pursue out-of-class learning. Has the Administration earmarked funding allocation for 2013-14 to support children on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in meeting additional learning needs? What are the specific details? What are the allocations involved? How will the Administration implement relevant support programmes? If no funding allocation has been earmarked for this purpose, how can the future leaders of our society be encouraged to pursue life-wide learning?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The CSSA Scheme ensures that children in need have sufficient means to meet their basic and essential needs. The monthly CSSA standard rates for able-bodied children, ranging from \$1,650 to \$2,490, are higher than those for able-bodied adults by \$165 to \$420 to take into account their developmental needs. In addition to standard rates, school children on CSSA are entitled to a wide range of special grants to meet their educational expenses. These include grants to cover school fees, fares to school and examination fees, monthly meal allowance for full-day students taking lunch away from home, and a flat-rate grant, now ranging from \$1,425 to \$4,905, for selected items of school-related expenses (i.e. books, stationery, school uniforms, miscellaneous and minor one-off expenses) in each school year.

Apart from CSSA, the Administration has developed a comprehensive network of services, many are highly subsidised, to take care of our children's developmental needs. These include education, housing, medical services and a continuum of preventive, supportive and remedial welfare services for children and families.

To support needy students to participate in life-wide learning activities organised or recognised by schools for whole person development, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has set up the Hong Kong Jockey Club Life-wide Learning Fund since 2002. The accumulated donation amounted to about \$640 million from the 2002/03 school year to the 2014/15 school year. Primary and secondary students who are eligible for CSSA, full-rate grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme or meeting the school's established "financially needy" criteria are eligible to apply. During the 2011/12 school year, over 230 000 eligible students from 944 schools received assistance through the scheme.

In addition, a recurrent funding of \$15 million per annum is allocated to 11 districts of the Social Welfare Department for implementing the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development.

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Question Serial No.

5244

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented three programmes, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS), the New Dawn (ND) Project and the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) to assist the able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to secure employment, targeting at the unemployed CSSA recipients, single-parent CSSA recipients and young CSSA recipients respectively. Please provide the number of CSSA recipients participating in the above three programmes, the rates of their securing employment and leaving CSSA net as well as the expenditure involved over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

As regards the newly introduced Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) this year, please also provide the estimated expenditure for 2013-14, the details and the performance indicators of the programme as well as the name list of the 26 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: From the commencement of the respective employment assistance programmes ^[Note 1] up to the end of December 2012, the number of participants, percentage of those who had secured employment, percentage of those who had left the CSSA net and the expenditure were ^[Note 2] as follows –

Employment assistance project	Number of participants	Percentage of participants having secured employment (%)	Percentage of participants who had left the CSSA net (%)	Expenditure (\$ million)
IEAS	121 507	21.5	7.1	259.4
My STEP	1 960	58.5 ^[Note 3]	13.9	30.1
ND Project	26 162	29.0	4.4	99.4

^[Note 1] The IEAS, My STEP and the ND Project have commenced operation since October 2008, October 2006 and April 2006 respectively.

^[Note 2] The required information is not available by financial year.

^[Note 3] This includes the number of participants who had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling.

SWD has commissioned NGOs as operating agencies to implement the IEAPS since January 2013 to provide employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with a range of one-stop integrated employment assistance services on family basis. The estimated annual expenditure

is about \$107.8 million. The operating agencies are required to provide employment assistance services to the services recipients according to the respective service capacity of the project, ranging from 500 to 1 200 services recipients, and to meet the prescribed performance requirements as follows –

Category of services	Percentage of participants securing employment for one month	Percentage of participants securing employment for three months
Ordinary Employment Assistance Services	20%	15%
Strengthened Employment Assistance Services	40%	30%
New Dawn Project Services	40%	30%
Special Training and Enhancement Programme ^[Note 4]	45%	35%

^[Note 4] Including the percentage of participants returning to mainstream schooling.

The 26 operating agencies of the projects under the IEAPS are as follows –

1. Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service
2. Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
3. Christian Action
4. Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
5. Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited
6. Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service
7. Hong Kong Outlying Islands Women's Association Limited
8. Hong Kong PHAB Association
9. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre
10. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
11. Hong Kong Single Parents Association
12. Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
13. Lok Kwan Social Service
14. New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
15. New Territories Association Retraining Centre
16. Po Leung Kuk
17. Shatin Women's Association Limited
18. St. James' Settlement
19. The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong
20. The Salvation Army
21. The Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong
22. Tuen Mun District Women's Association Limited
23. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
24. Women Service Association
25. Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
26. Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited

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Question Serial No.

5252

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department recently, the number of single mothers has nearly doubled, and there were 894 child abuse cases from January to December 2012, among which 508 cases (56.4%) involved fathers/mothers as the abusers, while the number of domestic violence cases stood at 2 734. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please provide the details of the numbers of probation cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13);
- (b) What was the nature of the above cases? What was the ratio of male to female abusers? How many children were involved?
- (c) Please provide the details of the number of reports on child custody disputes handled in the past five years. What was the nature of these cases? What was the ratio of male to female abusers? How many children were involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of cases handled by FCPSUs involving probation orders (POs) from 2008-09 (as at 31 March 2009) to 2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012) was as follows –

	2008-09 (as at 31 March 2009)	2009-10 (as at 31 March 2010)	2010-11 (as at 31 March 2011)	2011-12 (as at 31 March 2012)	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
Number of cases with POs	162	143	97	62	63

- (b) The cases reported in (a) could be related to child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering or other offences committed by the abusers, victims or other members of the families. We do not have the breakdown of the nature and gender ratio of these cases, or the number of children involved.
- (c) The number of social enquiry reports involving child custody dispute cases that were completed by social workers of FCPSUs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (up to December 2012) and the number of children involved were shown below –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (April to December 2012)
Number of social enquiry reports completed	928	912	781	1 030	962
Number of children involved	1 069	1 293	1 133	1 534	1 323

All these child custody dispute cases arose from divorce proceedings involving child custody and access arrangement. The Social Welfare Department does not have the breakdown of the gender ratio of children involved in these cases.

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Question Serial No.

5253

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: There have been a number of suicide or homicide cases involving mental patients in recent years. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) –

- (a) How many adult probationers were in need of residential service?
- (b) What type of residential home/hostel were the adult probationers admitted to and the reasons for such arrangements?
- (c) Whether the adult probationers had to wait for admission to residential home/hostel? If yes, how long did they have to wait and what arrangements had been made during their waiting period?
- (d) Whether any probationers had been found missing while awaiting admission? If yes, how many such missing cases were there? and
- (e) What were the nature of these missing cases and the proportion of male to female among them? What follow-up actions had been taken?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Probation service is a community-based rehabilitation programme. The Social Welfare Department does not provide residential service for adult probationers.

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Question Serial No.

5254

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: There have been a number of suicide or homicide cases involving mental patients in recent years. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the enrolment rates of halfway houses (HWHs)/long stay care homes (LSCHs) from 2007 to 2012?
- (b) Did patients have to wait for such services during the period 2007 to 2012? If yes, how long did they have to wait?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The enrolment rates and the average waiting time for HWHs and LSCHs for the period from 2007 to 2012 were as follows –

Year	Average enrolment rate ^[Note]	Average waiting time (in months)	
		HWH	LSCH
2007-08	99%	4.6	34.0
2008-09	98%	5.6	22.9
2009-10	98%	6.2	31.8
2010-11	95%	8.2	38.2
2011-12	97%	8.4	33.6

[Note] A short lead time is always required for a successful applicant to fill a vacant place, e.g. the lead time between confirmation of acceptance of offer of an HWH or LSCH place and formal admission to the HWH or LSCH, etc. The enrolment rate therefore may not be 100% all the time.

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Question Serial No.

5255

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department recently, the number of single mothers has nearly doubled, and there were 894 child abuse cases from January to December 2012, among which 508 cases (56.4%) involved fathers/mothers as the abusers, while the number of domestic violence cases stood at 2 734. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please provide the details of the numbers of cases applying for the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme and the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme in which cash assistance was provided to victims of violent crimes, acts of law enforcement and traffic accidents or their dependants in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13); in the same years how many cases have involved victims (including children) of domestic violence?
- (b) Since the implementation of the New Dawn (ND) Project, how many cases have been exempted from participation because victims of domestic violence were involved?
- (c) How many children of theirs are in need of care and what are the ages of the children?
- (d) Do the wide range of training programmes provided for social security staff include training on how to assess domestic violence? If yes, what are the qualifications of the trainers? Is the women perspective included?
- (e) Have service users who were once recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) been invited to share their experience? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of applications for TAVA and CLEIC including Criminal Injuries Compensation (CIC) and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (LEIC) in the past five years was as follows –

Year	Number of applications		
	TAVA	CLEIC	
		CIC	LEIC
2008-09	8 515	409	0
2009-10	8 679	393	0
2010-11	8 681	332	0
2011-12	8 718	332	0
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	6 471	224	0

Among the 1 690 applications for CLEIC from 2008-09 to 2012-13, there were 48 cases involving domestic violence. The numbers of domestic violence cases and children aged 15 or below involved in the domestic violence cases in the past five years were as follows –

Year	Number of domestic violence cases	Number of children aged 15 or below involved in the domestic violence cases
2008-09	6	1
2009-10	15	1
2010-11	10	0
2011-12	13	0
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	4	0

- (b) & (c) Since the implementation of the ND Project in April 2006 and up to the end of December 2012, there were 18 single parents / child carers exempted from joining the ND Project with reason of being victims of domestic violence. The Social Welfare Department has not compiled statistics on the number of children of these single parents / child carers.

- (d) Elements to enhance sensitivity and awareness to domestic violence have been included in the training programmes arranged for social security staff so that appropriate case referral will be made to professionals for follow-up action. The training covers, among others, women's perspective and is conducted by social workers and clinical psychologists.
- (e) CSSA recipients' needs and concerns are brought out through case sharing in the training programmes although they are not invited to share their personal experience.

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Question Serial No.

5256

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department recently, the number of single mothers has nearly doubled, and there were 894 child abuse cases from January to December 2012, among which 508 cases (56.4%) involved fathers/mothers as the abusers, while the number of domestic violence cases stood at 2 734.

- (a) Please provide the details of the places for child care service, occasional child care service (OCCS) and foster care service in respective districts in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).
- (b) Please provide the details of the utilisation rates of child care service, OCCS and foster care service in the past five years. Do users have to wait for such services? If yes, how long do they have to wait?
- (c) Regarding the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parents, such as Yuen Long, Kwun Tong and Kwai Tsing, how will the day foster care service and child care service in these districts meet the special needs of single parents, who, for example, have to go out early and return home late and require services even during holidays?
- (d) What are the ages and numbers of children of the single parents in the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parents?
- (e) How many families are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parents?
- (f) How many low-income families in the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parents? What is the ratio of male to female parents?
- (g) For the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parents, how do working parents who have children under the age of 16 arrange caring for their children?
- (h) What is the income ratio of male to female parents in the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parents?
- (i) How many people became single parents as a result of domestic violence in the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parents?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The capacity and district distribution of child care centres (CCCs) and OCCS in each of the 11 Social Welfare Department (SWD) administrative districts from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are as follows –

SWD District	Number of places									
	Aided full-day standalone CCCs [Note 1]					OCCS [Note 2]				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to December 2012)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to December 2012)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	40	40	40	40	40	55	55	55	42	42
Eastern/Wan Chai	88	96	96	96	96	39	39	39	31	31
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	144	144	144	144	144	60	60	60	47	47
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	56	56	56	49	49
Sha Tin	70	70	70	70	70	38	38	38	29	29
Sham Shui Po	62	62	62	62	62	33	33	33	25	25
Tai Po/North	48	48	48	48	48	49	49	49	35	35
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	102	102	102	102	102	71	71	71	55	55
Tuen Mun	64	64	64	64	64	42	41	41	31	31
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	63	63	63	55	55
Yuen Long	64	64	64	64	64	42	40	40	35	35
Total	682	690	690	690	690	548	545	545	434 [Note 3]	434

[Note 1] There are 23 589 places in the kindergarten (KG)-cum-CCCs which are under the purview of the Education Bureau and have been the preferred choice of most parents nowadays.

[Note 2] Including 51 value-added OCCS places, which are additional places provided by the concerned CCCs/KG-cum-CCCs without incurring additional recurrent subvention.

[Note 3] In view of the low utilisation rate of the service following the implementation of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, SWD reviewed the demand for OCCS in September 2011 and reduced the number of service places to optimise the use of resources. Resources in addition to savings resulting from the reduction of service places were provided to the service operators to conduct family support activities for parents and carers in OCCS service unit to promote the proper care of children and the message of “not leaving children alone at home”.

Foster care service is not locality-based and is delivered at the foster parent’s homes over the territory. The number of foster care places in the past five years is listed below –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of foster care places	950	970	970	1 020	1 070

(b) The average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs and OCCS in the past five years is provided in the table below –

	Average utilisation rate (%)				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at December 2012)
Aided standalone CCCs	97	98	98	99	100
OCCS	56	49	59	62	72

There is no waiting list for CCC and OCCS service. The overall provision of CCC places, including those in the standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs, can meet the service demand.

For foster care service, the utilisation rate and average waiting time for admission to foster care service are listed below –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at December 2012)
Utilisation rate (%)	91	93	91	90	90
Average waiting time for admission (days)	35	32	42	43	51

- (c) In view of the low utilisation rate of day foster care service since the implementation of the pilot NSCCP in 2008-09, SWD converted all the places into residential foster care places in 2011-2012 for better use of resources. Upon the regularisation of NSCCP with extension to 18 districts in October 2011, each district is provided with at least 26 home-based child care (HCC) places and 14 centre-based care group (CCG) places. The HCC service is provided from 7:00 a.m. till 11:00 p.m. daily, covering all weekends and public holidays. The NSCCP operators are allowed to exercise the flexibility to increase the number of HCC places to meet actual district demand including that from needy single parents. SWD has not received any report of needy children having to wait for NSCCP places.
- (d) SWD does not have the statistical information requested.
- (e) The number of CSSA single parent cases as at the end of December 2012 in the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families according to the 2011 Population Census was as follows –

District ^[Note 4]	Number of CSSA single parent cases
Islands	751
Sai Kung	1 108
Yuen Long	4 220
Kwun Tong	4 469
Kwai Tsing	2 899
Tsuen Wan	875
Sham Shui Po	2 492
Wong Tai Sin	2 445
Southern	635
North	1 914
Total	21 808

^[Note 4] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

- (f) SWD does not have the statistical information on the low-income families in the ten districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families. The ratio of single mothers and single fathers in these ten districts according to the 2011 Population Census was as follows –

Gender District	Male		Female		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	
Islands	495	24.3%	1 539	75.7%	2 034
Sai Kung	932	22.2%	3 274	77.8%	4 206
Yuen Long	1 901	19.8%	7 694	80.2%	9 595
Kwun Tong	2 011	22.3%	6 994	77.7%	9 005
Kwai Tsing	1 407	20.4%	5 478	79.6%	6 885
Tsuen Wan	606	19.6%	2 492	80.4%	3 098
Sham Shui Po	931	17.8%	4 314	82.2%	5 245
Wong Tai Sin	1 109	21.5%	4 041	78.5%	5 150
Southern	630	21.9%	2 244	78.1%	2 874
North	719	18.6%	3 152	81.4%	3 871

- (g) To meet the needs of parents who cannot take care of their young children temporarily because of work or other reasons, SWD has provided a variety of day child care services through non-governmental organisations to children of different ages, including CCC service, OCCS, extended-hour child care service, NSCCP and the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme, etc.
- (h) SWD does not have the information requested.
- (i) There are various factors leading to single-parenthood, including the death of one of the parents, divorce or separation of the parents, etc. SWD does not have information on the number of single parent families caused by domestic violence.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)446

Question Serial No.

5257

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding postnatal depression of women, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many women abused their children as a result of postnatal depression in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13)? How many of the cases involved spouse battering?
- (b) How does the Administration follow up on identified child abuse cases resulting from postnatal depression of women? If such follow-up work is undertaken, please specify the details. If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) What new services are being provided to families with new-borns for the prevention of child abuse resulting from postnatal depression of women? If such services are being provided, please specify the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

- Reply:
- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the child abuse cases involving abusers suffering from postnatal depression or number of such cases involving spouse/cohabitant battering.
 - (b) The Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD are the specialised units to provide a coordinated package of one-stop service for victims of domestic violence, including child abuse cases. For suspected child abuse cases involving abusers suffering from postnatal depression, social workers will provide immediate intervention to protect the safety and well-being of the child and arrange psychiatric and/or psychological services for the abusers. The social workers will, in accordance with the “Procedural Guide for Handling Child Abuse Cases (Revised 2007)”, conduct social investigation and risk assessment on the suspected child abuse cases, and formulate welfare plan for the children concerned through Multi-disciplinary Case Conference on Suspected Child Abuse.
 - (c) The Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS) is a targeted intervention programme, using the Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) of Department of Health and service units of other organisations (the Hospital Authority (HA)), Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and pre-primary institutions etc.) as platforms to identify at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression, families with psychosocial needs, as well as pre-primary children with health, developmental and behavioural problems at an early stage. Children and families in need are referred to appropriate health, education and welfare services for further management. CCDS has been

implemented by phase since 2005 and extended to 30 MCHCs in all 18 districts in March 2013.

Under the CCDS, systematic screening and assessment are conducted to identify mothers with probable postnatal depression. These mothers would be referred to the visiting HA psychiatric team and/or pediatricians or IFSCs according to their needs.

Anticipatory guidance on positive parenting is provided to parents-to-be and parents attending MCHCs. For parents requiring more intensive parenting support, the Positive Parenting Programme in MCHC would be offered. Parenting programme aims to empower parents with necessary skills to foster healthy child development and avoid the use of punitive methods. In case domestic violence or child abuse is suspected, staff of MCHCs would follow the “Procedural Guide for Handling Child Abuse Cases”, “Procedural Guide for Handling Intimate Partner Violence Cases” and the “Procedural Guide for Handling Adult Sexual Violence Cases” in managing the cases.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)447

Question Serial No.

5264

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the respective number of opting not to switch to OALA or having income and/or assets exceeding the prescribed limits among the OALA Reply Slips received by the Administration so far; and
- (b) whether the practice of having OALA payment of \$2,575.2 million for December 2012 to March 2013 included in the estimated expenditure for the next financial year has violated fiscal discipline. Has there been any precedent case of such retrospective arrangement before?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of reply slips received as at 28 March 2013 was as follows –

Opted not to be converted to OALA	10 025
Reported to have income and/or assets exceeding the prescribed limits	8 295
Total	18 320

- (b) The Government's established financial discipline is that, in order not to pre-empt the Legislative Council's decision, funding proposals for Finance Committee (FC)'s approval should, in general, have no retrospective effect, i.e. should not take effect before the date of FC's approval. To facilitate elderly persons' understanding and provide them with financial assistance as early as possible, the effective date of OALA was set at the first day of the month of FC's approval. In December 2012, FC approved an increase in the number of posts in the Social Welfare Department specifically in support of the implementation of OALA as set out in FCR(2012-13)54 and FCR(2012-13)54A. The financial implications of OALA in 2013-14 and beyond would be reflected in the Estimates of the relevant years. We have made it clear in the papers that OALA would take effect on the first day of the approval month, and there is no question of this payment arrangement violating the established financial discipline.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)448

Question Serial No.

5268

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the prevention of spouse battering and child abuse, does the Administration provide services targeted at families of new arrivals? If yes, please provide the specific details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launches publicity and public education programmes every year to enhance public awareness of the importance of family solidarity and prevention of domestic violence targeted at the general public irrespective of their years of residence in Hong Kong. SWD has produced a series of leaflets in Simplified Chinese and publicity videos in Putonghua to introduce the services for victims of domestic violence and publicise the message of prevention of domestic violence. On top of the services provided by the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres and Family and Child Protective Services Units, SWD also subsidises a non-governmental organisation to arrange a service team to station at Lo Wu Control Point to introduce social welfare services to new arrivals.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)449

Question Serial No.

5269

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide a breakdown in table form of the expenditure and specific addition of manpower and relevant posts for housing, financial assistance, police involvement, medical services, judicial proceedings, counselling, and legal support for victims provided for victims/abusers/children involved in domestic violence in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims/batterers/children involved in domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Service Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The annual funding allocations for family and child welfare services from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are shown below –

Year	2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
Financial provision (\$ million)	1,590.6	1,716.1	1,743.1	1,864.0	2,060.0

There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for financial assistance and counselling for victims/batterers/children involved in domestic violence.

SWD does not have information on the annual provision for housing assistance, police intervention, medical treatment, judicial proceedings and legal assistance for persons involved in domestic violence.

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

LWB(WW)450

Question Serial No.

5270

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out the expenditure or estimates, the specific increase in manpower and the posts involved in the following work over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) and the financial year 2013-14 –

- (a) assistance for victims of domestic violence in purchasing necessities for home-rebuilding;
- (b) setting up new Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs);
- (c) further enhancing the support for refuges for women;
- (d) strengthening the clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence, particularly for children who witnessed domestic violence;
- (e) provision of more flexible child care service to enhance support for families with young children and those facing personal or family problems;
- (f) continuing the “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” publicity campaign;
- (g) monitoring the implementation of the pilot batterer intervention programme (BIP); and
- (h) continuing to provide trainings in handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence for social workers and professionals.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Details of expenditure/budget, additional manpower and posts involved in the following services over the past five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 and for 2013-14 are listed below –

Items		2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Estimate)
(a) Assistance for victims of domestic violence in purchasing necessities for home-rebuilding	Expenditure/ Budget (\$ million)	No recurrent funding specifically allocated for this purpose.					
	Additional Manpower & Post	No additional manpower or post involved.					
(b) Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs)	Expenditure/ Budget (\$ million)	166.5	169.5	171.8	180.5	187.5	191.3
	Additional Manpower & Post	12 additional caseworker posts were created in 2009-10.					
(c) Refuge centres for women	Expenditure/ Budget (\$ million)	17.13	19.70	23.10	24.00	25.70	26.30
	Additional Manpower & Post	These centres are operated by non-governmental organisations. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, they have the flexibility in deploying the subvention to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.					
(d) Clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence	Expenditure/ Budget (\$ million)	Clinical Psychology Units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides services to different types of service users. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the handling of victims of domestic violence.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
(e) More flexible child care services ^[Note]	Expenditure/ Budget (\$ million)	11.3	14.0	10.5	26.4	24.5	37.1
	Additional Manpower & Post	Under the Service Agreement, the operators have the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. Upon the regularisation of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in October 2011, there is a prescribed requirement of at least one social worker for each project.					
(f) Publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating	Expenditure/ Budget (\$ million)	5	5	5	5	5	5 (plus additional one-off allocation of

Items		2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Estimate)
Violence”							\$2.9 million for docudrama)
	Additional Manpower & Post	There is no additional manpower specifically assigned for implementing relevant publicity and public education programmes which are part and parcel of the work of various service units of SWD in combating domestic violence.					
(g) Batterer intervention programmes (BIP)	Expenditure/ Budget (\$ million)	There is no breakdown of the funding and manpower specifically allocated for implementing BIP as it is a component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the FCPSUs of SWD.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
(h) Training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse/cohabita nt battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence	Expenditure/ Budget (\$ million)	1.9	2.0	1.85	1.94	2.1	2.0
	Additional Manpower & Post	No additional manpower or post involved.					

[Note] To enhance flexibility and accessibility of day child care service, SWD piloted NSCCP in 2008-09, which has been regularised and extended to all 18 districts in October 2011. The figures reported under item (e) are the expenditure/budget for NSCCP.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)451

Question Serial No.

5272

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration has launched the New Dawn Intensive Employment Assistance Projects (ND IEAPs) to help single parents and child carers on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 to enhance their self-reliance capacity through engagement in paid employment for early integration into the community. Please advise on the number of cases exempt from the participation in these projects since their implementation as well as the reasons for exemption.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 are generally required to participate in the New Dawn (ND) Project and to actively seek paid employment with working hours of not less than 32 per month. They may be temporarily exempted from participating in the ND Project if they have special reasons, such as, recent bereavement of a close family member, being victim of domestic violence, having the need to take care of vulnerable family member(s), etc. From the commencement of the ND Project in April 2006 (including ND IEAPs) up to the end of December 2012, 11 106 such single parents and child carers had been exempted.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)452

Question Serial No.

5275

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Some self-help organisations of patients and their families as well as people with disabilities are often the starting point of contact between service users and social services, but they are facing great difficulties in terms of finance and working space. Apart from the biennial Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of People with Disabilities/Chronic Illness provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), will the Administration launch other sustainable and stable financial support schemes as well as other supportive measures, such as provision of accommodation, for these small-scale organisations in order to make better use of social resources?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: SWD has since 2001 been providing funding support for self-help organisations of persons with disabilities (SHOs) through the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of People with Disabilities/Chronic Illness (the Scheme). The Scheme aims at supporting the operation and development of SHOs and fostering the spirit of self-help and mutual support among persons with disabilities and their families. The Scheme supports time-defined, project-based proposals and provides funding for SHOs on a biennial basis to take forward the project proposals. Under the Scheme, SHOs have the flexibility to tailor activities to the needs of their members so that SHOs' independence and flexibility are maintained. To further enhance the functions of SHOs in providing support for persons with disabilities and their families/carers, SWD has allocated one-off special grants to strengthen support for SHOs in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012.

Like other non-governmental organisations, SHOs seeking non-domestic premises in public housing estates for welfare lettings may submit their applications to the Housing Department (HD). SWD will be consulted on the applications from the social welfare perspective for HD's consideration. SWD has also implemented a rent/rates/government rent subsidy scheme to assist organisations operating non-subsided welfare services. Funding support will be granted to eligible organisations having regard to the merits of individual applications.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)453

Question Serial No.

5278

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question: Please provide the following information –
- (a) At present, how many persons are on the waiting lists for conducting assessments on special education needs at pre-school stage and primary school stage in Hong Kong respectively?
 - (b) What are the shortest, the longest and the median waiting time under the various service systems at present (including early education and training centres, integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres and special child care centres)? and
 - (c) Currently, are there any temporary support services to assist students with special needs who are still on the waiting lists for relevant services after assessment? Please list in detail the types, the eligibility, the number of places and the fees of the services.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Child Assessment Service (CAS) of the Department of Health (DH) receives referrals from doctors and clinical psychologists for clinical assessment of children under the age of 12 years with suspected symptoms of developmental problems. CAS provides comprehensive assessment and diagnosis, formulates rehabilitation plans, provides interim child and family support, public health education activities, as well as review evaluation. Apart from DH, the Hospital Authority, non-governmental organisations and the private sector also provide clinical services for children with developmental problems. As such, DH does not have the information on the number of children on the waiting list for assessment on special education needs in the territory. In 2012-13, CAS of DH had conducted assessment and subsequently referred around 10 100 cases to various pre-school and school placement for training, remedial and special education. Statistics on referrals by school level or the age group of children are not available.
- (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides children with disabilities from birth to the age of six years with early intervention through pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centre (EETC), special child care centre (SCCC) and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (IP), to enhance their physical, psychological and social developments, thereby improving their opportunities for participating in ordinary schools and daily life activities and helping their families meet their special needs. The respective average waiting time for these services in 2011-12 was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time in 2011-12 (in months)
EETC	15.7
SCCC	16.8
IP	12.2

The Community Care Fund (CCF) launched an assistance programme in December 2011 to provide training subsidy for children from low-income families who are on the waiting lists for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to enable them to receive necessary pre-school training as soon as possible. Administered by SWD, this CCF assistance programme provides a maximum monthly subsidy of \$2,500 for each of the eligible children so that they may receive self-financing pre-school training and parent support services up to the end of March 2014 at the latest.

- (c) At the primary school level, the Education Bureau (EDB) has put in place a territory-wide “Early Identification and Intervention of Learning Difficulties Programme” for all public sector primary schools to identify students in primary one suspected of having learning difficulties. Schools will arrange prompt learning support for those students identified to have learning difficulties, with reference to the remedial teaching packages developed by EDB. They will also provide homework and assessment accommodation, and monitor the progress of the students. For students showing severe or persistent learning difficulties despite the intervention rendered, schools will refer them to educational psychologists (EPs) or other specialists or medical doctors for assessment as appropriate. In the 2011/12 school year, about 80% of the cases referred to EPs were assessed within two months and about 90% within five months. A longer waiting time for assessment was required for the remaining cases owing to some specific circumstances, e.g. assessment deferred on the request of the parents, assessment held up pending the students’ medical treatment.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)454

Question Serial No.

5293

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the Estimates for medical social services under Programme (4), there are 435 medical social workers (MSWs) serving a total of 177 904 cases. The average caseload per worker should be far higher than 65. Please explain in details.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The number of cases served in a financial year is the total of the number of active cases under the care of individual MSWs at the end of the preceding financial year and the number of new cases and reactivated cases in the financial year. The average caseload per worker is derived from the total numbers of active cases being handled by MSWs at the end of individual months in the financial year as divided by the total numbers of MSWs providing casework service at the end of individual months during the financial year.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)455

Question Serial No.

5294

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under Programme (4), the unit costs of places of residential care homes for persons with disabilities, day activity centres, pre-school services for children with disabilities and sheltered workshops have all increased. Please explain in details the reasons for such increases and whether such increases can directly benefit persons with disabilities and facilitate the improvements in their quality of life.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: There is a general increase in the unit costs for the services of residential care homes for persons with disabilities, day activity centres, pre-school services for children with disabilities and sheltered workshops in the 2013-14 estimate. The cost per place per month comprises mainly subventions for Personal Emoluments and Other Charges. The subvention in the 2013-14 estimate is based on the same level of staff cost as in the 2012-13 revised estimate, which may be adjusted after the 2013-14 civil service pay adjustment, while costs other than the staff cost have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)456

Question Serial No.

5297

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As compared with the revised estimates for the financial year 2012-13, there will be no additional places for the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) in 2013-14. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Has the Administration assessed whether the number of service places is sufficient to improve the overall employment rate of persons with disabilities?
- (b) What were the financial resources allocated to the programme and its unit cost in the past three financial years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) To assist persons with disabilities in acquiring self-care abilities in daily living and job skills that meet the market requirements as well as securing suitable employment commensurate with their abilities, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a range of vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities who are not yet able to join the competitive open job market. These services include sheltered workshops, supported employment, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, integrated vocational training centres, OJT and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. At present, there are 12 137 places of vocational rehabilitation services including 432 places of OJT. We plan to increase the provision of vocational rehabilitation services by 40 places in 2012-13 and by 50 places in 2013-14.
- (b) The actual expenditure of OJT in 2010-11 and 2011-12 was \$7.4 million and \$7.8 million respectively, while the revised estimated expenditure for 2012-13 is \$8.2 million.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)457

Question Serial No.

5298

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the numbers of applicants for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) for the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)? How many of the applications are being processed? How many applications with assessed service needs are yet to be provided with services? Regarding the above questions, please provide the figures in table form with a breakdown of the items of services (such as meal delivery service) covered by EHCCS and IHCS.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: Frail elderly persons who had gone through the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may wait for IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS. The number of applicants waiting for IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

As at the end of the financial year	No. of applicants for IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS ^[Note]
2010-11	1 029
2011-12	333
2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)	532

^[Note] Users under frail cases include frail elderly and persons with severe physical disabilities who require a comprehensive package of services.

The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of applicants waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS (Ordinary Cases). We also do not keep statistics on the number of applicants waiting for specific service items of EHCCS and IHCS.

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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)458

Question Serial No.

5299

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will allocate \$160 million in the five-year period from 2013-14 for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to organise ten more classes of two-year full-time Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme), providing more than 1 200 training places to augment the EN supply. Would the Administration please provide the estimated manpower demands in the coming five years (i.e. 2013-14 to 2017-18) and the number of existing staff for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)? Besides, if the number of existing staff is lower than the estimated manpower demands, how will the Administration provide sufficient additional places to meet the recruitment demand of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) (please set out the numbers of the three categories of professional staff: nurses, physiotherapists (PTs) and occupational therapists (OTs))?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: As at 1 March 2013, the number of nurses, PTs and OTs employed by RCHEs licensed under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance, Cap 459, was around 1 480, 170 and 110 respectively. In planning for the additional training places, SWD has taken into consideration the existing manpower situation, future requirements arising from service expansion in the welfare sector and measures to enhance the quality and care level of subsidised residential care places.

The Administration understands the strong manpower demand of the elderly service sector and has adopted various measures to address the issue, including provision of additional resources to operators to recruit and retain the staff, collaboration with various institutions to organise training programmes, setting up of a steering committee to conduct strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development as well as the establishment of an Industry Training Advisory Committee to implement Qualifications Framework in the sector so as to establish an accessible articulation pathway for career advancement.

Regarding the provision of additional resources to operators to recruit and retain the staff, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) sought an additional provision of \$285 million for providing additional funding for three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12 to enable NGOs and private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) offering EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) to offer more competitive salaries for recruitment and retention of paramedical staff or hire of such services. Additional resources of \$356 million was sought to continue such support for a further period of three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

To alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University commenced the two-year Master programmes in Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy in January 2012, providing a total of 60 training places (about 30 for each programme). SWD has implemented a training sponsorship scheme at the same time to provide funding support of \$17.7 million for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in these respective programmes to encourage them to join the welfare sector upon graduation. Students are required to serve at the relevant NGOs for no less than two years upon graduation.

SWD has also collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise the two-year EN Training Programme since 2006. A total of 12 training classes have been organised, providing a total of about 1 500 training places. The EN Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. SWD will organise 10 more classes of the EN Training Programme providing more than 1 200 training places in five years from 2013-14.

In addition, with the support of the University Grants Committee, the student intakes of Bachelor of Science (Hons) OT and Bachelor of Science (Hons) PT programmes have been increased by 44 places (i.e. from 46 to 90 places) and 40 places (i.e. from 70 to 110 places) per cohort in the 2012-15 triennium. The first-year first-degree places in nursing have also been increased by 40.

SWD will continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of the elderly service sector and formulate appropriate measures accordingly.

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

LWB(WW)459

Question Serial No.

5301

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the total numbers of cases applying for Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS) in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in the past five financial years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13)? What were the numbers of approved cases and the total amounts of ICS and DS?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The applications and allocations for DS and ICS in RCHEs in the past five years were as follows –

	DS ^[Note 1]			ICS ^[Note 2]		
	Number of applications ^[Note 3]	Number of eligible cases ^[Note 4]	Amount of allocation (\$ million)	Number of applications	Number of eligible cases	Amount of allocation (\$ million)
2008-09	2 507	2 410	22.2	1 149	1 077	41.3
2009-10	2 728	3 813	39.4	1 167	1 115	60.8
2010-11	2 947	4 012	40.9	1 271	1 154	60.1
2011-12	3 196	4 403	65.0	1 364	1 282	75.6
2012-13	3 483	4 768	190.7	1 395	1 345	89.7

^[Note 1] SWD provides DS to subvented RCHEs. DS was extended to private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) since 2009-10 and day care centres/day care unit for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) since 2011-12.

^[Note 2] SWD provides ICS to subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in EBPS. The eligibility of the elderly for ICS is confirmed by the Community Geriatric Assessment Team of the Hospital Authority (HA).

^[Note 3] SWD invites applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessment for their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of the elderly for DS in subvented RCHEs will be confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams or Community Psychiatric Service of HA.

[Note 4] SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in private RCHEs participating in EBPS and that in DEs/DCUs based on the number of eligible cases in subvented RCHEs.

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

LWB(WW)460

Question Serial No.

5302

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration proposes to allocate additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million to increase the job attachment allowance and wage subsidy under the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and the Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. According to the Social Welfare Department Annual Report, there were 311 places for the programme from 2009 to 2011. However, the actual number of participants who successfully secured employment after joining the programme has not been made known. If the employment rate has been high, it is beyond dispute that funding should be allocated to the programme. However, if the employment rate has been relatively low, allocating resources to the programme may not lead to the desired outcomes. In this connection, please provide sufficient justification for the proposal.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: As at the end of December 2012, there were 432 places of On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and 311 places of Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities. From 2009-10 to 2011-12, a total of 757 service users under these two programmes had secured employment for six months or above. As compared with the required target level of 650 service users securing employment for six months or above in the prescribed period, the achievement rate of these two programmes was 116%. The performance and effectiveness of the programmes were considered satisfactory.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)461

Question Serial No.

5305

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to some parents, most of the district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) admit persons with different types of disabilities, such as persons with intellectual disabilities, ex-mentally ill persons, persons with physical disabilities, etc. The needs of persons with different types of disabilities may be very different and conflicts may occur due to insufficient space, which have resulted in the development of social skills being affected, and presented problems for the staff as well. Some centres may not even provide barrier-free access. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The current operation of 16 DSCs, the statistics on service users with various types of disabilities, the net floor area per service user of each centre and the availability of barrier-free facilities; and
- (b) Whether the Administration has planned to further review the classification of services for persons with disabilities. If yes, please provide the details of the plan and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) DSCs provide a range of one-stop and district-based community support services for persons with disabilities, regardless of the type of service users' disabilities. The services provided by DSCs include individual/group training programmes, care and support service, personal development programmes, social and recreational activities, carer support programmes, volunteer development programmes, programme for persons with autism, day care service for persons with severe disabilities and community education. As at the end of December 2012, 5 231 members were registered at the 16 DSCs.

The standard internal floor area of DSCs is 483 square metres. As DSCs operate on a membership system, there is no standard net floor area per service user prescribed for each centre. Suitable barrier-free facilities are provided in most DSCs and enhancement to a few DSCs not meeting the latest barrier-free design standards will be made where technically feasible with the support of the Lotteries Fund.

- (b) To facilitate the community living of persons with disabilities, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has put in place a range of community support services for them as well as carer support service for their family members/carers. SWD will regularly review the service demand and refine the service operation as appropriate.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)462

Question Serial No.

5307

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the information on the cases matched for service as shown in the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as at 31 December 2012, there was serious shortage of day care services (including day activity centres and sheltered workshops) in several districts, such as Wan Chai, Tai Po and North. As stated in Programme (4) in the Estimates of Expenditure of SWD, there will be 376 and 50 additional places in day activity centres and sheltered workshops respectively. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the distribution of these places by district? Will these places be allocated specifically to districts with serious shortage of day care services?
- (b) Will these additional places be sufficient to meet the overall demand of the applicants on the waiting lists?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding to provide 376 additional places for day activity centre (DAC) and 50 additional places for sheltered workshop in 2013-14. The provision is planned having regard to the service demand and the availability of suitable premises for setting up the rehabilitation facilities concerned. Among these places, 50 DAC places will be provided in Sham Shui Po and another 100 DAC places in Yuen Long. Since the provision of the remaining places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up the layout for the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the district

distribution of these places at this juncture. We will continue to proactively identify and secure suitable premises/sites for provision of services for persons with disabilities to meet the service demand.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)463

Question Serial No.

5311

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of cases in which applicants have to seek assistance from food banks or other trust funds because their Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications have been rejected due to their being new arrivals? Please set out the information and the timeframe in table form.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: We do not have record on the number of cases in which the applicants seek assistance from short-term food assistance service projects or trust funds because their CSSA applications have been rejected due to their being new arrivals.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)464

Question Serial No.

5314

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Please set out in table form the numbers of domestic violence by category of cases (including ethnic minority, sexual minority) and the sex ratio of each category for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13); and
 - (b) How much resources have been allocated on publicity each year since legislative amendment in 2010? In what ways and through what channels has such publicity work been done? Please provide the information, if available, in table form. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: (a) The information requested is listed in the table below –

Items	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
(i) Total number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases	7 725	5 800	4 164	4 051	3 628
(ii) Out of (i), number of male cohabitant battering victims being abused by male cohabitants	No breakdown of same sex cohabitant battering cases in this year	0	1	2	0
(iii) Out of (i), number of female cohabitant battering victims being abused by female cohabitants		4	0	2	3

There is no breakdown of spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases involving ethnic minorities and no breakdown of child abuse cases involving sexual minorities.

- (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence and child abuse to the general public irrespective of their gender identity, including broadcasting of docudramas and publicity videos on TV, showing education short films on transportation systems, posting of posters at public venues and transportation systems, organising games and competitions through the Internet, and distribution of promotional leaflets and premiums, etc. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic

violence have also been organised from time to time by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. From 2010-11 to 2013-14, the annual budget for the publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million. In 2013-14, SWD will continue to make use of various channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence, including the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with the Radio Television Hong Kong with an additional one off allocation of \$2.9 million.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)465

Question Serial No.

5315

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: (a) How many domestic violence cases, in which assistance had been sought, involved new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities in the recent five years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13)? Of these cases, how many had the needs for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and housing respectively? How many of them needed to be exempted from the seven-year residence requirement? How many cases were rejected? Please set out in table form the details of the above.

(b) How much resources have to be allocated to these cases which require assistance per year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistical information on the number of domestic violence cases which involved new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities, or required CSSA or housing assistance.

(b) SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to victims of domestic violence and families in need irrespective of their years of residence, race and sexual orientation. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres /Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, Residential Care Placements for Children, Child Care Centres, etc. The provision for all the services mentioned above is \$2,218.7 million in the 2013-14 estimate. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the cases as mentioned in (a) above.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)466

Question Serial No.

5316

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department recently, the number of single mothers has nearly doubled, and there were 894 child abuse cases from January to December 2012, among which 508 cases (56.4%) involved fathers/mothers as the abusers, while the number of domestic violence cases stood at 2 734. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –
Please set out in table form the following information –

- (a) Among the victims/batterers of domestic violence or children and young people who had witnessed domestic violence in the past five years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13), how many of them were persons with mental illness? What is the ratio of these persons to the total number of persons with mental illness?
- (b) How many of them were new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities and what are the ratios?
- (c) What is the frequency of their attending medical consultation in terms of years?

Asked by: Hon.CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a), (b) & (c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the numbers of victims, abusers and children who have witnessed domestic violence and suffered from mental illness as well as the duration of medical follow-up of these cases. SWD also does not have statistics on the number of new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities who have witnessed domestic violence and suffered from mental illness.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)467

Question Serial No.

5317

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question: Please provide the following information in table form –
- (a) What are the numbers of cases in which consultation was needed due to domestic violence in each of the five years from 2007 to present?
 - (b) What kinds of treatment did they need and for how long?
 - (c) How many cases were in need of referrals to other agencies or departments for follow-up action?
 - (d) How many cases required consultation with psychiatrists or psychologists and for how long? What are the ratios of children, young people, males and females? What are the ratios of victims and batterers?
 - (e) How much resources have to be allocated to these cases in each of the years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the number of domestic violence cases in which medical service was provided.
- (b) SWD does not have information on the types of medical service that were provided in domestic violence cases or the average time of such service spent on each case.
- (c) The Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD are the specialised units to provide a coordinated package of one-stop service for victims of domestic violence. Apart from counselling, the social workers also make referrals to other departments or organisations for arranging suitable services as appropriate. SWD does not have statistics on the number of such referrals made.
- (d) The numbers of domestic violence cases handled by the Clinical Psychological Units (CPUs) of SWD for assessment and treatment from 2007-08 to 2012-13 (up to December 2012) are as follows –

Financial Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to December 2012)
No. of cases	456	441	649	634	437	365

The follow-up time by CPUs of SWD for the cases depends on the complexity of the cases and ranges from six months to over three years. For such cases, SWD does not have statistics on the ratio of children, adolescents, male to female, as well as victims to abusers. SWD does not have information on the services provided by psychiatrist as such services are not provided by SWD.

- (e) SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence and families in need. The annual funding allocations from 2007-08 to 2013-14 for the whole Programme (1) are as follows –

Financial year	2007-08 (Actual)	2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Estimate)
Funding allocation (\$ million)	1,392.5	1,590.6	1,716.1	1,743.1	1,864.0	2,060.0	2,218.7

There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the handling of domestic violence cases in which medical service was provided.

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

LWB(WW)468

Question Serial No.

5318

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out in table form the following information –

- (a) How many victims and abusers of domestic violence have undergone assessment since 2007? How many of them require subsequent psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long is the period of treatment?
- (b) How many child/youth abuse cases are there since 2007? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them require subsequent psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long is the period of treatment?
- (c) How many cases have involved children/youths witnessing domestic violence since 2007? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them require subsequent psychological/ psychiatric treatment? How long is the period of treatment?
- (d) How many children/youths have witnessed domestic violence since 2007?
- (e) Do these abused children/youths require other services?
- (f) How much resources are allocated each year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)&(b) Risk assessment was conducted in all new domestic violence cases, i.e. child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. From April 2007 to December 2012, 18 209 new domestic violence cases, including 4 979 new child abuse cases, handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) underwent risk assessment. On-going risk assessment was conducted by the case social workers in the process of case handling. For the same period, 2 982 cases, including 2 030 child abuse cases, received assessment and treatment at the Clinical Psychology Units (CPUs) of SWD. The duration of treatment ranged from six months to three years, depending on the complexity of the cases.

- (c)&(d) SWD does not have statistics on the number of cases involving children/adolescents having witnessed domestic violence or the number of these children/adolescents having received assessment and treatment at CPUs of SWD.
- (e) Welfare services, including counselling, childcare service as well as supportive or developmental programmes, are provided to victims of child abuse cases. If necessary, the social workers will initiate statutory protection and make referral for other services, e.g. school placement.
- (f) SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Service Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. In 2013-14, the total estimated funding allocation for these services is \$2,218.7 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the services provided to victims of domestic violence cases.

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

LWB(WW)469

Question Serial No.

4025

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$164 million to increase the subvention for 7 000 residential care places with continuum of care (COC) by 10% and to upgrade 7 850 ordinary residential care places in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to places with COC. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The numbers of self-care (S/C) hostel and home for the aged (H/A) places that have been converted to care-and-attention (C&A) home places with COC over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13); and
- (b) The geographical distribution of the 7 850 ordinary residential care places in subvented RCHEs to be upgraded to places with COC.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of places being converted by phases into C&A places with COC during the past five years was as follows –

2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
4 931	5 189	5 599	5 988	6 124

- (b) As at 31 January 2013, the geographical distribution of the existing subsidised ordinary C&A places to be upgraded to places with COC was as follows –

District	Number of places
Central & Western	153
Eastern	174
Wan Chai	462
Southern	782
Islands	222
Kwun Tong	0
Wong Tai Sin	503
Sai Kung	397
Kowloon City	498
Sham Shui Po	446
Yau Tsim Mong	98
Sha Tin	554
Tai Po	649
North	248
Yuen Long	687
Tsuen Wan	300
Kwai Tsing	1 062
Tuen Mun	614
Total	7 849

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

LWB(WW)470

Question Serial No.

4026

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information –

- (a) A breakdown by the administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) the numbers and provisions of aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) under the purview of SWD, mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs), extended hours service (EHS), occasional child care service (OCCS), after school care programme (ASCP) and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) at present;
- (b) The number and provision of aided standalone CCCs under the purview of SWD, MHCCCs, EHS, OCCS, ASCP and NSCCP over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13); and
- (c) A breakdown by the administrative districts of SWD the number of CCCs operating together with kindergartens (KGs) at the same premises at present.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The provision of aided full-day standalone CCCs, MHCCCs, EHS, OCCS, ASCP and NSCCP in each of the 11 SWD administrative districts at present (as at the end of December 2012) is provided in the table below –

SWD District	Aided full-day standalone CCCs		MHCCCs		EHS		OCCS		ASCP		NSCCP	
	Number of centres	Number of places	Number of centres	Number of places	Number of units	Number of places	Number of units	Number of places	Number of centres	Number of places	Number of Projects	Minimum Number of places
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	40	5	67	11	124	22	42	17	597	3	120
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	96	0	0	13	152	18	31	12	656	2	80
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	144	1	14	11	124	24	47	11	363	2	80
Kwun Tong	0	0	4	56	10	122	22	49	9	358	1	40
Sha Tin	1	70	0	0	8	82	16	29	14	475	1	40
Sham Shui Po	1	62	3	37	8	76	12	25	6	237	1	40
Tai Po/North	1	48	1	14	11	124	19	36	13	628	2	80
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	102	4	56	12	138	26	55	18	633	2	80
Tuen Mun	1	64	1	14	6	78	18	30	14	486	1	40
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	0	0	1	14	10	140	25	55	15	547	2	80
Yuen Long	1	64	3	42	5	70	15	35	13	424	1	40
Total	12	690	23	314	105	1230	217	434 [Note 1]	142	5 404	18	720

[Note 1] Including 51 value-added OCCS places, which are additional places provided by the concerned CCCs/KG-cum-CCCs without incurring additional recurrent subvention.

(b) The provision of aided full-day standalone CCCs, MHCCCs, EHSs, OCCSs, ASCP and NSCCP in the past five years is provided in the table below –

Year	Aided full-day standalone CCCs		MHCCCs		EHS		OCCS		ASCP		NSCCP	
	Number of centres	Number of places	Number of centres	Number of places	Number of units	Number of places	Number of units	Number of places	Number of centres	Number of places	Number of Projects	Minimum Number of places
2008-09	12	682	23	314	106	1 244	219	548	136	5 577	11	440
2009-10	12	690	23	314	105	1 230	217	545	137	5 641	11	440
2010-11	12	690	22	300	105	1 230	217	545	138	5 554	11	440
2011-12	12	690	23	314	105	1 230	217	434 [Note 2]	138	5 488	18	720 [Note 3]
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	12	690 [Note 4]	23	314 [Note 5]	105	1 230	217	434	142	5 404	18	720

[Note 2] In view of the low utilisation rate of the service following the implementation of NSCCP, SWD reviewed the demand for OCCS in September 2011 and reduced the number of service places to optimise the use of resources. Savings resulting from the reduction of service places were provided to the service operators to conduct family support activities for parents and carers in OCCS service units to promote the proper care of children and the message of “not leaving children alone at home”.

[Note 3] Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP to 18 districts in October 2011, the service operator of each district was required to provide at least 40 places. The total minimum number of places was increased to 720.

[Note 4] In addition to the 690 places provided in standalone CCCs under the administration of SWD, there were about 23 600 places provided in CCCs attached to KGs under the administration of the Education Bureau as at the end of September 2012.

[Note 5] With the development of NSCCP, which adopted the same concept of mutual support at the neighbourhood level as MHCCC and covered the same target group, a low utilisation rate of the service was observed. Some MHCCCs have and will be re-engineered into other welfare services to meet district needs.

- (c) The number of CCCs attached to KGs in each of the 11 SWD administrative districts at present is provided in the table below –

SWD District	Number of CCCs attached to KGs
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	60
Eastern/Wan Chai	61
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	68
Kwun Tong	38
Sha Tin	38
Sham Shui Po	18
Tai Po/North	34
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	49
Tuen Mun	31
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	53
Yuen Long	29
Total	479

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

LWB(WW)471

Question Serial No.

4030

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The numbers of service places provided by halfway houses for discharged mental patients, long stay care homes for discharged mental patients, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped (MH) persons, hostels for severely MH persons, care-and-attention (C&A) homes for severely disabled persons, small group homes for MH persons, day activity centres, early education and training centres and special child care centres in the 2012-13 revised estimate have been reduced by 25, 75, 85, 137, 29, 16, 227, 481 and 126 respectively when compared to the original estimate. Please list the numbers of these service places of which provision has been deferred due to local consultation, delay in construction work and other reasons (please specify)?

Provision of service places deferred due to various reasons	Local consultation	Delay in the construction work	Other reasons (please specify)	Total
Halfway houses for discharged mental patients				25
Long stay care homes for discharged mental patients				75
Hostels for moderately MH persons				85
Hostels for severely MH persons				137
C&A homes for severely disabled persons				29
Small group homes for MH persons				16
Day activity centres				227
Early education and training centres				481
Special child care centres				126

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Some of the planned service places had not come into operation as scheduled generally because of the longer than expected preparation time required for the completion of planning work, such as conducting local consultation, securing the allocation of premises, seeking approval for change of land use etc., and longer lead time required for the completion of refurbishment and fitting-out works. The Administration will continue to collaborate and liaise closely with the parties concerned at different planning stages and strive to expedite the process as far as practicable with a view to meeting the pledged targets.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)472

Question Serial No.

4031

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In paragraph 114 of the 2013 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary has mentioned “allocating additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the home care service for persons with severe disabilities.” In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Whether the service units will be increased for service provision?
- (b) What is the staffing establishment? and
- (c) What are the procedures for eligible persons with severe disabilities to apply for such service?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The pilot Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities was launched in Tuen Mun, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing and Wong Tai Sin districts in 2011 and is currently operated by two non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Upon regularisation of the pilot home care service in March 2014, additional service units will be set up to deliver the service in the remaining districts. The service will then be extended to persons with severe disabilities in all districts, regardless of whether they are on the waiting list for subsidised residential care service or not.
- (b) & (c) The Social Welfare Department is drawing up the implementation details, including the eligibility criteria and application procedures, for this initiative. Through the home care service scheme, a range of multi-disciplinary services will be delivered by social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, care staff, etc. The NGOs implementing this service initiative will have the flexibility, under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)473

Question Serial No.

4032

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In paragraph 114 of the 2013 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary has mentioned: “extend the home-based care services to all districts to cover persons with severe disabilities who are living in the community, regardless of whether they are on the waiting lists for places in subsidised residential care homes”. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please set out in table form the numbers of persons with disabilities in each district

District	Number of persons with severe disabilities
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	
Eastern and Wan Chai	
Kwun Tong	
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	
Sham Shui Po	
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	
Tuen Mun	
Yuen Long	
Sha Tin	
Tai Po and North	

- (b) The anticipated number of persons with severe disabilities to be served each year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) The number of persons on the waiting lists for subvented residential care service for persons with severe disabilities as at end-December 2012 was as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at end-December 2012)
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	2 173
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons	433
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	428

Since an applicant for a subsidised residential care service for persons with disabilities may concurrently waitlist for places in different districts for the same type of subsidised residential care service, the Social Welfare Department does not keep statistics on the number of persons on the waiting list by district. Moreover, there is no comprehensive data regarding the number of persons with severe disabilities who are not on the waiting list for subsidised residential care service.

- (b) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the pilot Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities in March 2014 and to extend it to persons with severe disabilities in all districts, irrespective of whether they are on the waiting list for subsidised residential care service or not. We estimate that each year about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities over the territory will benefit from this service initiative.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)474

Question Serial No.

4033

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: At present, what are the standard internal floor areas of District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs), Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) and Social Centres for the Elderly (S/Es) respectively? At present, what are the respective numbers of DECCs, NECs and S/Es that have not attained the prescribed standard spatial provision? How did/will the Administration help the DECCs, NECs and S/Es that have not attained the prescribed standard spatial provision to address the problem of shortage of centre space in the past year (i.e. 2012-13) and in the coming year (i.e. 2013-14)? How effective was the Administration's effort in helping the DECCs, NECs and S/Es that had not attained the prescribed standard spatial provision to address the problem of shortage of centre space in the past year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Since the launch of the re-engineering exercise of elderly services in 2003, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the standard internal floor area provision of DECC and NEC by 83 square metres and 156 square metres respectively to meet the enhanced functions of the centres. At present, about 63% of DECCs, 49% of NECs and 45% of SEs have attained the prescribed standard spatial provision respectively. In 2012-13, two NECs had been provided with sub-bases. SWD will continue to help the remaining elderly centres relocate elsewhere or set up sub-bases as appropriate.

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Question Serial No.

4034

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the current standard internal floor area of day care centres for the elderly/day care units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) respectively? What is the net floor area per user by number of places and the actual number of elderly users in DEs/DCUs? What are the numbers of DEs/DCUs which have not yet attained the prescribed standard spatial provision at present? How did/will the Administration help DEs/DCUs that have not attained the prescribed standard spatial provision to address the problem of shortage of space for service provision in the past year (2012-13) and the coming year (2013-14)? How effective was the Administration's effort in helping such centres to address the problem of shortage of centre space in the past year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Recognising the needs of the frail elderly, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has enhanced the spatial standard for a 40-place DE to 267 m² since October 2010. SWD has adopted the new standard in planning new and reprovisioned centres. For the existing centres which do not meet the prescribed spatial standard, SWD will assist the service providers in the acquisition of new/additional premises to meet the enhanced spatial standard. SWD does not capture breakdown statistics on net floor area per user.

SWD has been proactively identifying suitable sites for setting up elderly service facilities, including DEs and maintaining close contact with relevant government departments with a view to reserving sites in new development and re-development projects, vacant school premises and government accommodation that is surplus to requirement, etc. as far as practicable for setting up elderly service facilities.

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Question Serial No.

4035

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the current area of floor space per user by number of places and the actual number of elderly users in care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs) and C&A places which provide a continuum of care (COC) arising from conversion of self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A)? What are the numbers of C&A homes, NHs and C&A places which provide COC arising from conversion of S/C hostels and H/A which have not yet attained the prescribed standard spatial provision at present?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: As set out in the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (Cap. 459A), the minimum area of floor space per resident in all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) shall be 6.5m². As for different types of subvented RCHEs and contract RCHEs, the floor space for each resident is around 10m² per the requirement under the Schedule of Accommodation. All RCHEs registered under Cap. 459A meet the statutory floor area requirement.

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Question Serial No.

4036

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the current net floor area per service user by number of places and the actual number of users in halfway houses for discharged mental patients, long stay care homes for discharged mental patients, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely physically handicapped persons, care-and-attention (C&A) homes for severely disabled persons and C&A homes for the aged blind? At present, what are the numbers of halfway houses for discharged mental patients, long stay care homes for discharged mental patients, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely physically handicapped persons, C&A homes for the severely disabled persons and C&A homes for the aged blind which have not yet attained the prescribed standard spatial provision?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The standard area provisions for different types of residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation are as follows –

Type of service	Service capacity (places)	Net operational floor area (m ²)
HWH	40	483
LSCH	200	2 866
HMMH	50	534
HSMH	50	661
HSPH	50	695
C&A/SD	50	788
C&A/AB	50	728

Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons

C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind

While the area provisions for individual welfare facilities may vary depending on their actual service capacity, operational needs and the configuration of the premises, all of the aforementioned subvented RCHDs comply with the statutory requirement on the area of floor space per resident under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation.

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Question Serial No.

4037

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the current net floor area per service user in day activity centres and sheltered workshops by the number of places and the actual number of service users? At present, what are the number of day activity centres and sheltered workshops which have not yet attained the prescribed standard spatial provision?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The standard area provision for day activity centres and that for sheltered workshops in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation are as follows –

Type of service	Service capacity (places)	Net operational floor area (m ²)
Day activity centre	50	319
Sheltered workshop	100	587
	120	696
	140	805
	160	910

The area provision for individual welfare facilities may vary depending on their actual service capacity, operational needs and the configuration of premises. Subject to the availability of premises and resources, the Social Welfare Department may support the provision of additional space for service units below the prescribed accommodation standard to meet the needs of service users.

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Question Serial No.

4038

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following information for each of the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13) –
The respective funding allocations for each Work Extension Programme (WEP) and Extended Care Programme (ECP);
The numbers of WEPs and ECPs in Hong Kong;
The numbers of service users in WEPs and ECPs; and
The total amount of additional funding allocated to sheltered workshops (SWs) and day activity centres (DACs) participating in WEPs and ECPs as compared with other SWs and DACs.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: WEP and ECP are enhanced services of some SWs and DACs respectively, and their funding allocations are subsumed under the allocations for the SWs and DACs concerned.

The numbers of service units for WEP and ECP from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
WEP	13	13	13
ECP	13	13	13

The numbers of places for WEP and ECP from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
WEP	195	195	195
ECP	125	130	130

The numbers of places for WEP and ECP are the same as the numbers of service users for these two programmes.

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Question Serial No.

4039

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the current area of floor space per service user for all private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and for all private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in Hong Kong respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: As set out in the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (Cap. 459A), the minimum area of floor space per resident in all RCHEs, including private RCHEs, shall be 6.5m². As for private RCHEs participating in EBPS, the minimum area of floor space per resident is 9.5 m² for EA1 homes and 8 m² for EA2 homes.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)481

Question Serial No.

4040

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the current net floor area per service user for all private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and for all private RCHDs participating in the Pilot Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs in Hong Kong respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Under section 23 of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation, the minimum area of floor space required for each resident in an RCHD is 6.5 m². For private RCHDs participating in the Pilot Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs, the net floor area per resident is 8 m².

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Question Serial No.

4041

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated under Programme (3) Services for Elders in the Controlling Officer's Report of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) that SWD strengthened the care for the infirm and demented elderly in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2012. In this connection, please provide the following information –

- (a) Has the Administration captured the statistics of the number of demented elderly in Hong Kong in the past ten years, and the projection of change in the number of such elderly in the next ten years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) What are the total amount and numbers of beneficiaries of Dementia Supplement (DS) allocated by SWD to subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)?
- (c) Will the Administration increase the funding allocation for DS in 2013-14? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) Will the Administration consider expanding the scope of DS to cover other community care services so as to provide more resources for service operators to serve demented elderly who have to stay at home? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? and
- (e) It is reflected by the service sector that some demented elderly who are not using residential care and day care services while receiving Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) cannot benefit from the targeted training for demented elderly provided by existing subsidised RCHEs and DEs/DCUs, but have to pay extra fees for such training. Will the Administration review the existing arrangement? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD does not keep the statistics on the number of elderly persons suffering from dementia in Hong Kong.

(b) The funding allocation of DS in the past five years was as follows –

	Subvented RCHEs ^[Note 1]		Private RCHEs participating in EBPS ^[Note 1]		DEs/DCUs ^[Note 2]	
	Amount of allocation (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of allocation (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries ^[Note 3]	Amount of allocation (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries ^[Note 3]
2008-09	22.2	2 410	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
2009-10	26.7	2 583	12.7	1 230	Not available	Not available
2010-11	28.2	2 764	12.7	1 248	Not available	Not available
2011-12	44.1	2 983	21.0	1 420	4	449
2012-13	128.7	3 218	62.0	1 550	12.6	555

^[Note 1] SWD provides DS to subvented RCHEs. DS was extended to private homes participating in EBPS since 2009-10.

^[Note 2] DS was extended to subsidised DEs/DCUs since 2011-12.

^[Note 3] The numbers of eligible elderly persons residing in private RCHEs participating in EBPS and attending DEs/DCUs are estimated based on the number of eligible cases in subvented RCHEs as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of Hospital Authority.

(c) The funding allocation of DS to subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating in EBPS and subsidised DEs/DCUs in 2013-14 will be as follows –

Types of service units	Allocation (\$ million)
Subvented RCHEs	137.2
Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	65.0
Subsidised DEs/DCUs	14.7
Total	216.9

The total funding allocation of DS to subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating in EBPS and subsidised DEs/DCUs in 2013-14 will be \$216.9 million which is more than that in 2012-13 (i.e. \$203.3 million).

(d) & (e) SWD is committed to enhancing the support for demented elderly persons with long-term care (LTC) needs through the provision of a wide spectrum of subsidised LTC services, including residential care services and community care and support services. In addition, SWD organises regular training for professional and care staff (including care workers and home helpers) of elderly service units to enhance their knowledge of dementia and strengthen their skills in caring for demented elderly persons. This will enable the staff concerned to manage the emotional and behavioural problems of demented elderly persons including those living in the community more effectively.

In addition, support services to carers of elderly persons are provided by 159 elderly centres. Services provided include training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resource centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes to enhance carers' capability in taking care of elderly persons, including demented elderly. 119 elderly centres have participated in the Scheme and over 10 000 carers have been trained.

Elderly CSSA recipients (including demented patients) who are not living in institutions may benefit from the Community Living Supplement to better support their stay in the community.

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Question Serial No.

4042

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information –

- (a) What are the amount of funding allocation for and number of cases received by district elderly community centres (DECCs) in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13); and
- (b) What are the amount of funding allocation for and numbers of cases received by neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The funding allocation for DECCs and that for NECs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

	(\$ million)				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
DECCs	247.7	252.6	252.8	268.9	286.5
NECs	206.6	209.6	213.3	229.2	240.8

The number of active counselling cases handled by DECCs and that by NECs at the end of financial year from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012) were as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
DECCs	9 496	10 514	11 265	11 758	12 321
NECs	6 233	6 397	6 392	6 467	6 644

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)484

Question Serial No.

4048

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the years of service of the current 7-seater vans of the 18 overnight outreaching teams for young night drifters (YNDs) in Hong Kong? Would the Administration provide additional funding to these YNDs for the replacement or maintenance of the 7-seater vans? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Each of the 18 overnight outreaching teams for YNDs has been provided with a 7-seater vehicle to facilitate service delivery since commencement of service. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility in deploying the allocation to meet the operating costs, including the costs incurred from maintenance, regular checks and repair of vehicles. If replacement of vehicles is required, NGOs may consider applying for funding from the Lotteries Fund to meet the expenses.

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

LWB(WW)485

Question Serial No.

4050

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the number of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) that have commenced service at their permanent accommodation. Are these centres in compliance with standard floor area requirements?

Please list the estimated expenditure of the 16 DSCs in year 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Ten DSCs are currently operating in their permanent accommodation, and another one is expected to commence service in its permanent accommodation in 2013-14 following the completion of fitting-out works. Among these 11 DSCs, four are slightly below the standard floor area requirement owing to the configuration of the premises. We have identified suitable premises for another four DSCs in new development projects. We will continue to work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments in identifying suitable premises for the remaining DSCs. In the meantime, the Social Welfare Department is funding the rental expenses incurred for using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation of DSCs.

The annual funding allocations for DSCs from 2010-11 to 2012-13 are as follows –

2010-11 (Actual) (\$ million)	2011-12 (Actual) (\$ million)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
100.2	109.4	117.6

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

LWB(WW)486

Question Serial No.

4068

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide, by nature of case, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who have benefited from the “Disregarded Earnings (DE)” over the past year, i.e., 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE by case nature as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Case nature	Number of recipients benefiting from the DE as at the end of December 2012
Old age	2 734
Permanent disability	3 217
Ill health	2 621
Single parent	6 755
Low-earnings	9 331
Unemployment	4 807
Others	245
Total	29 710

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Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)487

Question Serial No.

4069

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list by nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) case, the number of cases having left the CSSA net, the number of recipients involved and the reasons for leaving the CSSA net over the past year (i.e. 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of CSSA cases closed by case nature and by closure reason in 2012-13 was as follows –

Closure reason Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	47	8 520	200	183	2 057	123	11 130
Permanent disability	1	182	59	71	623	52	988
Ill health	2	338	48	229	1 148	125	1 890
Single parent	3	10	84	250	2 787	51	3 185
Low-earnings	1	0	49	123	1 881	23	2 077
Unemployment	14	88	127	1 014	2 573	220	4 036
Others	2	9	16	289	784	106	1 206
Total	70	9 147	583	2 159	11 853	700	24 512

We do not keep information on the number of recipients involved in cases closed.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)488

Question Serial No.

4077

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide information for the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13) –

- (a) (i) A breakdown by nature of case the number of new Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases (including reapplications from those having left the CSSA net before) and the number of cases which left the CSSA net in each year (please set out the number of persons leaving the CSSA net by reason);
- (ii) A breakdown by age group the number of new CSSA cases (including reapplications from those having left the CSSA net before) and the number of persons who left the CSSA net in each year (please set out the number of persons leaving the CSSA net by reason);
- (iii) A breakdown by duration of stay the number of persons who left the CSSA net in each year (please set out the number of persons leaving the CSSA net by reason);
- (b) (i) A breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-59, 60 or above) the number of able-bodied adults and disabled persons receiving CSSA for less than one year, one to three years, three to five years and five years or more;
- (ii) The number of CSSA recipients in the age group of 15-59 who had no need to join the Support for Self-reliance Scheme (SFS);
- (iii) The number of employable adult recipients who had been on CSSA for less than one year, one to not more than three years, three to not more than five years and five years or more, with a breakdown by age group (15-24, 25-39, 40-49, 50-59) and education level;
- (c) (i) A breakdown by employment earnings (below \$1,000, \$1,000-\$2,500, \$2,500-\$5,000, \$5,000-\$10,000, \$10,000-\$15,000 and over \$15,000) the numbers of CSSA recipients with employment earnings;
- (ii) The number of CSSA cases having employment earnings, with the breakdown by total household employment earnings (below \$1,000, \$1,000-\$2,500, \$2,500-\$5,000, \$5,000-\$10,000, \$10,000-\$15,000 and above \$15,000) and household size (one member, two members, three members, four members or more)(year end figures);
- (iii) The number of CSSA cases involving recipients aged 60 or above in one-member households, and the number of CSSA cases involving both recipients aged 60 or above in two-member households;
- (iv) The number of CSSA cases involving recipients aged over 60 living with the families where discretionary approval had been granted (year end figures).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a)(i) The total number of CSSA new applications by case nature was as follows ^[Note 1] –

Case nature	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	15 071	14 146	10 850
Permanent disability	1 640	1 566	1 213
Ill health	7 012	6 563	4 848
Single parent	3 954	3 314	2 708
Low-earnings	2 937	2 186	1 570
Unemployment	10 369	8 619	6 006
Others	5 851	5 432	4 335
Total	46 834	41 826	31 530

The total number of CSSA cases closed by case nature and by closure reason was as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2010-11 ^[Note 1]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	81	11 268	281	233	2 090	156	14 109
Permanent disability	4	268	86	89	687	77	1 211
Ill health	10	500	94	300	1 458	186	2 548
Single parent	9	11	97	447	3 122	73	3 759
Low-earnings	3	6	81	256	2 591	29	2 966
Unemployment	20	134	253	1 807	4 085	420	6 719
Others	1	11	24	315	891	156	1 398
Total	128	12 198	916	3 447	14 924	1 097	32 710

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2011-12 ^[Note 1]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	57	10 757	265	208	2 545	187	14 019
Permanent disability	2	232	72	77	771	84	1 238
Ill health	6	466	80	255	1 567	164	2 538
Single parent	6	11	99	340	3 253	64	3 773
Low-earnings	2	8	85	164	2 821	47	3 127
Unemployment	19	135	241	1 478	3 872	341	6 086
Others	2	13	20	325	919	163	1 442
Total	94	11 622	862	2 847	15 748	1 050	32 223

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2012-13 ^[Note 1] (up to the end of December 2012)						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	47	8 520	200	183	2 057	123	11 130
Permanent disability	1	182	59	71	623	52	988
Ill health	2	338	48	229	1 148	125	1 890
Single parent	3	10	84	250	2 787	51	3 185
Low-earnings	1	0	49	123	1 881	23	2 077
Unemployment	14	88	127	1 014	2 573	220	4 036
Others	2	9	16	289	784	106	1 206
Total	70	9 147	583	2 159	11 853	700	24 512

(ii) There is no available information on the number of recipients involved in new applications and cases closed.

(iii) The total number of CSSA cases closed by closure reason was as follows ^[Note 1] –

Year	Closure reason						Total
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	
2010-11	128	12 198	916	3 447	14 924	1 097	32 710
2011-12	94	11 622	862	2 847	15 748	1 050	32 223
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	70	9 147	583	2 159	11 853	700	24 512

There is no available information on the breakdowns by duration of stay on CSSA or by the number of recipients involved among the CSSA cases closed.

(b) (i) The number of able-bodied and disabled CSSA recipients by age was as follows –

Type of category	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Able-bodied adults (aged 15-59)	98 151	86 366	79 056
Disabled adults (aged 15-59) ^[Note 2]	54 856	54 592	54 636
Able-bodied children (aged below 15 or 15-21 receiving full time education)	118 158	108 212	96 278
Disabled children (aged below 15 or 15-21 receiving full time education) ^[Note 3]	3 752	3 816	3 787
Able-bodied/50% disabled elderly (aged 60 or above)	127 723	125 286	123 416
Disabled elderly persons (aged 60 or above) ^[Note 4]	59 748	60 765	61 433

There are no available breakdown figures by duration of stay on CSSA for the above recipients.

(ii) All employable CSSA recipients aged 15-59 are required to join the SFS Scheme.

(iii) The number of employable adult recipients by duration of stay ^[Note 5] on CSSA, age group and educational attainment was as follows –

Table 1: The number of employable adults having received CSSA for one and less than one year ^[Note 5]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	4	39	65	116	224
	Primary	38	466	728	1 146	2 378
	Lower secondary	163	693	511	436	1 803
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	168	493	362	250	1 273
	Post secondary	21	35	36	29	121
	Total	394	1 726	1 702	1 977	5 799
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	2	37	49	110	198
	Primary	27	305	523	783	1 638
	Lower secondary	116	538	433	341	1 428
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	104	383	320	199	1 006
	Post secondary	28	18	19	18	83
	Total	277	1 281	1 344	1 451	4 353
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	1	33	50	92	176
	Primary	32	258	405	737	1 432
	Lower secondary	96	471	400	315	1 282
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	89	346	279	219	933
	Post secondary	29	22	22	19	92
	Total	247	1 130	1 156	1 382	3 915

Table 2: The number of employable adults having received CSSA for more than one to two years ^[Note 5]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	2	39	88	147	276
	Primary	29	393	707	1 109	2 238
	Lower secondary	116	604	541	414	1 675
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	189	404	350	269	1 212
	Post secondary	10	30	25	32	97
	Total	346	1 470	1 711	1 971	5 498
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	1	28	53	78	160
	Primary	15	296	513	792	1 616
	Lower secondary	77	389	357	312	1 135
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	93	283	258	189	823
	Post secondary	8	13	17	16	54
	Total	194	1 009	1 198	1 387	3 788
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	2	22	36	84	144
	Primary	18	215	392	625	1 250
	Lower secondary	62	282	287	269	900
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	72	254	246	163	735
	Post secondary	3	17	8	19	47
	Total	157	790	969	1 160	3 076

Table 3: The number of employable adults having received CSSA for more than two to three years ^[Note 5]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	2	38	80	129	249
	Primary	27	309	629	916	1 881
	Lower secondary	94	440	469	341	1 344
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	147	244	282	171	844
	Post secondary	6	11	13	13	43
	Total	276	1 042	1 473	1 570	4 361
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	3	24	62	119	208
	Primary	18	254	513	835	1 620
	Lower secondary	73	390	454	316	1 233
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	113	273	265	219	870
	Post secondary	6	18	18	22	64
	Total	213	959	1 312	1 511	3 995
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	3	16	39	66	124
	Primary	18	201	413	639	1 271
	Lower secondary	55	274	335	254	918
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	81	185	195	171	632
	Post secondary	4	11	15	14	44
	Total	161	687	997	1 144	2 989

Table 4: The number of employable adults having received CSSA for more than three to four years ^[Note 5]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	2	28	74	107	211
	Primary	15	201	473	630	1 319
	Lower secondary	86	246	333	204	869
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	130	143	170	102	545
	Post secondary	5	7	14	5	31
	Total	238	625	1 064	1 048	2 975
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	5	25	51	99	180
	Primary	20	193	509	738	1 460
	Lower secondary	90	321	371	302	1 084
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	85	170	238	147	640
	Post secondary	2	7	9	11	29
	Total	202	716	1 178	1 297	3 393
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	2	27	47	110	186
	Primary	18	202	475	766	1 461
	Lower secondary	82	349	429	318	1 178
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	96	213	237	194	740
	Post secondary	7	11	16	14	48
	Total	205	802	1 204	1 402	3 613

Table 5: The number of employable adults having received CSSA for more than four to five years ^[Note 5]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	2	26	76	93	197
	Primary	18	199	508	699	1 424
	Lower secondary	115	219	354	219	907
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	121	129	176	100	526
	Post secondary	4	5	10	10	29
	Total	260	578	1 124	1 121	3 083
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	5	14	60	86	165
	Primary	20	137	389	500	1 046
	Lower secondary	62	205	278	183	728
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	75	116	145	98	434
	Post secondary	6	5	10	5	26
	Total	168	477	882	872	2 399
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	3	12	45	70	130
	Primary	23	128	360	509	1 020
	Lower secondary	64	228	274	241	807
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	87	107	179	100	473
	Post secondary	1	6	7	11	25
	Total	178	481	865	931	2 455

Table 6: The number of employable adults having received CSSA for more than five years ^[Note 5]

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	34	133	1 101	1 693	2 961
	Primary	1 245	914	5 332	7 277	14 768
	Lower secondary	1 418	1 253	2 440	1 924	7 035
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	2 114	855	1 252	865	5 086
	Post secondary	137	61	43	63	304
	Total	4 948	3 216	10 168	11 822	30 154
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	26	113	924	1 450	2 513
	Primary	823	806	4 630	6 587	12 846
	Lower secondary	1 034	1 171	2 441	1 890	6 536
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	1 615	768	1 185	931	4 499
	Post secondary	103	69	53	49	274
	Total	3 601	2 927	9 233	10 907	26 668
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	No schooling/kindergarten	36	92	733	1 227	2 088
	Primary	814	710	3 933	5 969	11 426
	Lower secondary	925	1 082	2 319	1 858	6 184
	Upper secondary ^[Note 6]	1 500	748	1 097	965	4 310
	Post secondary	123	67	47	51	288
	Total	3 398	2 699	8 129	10 070	24 296

(c) (i)&(ii) The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings by range of such earnings was as follows –

Employment earnings	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	6 181	5 980	5 708
\$1,000 – less than \$2,500	7 982	6 428	6 022
\$2,500 – less than \$5,000	11 618	10 372	9 334
\$5,000 – less than \$10,000	10 634	9 533	8 232
\$10,000 – less than \$15,000	414	487	548
\$15,000 and above	62	51	21
Total	36 891	32 851	29 865

(iii) The number of singleton and 2-person CSSA cases, with all recipients aged 60 and above was as follows –

Year	Number of singleton CSSA cases with recipients aged 60 and above	Number of 2-person CSSA cases with both recipients aged 60 and above
2010-11	112 556	22 012
2011-12	112 587	22 029
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	112 816	21 941

(iv) The number of CSSA applications where the elderly persons though living with other family members were given discretionary approval in allowing them to apply for CSSA on their own was as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2010-11	24
2011-12	21
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	13

[Note 1] Cases which have been on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once.

[Note 2] Disabled adults refer to those receiving the standard rates of ill-health, 50% disabled, 100% disabled or requiring constant attendance.

[Note 3] Disabled children refer to those receiving the standard rates of 50% disabled, 100% disabled or requiring constant attendance.

- [Note 4] Disabled elderly persons refer to those receiving the standard rates of 100% disabled or requiring constant attendance.
- [Note 5] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA, regardless of whether there have been any changes in their employable status.
- [Note 6] Including institutes under Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

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

LWB(WW)489

Question Serial No.

4078

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Starting from this year, the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of over \$100 million to increase the manpower and places of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities in order to enhance the care and training for persons with disabilities and meet the needs of ageing service users. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How would ageing service users as referred to by the Administration be defined and what medical and service needs of various ageing service users with disabilities have been found by the Administration?
- (b) What is the number of various residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in Hong Kong and how many RCHD places are provided? Regarding the funding provision above, how much funding is allocated to various types of RCHDs on average? How will the needs of ageing service users be met with the funding?
- (c) How many applicants were on the waiting lists for various RCHDs in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13?
- (d) What is the age distribution of the current service users in various RCHDs by age groups of 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 or above?
- (e) What is the age distribution of the current applicants of adult residential care services in various RCHDs by age groups of 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 or above?
- (f) How many additional subvented and bought RCHD places were provided by various RCHDs in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively?
- (g) The Administration plans to provide more than about 3 000 subvented and non-subvented RCHD places in 14 development projects from 2013-2018. How many additional subvented and bought RCHD places are planned to be provided by various RCHDs in each of the years?
- (h) What is the number of various day training centres in Hong Kong and how many service places are provided? Regarding the funding provision above, how much funding is allocated to various day training centres on average? How will the needs of ageing service users be met with the funding?
- (i) What is the age distribution of the current service users in various day training centres by age groups of 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 or above?

- (j) What is the age distribution of the current applicants of adult day care services in various day training centres by age groups of 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 or above?
- (k) How many additional places were provided by various day training centres in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13?
- (l) At present, there are six residential special child care centres providing a total of 110 places in Hong Kong. As at the end of December 2012, there were 44 applicants for residential special child care places. What is the age distribution of these applicants by the ages of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6?
- (m) As at the end of December 2012, there were 73 applicants for places in small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated small group homes. What is the age distribution of these applicants by age groups of 6-8, 9-11, 12-15, and 16-18?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In December 2011, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up a Task Group on the Ageing of Users of Rehabilitation Services with representatives from relevant stakeholders including the medical sector, the welfare sector, academics and parents groups to review the initiatives implemented in relation to the ageing of users of rehabilitation services and to recommend strategies for meeting the needs of ageing service users. In general, the welfare sector is of the view that enhanced care and support services should be provided for persons with intellectual disability aged 50 or above. In addition to the age factor, the Task Group has drawn up two checklists to help identify ageing service users in sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres and day activity centres respectively.

The Rehabilitation Advisory Committee has recently formed a focus group comprising representatives from various sectors to look into the service needs of ageing persons with intellectual disabilities in respect of residential and community care and support, medical and nursing care, etc. with a view to advising the Government on possible improvement measures.

- (b) & (h) The numbers of subvented service units and places for various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of service units	Number of places
Residential services		
HWH	36	1 509
LSCH	6	1 507
IVTC(Res)	1	170
HMMH	40	2 292
HSMH	59	3 218
HSPH	13	573
C&A/SD	19	908
C&A/AB	11	825
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	26	64
SHOS	24	554
RSCCC	6	110

Type of service	Number of service units	Number of places
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	80	4 637
SW	34	5 051
SE	40	1 633
IVRSC	26	4 257
OJT	14	432
Sunnyway	15	311
IVTC(Day)	2	453

Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons

C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind

SGH(MMHC)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children /
integrated small group home

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

OJT – on the job training programme for people with disabilities

Sunnyway – sunnyway - on the job training programme for young people with disabilities

IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$35.6 million to provide 145 new places of day activity centre, 125 new places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons and 20 new places of supported hostel. The Administration has also earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million to strengthen the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities in meeting the needs of ageing service users. The funding covers the provision of additional care staff for residential care homes for persons with intellectual or physical disabilities as well as SWs/IVRSCs operating the Work Extension Programme and DACs operating the Extended Care Programme.

- (c) The numbers of applicants on the waiting lists for various types of residential care services for persons with disabilities from 2007-08 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants					
	2007-08 (as at the end of March 2008)	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
HWH	570	638	816	784	735	669
LSCH	556	768	992	1 116	1 222	1 300
IVTC(Res) [Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	1 293	1 357	1 330	1 386	1 369	1 477
HSMH	1 811	1 934	1 965	1 995	2 082	2 173
HSPH	386	410	370	386	398	433
C&A/SD	333	381	341	361	389	428
C&A/AB	57	52	64	103	90	113
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	74	87	70	51	73	73
SHOS	816	801	944	1 001	1 012	1 153
RSCCC	61	64	61	66	58	44

N.A. The information is not available.

[Note 1] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics in this respect.

- (d) The age distribution of service users for various types of residential care services for persons with disabilities (except IVTC(Res)^[Note 2] and RSCCC^[Note 3]) as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Age	Number of service users								
	HWH	LSCH	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SGH(MMHC)/ISGH ^[Note 4]	SHOS
15-19	9	0	12	12	0	22	N.A.	18	7
20-29	206	6	230	419	78	229	N.A.	N.A.	91
30-39	398	48	556	928	191	165	N.A.	N.A.	145
40-49	468	203	713	922	142	150	N.A.	N.A.	183
50-59	306	492	546	702	100	182	N.A.	N.A.	110
60 or above	68	740	154	210	39	157	788	N.A.	17
Total	1455	1489	2 211	3 193	550	905	788	18	553

N.A. The information is not available.

[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics in this respect.

[Note 3] The prescribed age grouping is not applicable to the service.

[Note 4] There were a total of 63 service users of SGH(MMHC)/ISGH as at the end of December 2012, among whom 45 are aged from 6 to 14.

- (e) The age distribution of applicants for various types of residential care services for persons with disabilities (except IVTC(Res)^[Note 5] and RSCCC^[Note 6]) as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Age	Number of applicants								
	HWH	LSCH	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SGH(MMHC)/ISGH ^[Note 7]	SHOS
15-19	19	1	215	352	51	127	N.A.	10	67
20-29	143	30	494	898	70	49	N.A.	N.A.	298
30-39	187	105	331	356	48	35	N.A.	N.A.	282
40-49	188	321	256	276	87	49	N.A.	N.A.	271
50-59	116	569	150	217	149	144	N.A.	N.A.	207
60 or above	16	274	31	74	28	24	113	N.A.	28
Total	669	1 300	1 477	2 173	433	428	113	10	1 153

N.A. The information is not available.

[Note 5] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics in this respect.

[Note 6] The prescribed age grouping is not applicable to the service.

[Note 7] There were a total of 73 applicants on the waiting list of SGH(MMHC)/ISGH as at the end of December 2012, among whom 63 were aged from 6 to 14.

- (f) The number of additional places provided for subsidised residential care services for persons with disabilities from 2007-08 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Type of service	Additional number of places					
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
HWH	0	0	0	0	0	0
LSCH	0	0	0	100	0	0
IVTC(Res)	0	0	0	0	0	0
HMMH	0	124	0	91	18	5
HSMH	51	72	46	135	25	164
HSPH	0	67	0	45	0	0
C&A/SD	0	42	50	51	0	51
C&A/AB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	0	0	0	8	0	0
SHOS	61	30	0	154	0	42
RSCCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bought place scheme ^[Note 8]	0	0	0	40	118	87

[Note 8] Residential care services under the pilot Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs (BPS) are provided for persons requiring HMMH or LSCH services.

- (g) The locations of development or redevelopment projects in which subsidised RCHDs will be provided and the estimated number of RCHD places to be provided during the period from 2013-14 to 2017-18 will be as follows –

	Location	Estimated number of places
1	Ex-staff quarters, Castle Peak Hospital, Tuen Mun	70
2	Shek Kip Mei Phase 2 Public Rental Housing (PRH) development, Sham Shui Po	100
3	Amenity & Community Building, Tin Ching Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long	50
4	Government joint-user complex, Tin Shui Wai Area 109, Yuen Long	75
5	PRH development at ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters site, Sham Shui Po	70
6	Shui Chuen O PRH development, Shatin Area 52, Shatin	196
7	Redevelopment of So Uk Estate Phase 1, Sham Shui Po	140
8	Hung Shui Kiu Area 13 PRH development, Yuen Long	50
9	Sheung Shui Area 36 PRH development, North District	30
10	PRH development at ex-San Po Kong Flatted Factory site, Wong Tai Sin	20
11	Tung Chung Area 56 PRH development, Islands	30
12	Ancillary Facilities Building, Anderson Road, Kwun Tong	200
13	Redevelopment of ex-Kai Nang Sheltered Workshop and Hostel, Kwun Tong	[Note 9]
14	Redevelopment of ex-Siu Lam Hospital, Tuen Mun	
15	Other projects ^[Note 10]	188

[Note 9] Subject to the findings of technical feasibility studies, a total of some 2 000 residential care and day training places for persons with disabilities will be provided under the two projects.

[Note 10] Other projects include in-situ expansion plans of existing RCHDs, conversion projects, etc.

Given that some planned projects in future years are still at the initial planning stage, the number of places to be provided in individual projects may change subject to various factors such as the actual size and configuration of the premises.

SWD targets to purchase 300 places by phases under the four-year pilot BPS which was launched in October 2010. As at the end of February 2013, SWD has purchased 245 BPS places. The remaining places will be purchased in 2013-14. An overall review of the BPS will be conducted before the end of the pilot period to determine the future direction of the scheme, including the places to be purchased.

- (i) The age distribution of service users for DAC and SW services as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Age	Number of service users	
	DAC	SW
15-19	30	24
20-29	1 153	834
30-39	1 294	1 312
40-49	1 086	1 411
50-59	810	1 190
60 or above	248	330
Total	4 621	5 101

- (j) The age distribution of applicants who apply for only DAC or SW services as at the end of December 2012 is provided in the table below. For applicants who apply for DAC or SW services with residential care services at the same time, the required information was covered in (e) above.

Age	Number of applicants	
	DAC	SW
15-19	64	267
20-29	62	334
30-39	13	161
40-49	4	208
50-59	7	160
60 or above	2	12
Total	152	1 142

- (k) The numbers of additional places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services provided from 2007-08 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of service	Additional number of places					2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	
DAC	51	72	53	137	5	164
SW	-160 ^[Note 11]	0	20	0	-134 ^[Note 11]	52
IVRSC	218	276	10	338	234	0

^[Note 11] The decrease in SW places is due to the conversion of SW into IVRSC.

- (l) The age distribution of applicants for RSCCC service as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Age	Number of applicants
below 2	24
2 to below 3	11
3 to below 4	5
4 to below 5	2
5 to below 6	2
Total	44

- (m) The age distribution of applicants for SGH(MMHC)/ISGH service at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Age	Number of applicants
6-8	15
9-11	20
12-15	33
16-18	5
Total	73

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)490

Question Serial No.

4079

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Financial Secretary has proposed that services for the elderly be improved. Health workers, the fundamental manpower resource of elderly services, are contributing to the maintenance of service quality. However, according to practitioners in the elderly service sector, many graduates fail to meet the work requirements of health workers as their English proficiency is too low to be able to read the names of drugs, posing a potential risk when they serve the elderly in taking medication. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) allocate more resources to establish a mechanism and provide manpower for checking the English proficiency of registered health workers, such as an English proficiency test or a final examination? If no, how will SWD ensure that the quality of health workers can meet the work requirements in the future?
- (b) Will SWD establish a mechanism and provide manpower for supervising the quality of health worker training programmes conducted by training organisations? How will it ensure that the academic qualifications of those enrolling in the above programmes meet the level of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education? If yes, how will it supervise and monitor? If no, how will it ensure that the quality of training programmes meet the requirements of the elderly service sector?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) To qualify for registration as a Health Worker (HW) for employment in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), a person should have completed a training course approved in writing by the Director of Social Welfare. The current course design including training content, training hours and format of assessment was set out by the Working Group on HW Training under SWD with representatives from the sector and professionals. The training content on drug management which includes preparation, checking and administration of drugs is in accordance with the guidelines on drug management in RCHEs. The minimum academic entry requirement for the HW training course has been uplifted to completion of Form Five from April 2006 onwards. Trainees are also required to pass the assessments of the training bodies before they can be registered as HWs. The Administration also conducts various training for HWs working in RCHEs on an on-going basis to encourage and facilitate their continuous learning.

- (b) In approving an HW training course, the Administration will ensure that the entry requirements, training content, training hours and format of assessment, etc. are up to standard. The training bodies are then required to examine and ensure that only applicants with completion of Form Five or above could be admitted in the training course. Upon receipt of the applications for registration as HWs by the graduates of approved training courses, SWD will examine the original copy of the academic attainment certificate as a proof. Besides, SWD monitors the quality of HW training courses by various means including audit inspection of class, interview and collection of feedback from the graduates, meeting with the training bodies and complaint investigation.

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Question Serial No.

4080

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated by the Financial Secretary that additional funding of \$12.5 million will be allocated to increase the staff resources of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs). However, since the demand for community mental health support services is great, in addition to increasing the staff resources of the existing ICCMWs, will the Administration, like in the case of Integrated Family Service Centres, increase resources to set up additional ICCMWs in districts with huge service demand to meet the needs of the community? If yes, how much more resources will be increased? If not, why not?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The total recurrent funding allocated to ICCMWs in 2012-13 amounts to over \$180 million. With additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million earmarked for ICCMWs in 2013-14 to strengthen their manpower for enhancing community mental health support services, the total recurrent funding for ICCMWs will be increased to over \$190 million. The ICCMW service has come into operation for 2.5 years only following its commencement in October 2010, and there is no plan to set up additional ICCMWs at this stage. The Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the service provision and keep in view the demand for ICCMW service in the community.

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Question Serial No.

4085

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: (a) What are the actual numbers of cases of the Anti-Violence Programme (AVP) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as at the end of each year from 2009 to 2012? What is the estimated number of cases of AVP? Please set out in table form as follows –

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of spouse battering cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD				
Number of successful applications for injunctions in spouse battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD				
Number of participants of Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) organised by FCPSUs of SWD				
Estimated number of participants of AVP				
Actual number of participants of AVP				

- (b) How will SWD increase the utilisation rate of AVP; and
- (c) Will SWD consider proposing amendments to the law to require mandatory participation by spouse/partner batterers in therapeutic services on problems of domestic violence?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) Under the Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance (DCRVO) (Cap 189), the Court may, in granting an injunction, require the abusers to participate in a programme approved and as arranged by the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) which is aimed at changing the attitude and behaviour of the abusers. For this purpose, SWD developed the AVP, which is psycho-educational in nature, in 2008 and six non-governmental organisations are now operating AVP under government subsidy. The number of participants for AVP hinges on the referral from the Court.

The requested statistical information is as follows –

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of spouse/cohabitant battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD	6 594	5 986	5 456	5 221
Number of successful applications for injunctions in spouse battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD	SWD does not have such information.			
Number of participants of BIP organised by FCPSUs of SWD	96	81	74	71
Actual number of participants of AVPs	2	0	0	0

Since participants of AVP are referred by the Court, SWD cannot estimate the number of participants.

- (b) Social workers working with domestic violence cases will provide the victims with information on AVP and encourage them to consider applying for AVP along with injunction as appropriate. In addition, SWD has maintained liaison with the Family Court, Hong Kong Law Society and Legal Aid Department, etc. to promote AVP.
- (c) There is a provision under the DCRVO that the Court may in granting an injunction require the batterer to participate in any programme approved by DSW, i.e. AVP. The Administration has no plan to propose legislative amendment.

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Question Serial No.

4086

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will provide some 600 more subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the construction of three contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), purchase of places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and making better use of space in subvented homes. Please provide a breakdown of the actual number of additional residential care places by year from 2013 to 2016 –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Additional subsidised RCHEs			
Additional subsidised residential care places under EBPS			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The details of additional provision of some 600 subsidised residential care places are as follows –

Means	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
(1) Set up new contract RCHEs to provide additional nursing home places	0	81	131
(2) Set up new contract RCHEs to provide additional care-and-attention (C&A) places with a continuum of care (COC)	0	9	15
(3) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide places with COC	52	0	0
(4) Purchase C&A places under EBPS	300	0	0
Total	588		

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Question Serial No.

4087

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will organise ten more classes of two-year Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in the five-year period from 2013-14, with more than 1 200 training places provided. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the specific manpower planning for the estimated 1 200 EN places to meet service needs in the coming five years; and
- (b) What are the numbers of nurses who remain working in the welfare sector upon graduation from the EN Training Programme?

Period	Number of graduates	Number of nurses who remain working in the welfare sector
2008-09		
2009-10		
2010-11		
2011-12		
2012-13		

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In planning for the 1 200 training places of the EN Training, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has considered both the existing manpower demand of the welfare sector and the future requirement arising from service expansion and measures to enhance the quality and care level of subsidised residential care places.

(b) The number of graduates of the EN Training Programme was as follows –

Year	Number of graduates
2008 - 09	203
2009 - 10	97
2010 - 11	146
2011 - 12	194
2012 - 13	206

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Question Serial No.

4088

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: (a) It is mentioned in the Budget that \$380 million will be allocated from the Lotteries Fund to launch the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme). Please inform the details of the earmarked allocation –

Service voucher	Furniture, equipment and vehicle	Administration costs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)	Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly
			Total : \$380,000,000

(b) The Budget has not allocated additional resources for independent caseworkers under the Pilot Scheme. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which includes \$278 million as the Government subsidy on voucher value and \$102 million as the seed money grant to Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) for purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme. Regarding administration expenses, SWD has created three time-limited civil service posts at an annual estimated expenditure of \$1.7 million to deliver the Pilot Scheme. Other administration expenses will be absorbed within SWD's existing provision.
- (b) In the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, there is only one single voucher value for all users who have similar care needs. There is little budgeting function to perform and less conflict of interests in care planning and service provision. Instead of independent caseworkers, case management could be provided by RSPs which are non-profit-making organisations and social enterprises with experience in providing elderly care services. SWD will require RSPs to prepare a care plan for individual elderly user and conduct regular reviews. SWD will also monitor the performance of RSPs.

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Question Serial No.

4089

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Policy Address this year, the Chief Executive stresses and promotes the concept of “ageing in place” for elderly in the community. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The Administration has only allocated resources for community care services for the elderly, while no resources have been committed for community support for the elderly. What are the reasons?
- (b) The provision of support on the emotion and pressure of caring for the elderly and their carer are closely related to the vision of “ageing in place”. Please provide the reasons why no additional resources have been allocated for community support services;
- (c) Please provide the following information in table form –
 - (i) What is the number of cases applying for long-term care services among the counselling cases in district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs)?
 - (ii) What is the number of cases involving pressure of carers among the counselling cases in DECCs and NECs?
 - (iii) What is the number of cases involving care for demented elderly among the counselling cases in DECCs and NECs?
 - (iv) What are the numbers of DECCs and NECs with over 255 counselling cases each year?
 - (v) What are the numbers of DECCs and NECs with over 300 counselling cases each year? and
 - (vi) What are the numbers of counselling cases in DECCs and NECs in 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) We are committed to enhancing the support for the elderly in the community. Support services, including training and counselling services to elderly persons and their carers are provided by 159 elderly centres. In 2007-08, an additional recurrent funding allocation of about \$42 million was provided

to all DECCs and NECs and a further additional recurrent allocation of \$18 million was provided to all DECCs since June 2008 to enhance community support services for the elderly and their carers. The total funding allocations for DECCs and NECs in 2013-14 will be \$552.3 million.

In addition to counselling service, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) offers other support services to carers through home care service teams, day care centres/units for the elderly etc. throughout the territory. Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes to enhance carers' capability in taking care of elderly persons. 119 elderly centres have participated in the Scheme and over 10 000 carers have been trained. Day and residential respite services for the elderly are available to offer temporary relief to carers. SWD will continue to help the elderly to age in place and strengthen the support for their carers.

- (c) (i) As at the end of December 2012, there were 7 315 and 1 832 cases on the active waiting list of Long Term Care Services handled by DECCs and NECs respectively.
- (ii) & (iii) SWD does not capture the breakdown of the case nature of active counselling cases handled by DECCs and NECs.
- (iv) & (v) As at the end of December 2012, there was no NEC with over 225 active counselling cases, while the numbers of DECCs with over 225 and 300 active counselling cases were 28 and 15 respectively.
- (vi) The numbers of active counselling cases handled by DECCs and NECs as at the end of the financial year from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012) were as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
DECCs	9 496	10 514	11 265	11 758	12 321
NECs	6 233	6 397	6 392	6 467	6 644

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Question Serial No.

4090

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Please set out clearly in table form the numbers of persons waiting for in day care centres for the elderly (DEs), Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Frail cases) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) (Frail cases), and the average waiting time for the above services in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13;
 - (b) What are the number of ordinary cases for IHCS teams, number of services provided and number of persons waiting for such services in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13?
 - (c) Has the Administration looked into the service demands for DEs in the coming two years (i.e. 2013-14 and 2014-15)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
 - (d) Has the Administration looked into the service demands for IHCS (Frail Cases and Ordinary Cases) in the coming two years (i.e. 2013-14 and 2014-15)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
 - (e) Has the Administration looked into the service demands for EHCCS in the coming two years (i.e. 2013-14 and 2014-15)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

- Reply:
- (a) As at the end of January 2013, there were 1 558 elderly waiting for subsidised day care (DC) places and 524 elderly waiting for IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS as a whole.

The average waiting time for subsidised DC places and IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS from 2009-10 to 2012-13 was as follows –

As at the end of the financial year	Average waiting time (in months)	
	DC places	IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS
2009-10	6	3
2010-11	9	5
2011-12	9	2
2012-13 (as at 31 January 2013)	9	2

(b) The number of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) served from 2009-10 to 2012-13 was as follows –

As at the end of the financial year	Number of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) served ^[Note]
2009-10	27 839
2010-11	28 323
2011-12	27 573
2012-13 (April 2012 to December 2012)	24 495

^[Note] Users of Ordinary Cases include the elderly, persons with disabilities, individuals and families with social need.

The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of the elderly waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS (Ordinary Cases) or its waiting time.

(c)-(e) The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for both day care and home care services and increase the provision to meet the service needs, as well as to offer more choices as appropriate. To this end, 182 additional day care places are expected to commence service in 2013-14. We will also launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly in September 2013.

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Question Serial No.

4091

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the number of eligible cases for Dementia Supplement (DS) and Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) and the amount of funding allocation to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: In 2012-13, the funding allocation of DS and ICS to subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), as well as subsidised DEs/day care units (DCUs) (for DS only) was as follows –

	DS		ICS	
	Number of eligible cases [Note]	Amount of allocation (\$ million)	Number of eligible cases	Amount of allocation (\$ million)
Subvented RCHEs/private RCHEs participating in EBPS	4 768	190.7	1 345	89.7
Subsidised DEs/DCUs	555	12.6	N.A.	N.A.

[Note] The numbers of eligible elderly persons residing in private RCHEs participating in EBPS and those attending DEs/DCUs are estimated based on the number of eligible cases in subvented RCHEs as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Team of Hospital Authority.

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

LWB(WW)499

Question Serial No.

4092

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Please inform this Committee of the number of elderly beneficiaries receiving the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (ordinary cases and frail cases) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in various districts in 2012-13;
 - (b) Please inform this Committee of the estimated number of elderly beneficiaries receiving IHCS (ordinary cases and frail cases) and EHCCS in various districts in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

- Reply:
- (a) The number of service users of IHCS for both frail and ordinary cases and EHCCS in 2012-13 was as follows –

District	2012-13 (up to 31 December 2012)		
	Number of service users of IHCS for ordinary cases ^[Note 1]	Number of service users of IHCS for frail cases ^[Note 2]	Number of elderly service users of EHCCS
Central & Western	804	43	251
Eastern	2 075	94	343
Wan Chai	721	39	193
Southern	1 355	101	209
Islands	325	23	79
Kwun Tong	2 342	174	855
Wong Tai Sin	1 857	117	923
Sai Kung	510	37	334
Kowloon City	1 630	34	468
Sham Shui Po	2 158	116	447
Yau Tsim Mong	1 153	51	309
Sha Tin	1 823	147	458
Tai Po	1 035	38	174
North	1 155	34	193

District	2012-13 (up to 31 December 2012)		
	Number of service users of IHCS for ordinary cases ^[Note 1]	Number of service users of IHCS for frail cases ^[Note 2]	Number of elderly service users of EHCCS
Yuen Long	1 724	101	207
Tsuen Wan	586	47	354
Kwai Tsing	1 462	111	647
Tuen Mun	1 780	32	182
Total	24 495	1 339	6 626

[Note 1] Users under ordinary cases include elderly persons, persons with disabilities, individuals and families with social need.

[Note 2] Users under frail cases include frail elderly and persons with severe physical disabilities who require a comprehensive package of services.

- (b) The estimated number of cases served under IHCS and EHCCS in 2013-14 is as follows. We are unable to estimate the number of cases by districts.

Year	Number of service users of IHCS	Number of elderly service users of EHCCS
2013-14	29 016 ^[Note 3]	6 800

[Note 3] This includes both frail cases and ordinary cases.

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Question Serial No.

4093

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$9 million to add 100 day care (DC) places and extend the service hours of new day care centres and units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please inform this Committee of the following details –

- (a) What is the difference in unit cost between the new DE with extended service hours and the old DEs without extended service hours?
- (b) Will the Administration provide resources for the old DEs without extended service hours to have extended service hours? and
- (c) What is the geographical distribution of the 100 new DC places?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) & (b) The 100 additional DC places at new DE/DCUs, with estimated recurrent expenditure of \$9 million, are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has taken into consideration the operational expenses for the new DE/DCUs to extend the service hours. SWD does not have information on the difference in unit cost between the new DE/DCU with extended service hours and the existing DEs with normal service hours. SWD will keep in view the service needs and continue to enhance the services to meet the service needs of the elderly as appropriate.

- (c) The geographical distribution of the additional 100 DC places for the elderly mentioned in the Budget Speech is as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Sai Kung	60
Wan Chai	20
Sham Shui Po	10
Sha Tin	10
Total	100

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

4094

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of cases with actual rent allowance received less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA), actual rent equal to the MRA and actual rent higher than the MRA among the cases in public housing estates receiving rent allowance in the year 2013 (as at the end of February), with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and amounts of rent higher than \$1-\$99, \$100-\$499, \$500-\$999 and \$1,000 or above;
- (b) the number of cases with actual rent allowance received less than the MRA, actual rent equal to the MRA and actual rent higher than the MRA among the cases in private housing receiving rent allowance in the year 2013 (as at the end of February), with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and amounts of rent higher than \$1-\$99, \$100-\$499, \$500-\$999 and \$1,000 or above; and
- (c) the median amount of the actual rent paid by households in private housing per month, among the cases in private housing receiving rent allowance in the past three years, i.e. 2011, 2012 and 2013 (as at the end of February), with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and geographical district (District Council districts).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) & (b) The number of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than, equal to or greater than the MRA as well as the breakdown by number of eligible members in the family and the amount of actual rent exceeding the MRA as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Number of eligible members	Public housing						
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				Total
			Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	
1	67 509	40	1 200	1 914	1 144	194	4 452
2	43 285	3	54	220	80	31	385
3	19 178	0	13	17	13	10	53
4	9 116	0	7	15	7	9	38
5	3 020	1	7	6	5	4	22
6 and above	1 159	0	3	0	0	2	5
Total	143 267	44	1 284	2 172	1 249	250	4 955

Number of eligible members	Private housing						
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				Total
			Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	
1	6 859	201	1 638	5 123	2 401	2 119	11 281
2	4 398	12	386	1 718	1 330	1 491	4 925
3	2 646	4	199	854	559	903	2 515
4	909	1	118	256	228	572	1 174
5	241	1	28	77	71	245	421
6 and above	129	0	6	36	38	91	171
Total	15 182	219	2 375	8 064	4 627	5 421	20 487

(c) Median actual rent of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance by number of eligible members in the family and by district for the past three years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in private housing in 2010-11 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,400	2,700	3,700	4,200	4,800	4,865
Eastern	1,500	2,700	3,600	4,500	4,125	4,700
Islands	1,400	2,500	3,100	3,000	3,400	3,800
Kowloon City	1,400	2,550	3,300	3,500	3,875	4,300
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,250	4,700
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,600	3,425	3,600	3,800	4,500
North	1,500	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,800	3,450
Sai Kung	767	2,500	3,600	3,670	4,500	6,243
Sha Tin	765	2,000	3,775	4,184	4,200	4,500
Sham Shui Po	1,350	2,500	3,300	3,390	3,700	4,300
Southern	1,500	2,600	3,300	4,000	3,500	5,150
Tai Po	1,500	2,566	3,500	3,500	4,500	5,000
Tsuen Wan	1,400	2,600	3,300	3,800	3,550	4,500
Tuen Mun	1,300	2,486	3,500	3,707	4,600	4,500
Wan Chai	1,350	2,600	3,250	4,100	4,500	6,600
Wong Tai Sin	1,375	2,500	3,385	3,850	4,200	4,300
Yau Tsim Mong	1,400	2,550	3,330	3,700	4,000	4,850
Yuen Long	1,300	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,800	4,200
Overall	1,400	2,500	3,300	3,600	4,000	4,500

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in private housing in 2011-12 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,450	2,732	3,800	4,500	4,600	5,650
Eastern	1,500	2,750	3,791	4,233	5,000	5,200
Islands	1,500	2,575	3,000	3,200	3,000	4,500
Kowloon City	1,450	2,600	3,402	3,750	4,000	4,750
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,600	3,345	3,550	4,000	4,889
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,775	4,000	4,600
North	1,500	2,600	3,300	3,550	3,800	4,300
Sai Kung	787	2,050	3,250	3,915	5,000	6,385
Sha Tin	781	1,169	3,775	4,500	4,175	5,100
Sham Shui Po	1,400	2,600	3,300	3,500	3,900	4,500
Southern	1,500	2,700	3,700	4,000	5,400	5,380
Tai Po	1,500	2,600	3,600	3,800	4,500	5,500
Tsuen Wan	1,500	2,600	3,500	3,800	4,000	4,650
Tuen Mun	1,300	2,500	3,500	3,923	4,800	4,700
Wan Chai	1,400	2,600	3,500	4,500	4,500	6,150
Wong Tai Sin	1,323	2,550	3,500	3,800	4,500	4,400
Yau Tsim Mong	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,800	3,800	5,350
Yuen Long	1,360	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,800	4,500
Overall	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,700	4,000	4,800

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in private housing (as at the end of December 2012) (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,500	3,000	3,950	4,500	5,000	6,300
Eastern	1,500	2,800	4,000	4,500	4,141	5,550
Islands	1,500	2,600	3,350	3,250	3,500	4,200
Kowloon City	1,500	2,795	3,600	3,900	4,050	4,750
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,800	4,000	5,200
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,250	4,650
North	1,500	2,800	3,500	3,800	3,800	4,850
Sai Kung	807	1,888	3,359	4,000	4,300	5,393
Sha Tin	831	949	3,700	4,500	4,500	4,700
Sham Shui Po	1,500	2,800	3,500	3,700	3,800	4,500
Southern	1,500	2,800	3,700	4,000	4,500	5,500
Tai Po	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,700	5,300
Tsuen Wan	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,000	4,600
Tuen Mun	1,340	2,500	3,500	4,081	5,000	4,500
Wan Chai	1,450	2,700	3,600	4,100	5,000	6,500
Wong Tai Sin	1,400	2,700	3,700	3,800	4,350	5,150
Yau Tsim Mong	1,500	2,800	3,600	3,900	4,500	5,550
Yuen Long	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,800	4,000	4,800
Overall	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,900	4,148	5,000

^[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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

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Question Serial No.

4095

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Please inform about the numbers of places provided and their respective utilisation rates of day child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS), extended hours service (EHS) and mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) in each district (by District Council district) over the past three years, i.e. 2011, 2012 and 2013 (as at the end of February);
 - (b) Please inform about the numbers of children served in each of the District Council districts under the home-based child care (HCC) service and the centre-based care group (CCG) service of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), and the respective total service hours of the aforesaid two services over the past three years, i.e. 2011, 2012 and 2013 (as at the end of February).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The provisions and utilisation of aided full-day standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, OCCS, EHS, and MHCCCs in the past three years are provided in the tables below –

Provision and Utilisation in 2010-11

	Aided full-day standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs [Note 1]		OCCS [Note 2]		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)
SWD District										
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	96	2 879	53	55	70	124	84	67	10
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	100	3 713	76	39	60	152	70	0	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	100	3 215	91	60	54	124	71	14	3
Kwun Tong	0	-	1 378	80	56	69	122	73	56	2
Sha Tin	70	94	1 746	77	38	57	82	77	0	-
Sham Shui Po	62	99	636	80	33	56	76	91	51	11
Tai Po/North	48	100	1 760	53	49	58	124	75	14	below 1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	100	2 011	80	71	62	138	74	14	15
Tuen Mun	64	93	1 264	61	41	48	78	99	28	below 1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	0	-	2 557	63	63	57	140	96	14	23
Yuen Long	64	100	1 145	76	40	53	70	75	42	3
Total	690	98	22 304	72	545	59	1 230	80	300	8

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2010, which were captured at the beginning of each school year.

[Note 2] Including 51 value-added OCCS places.

Provision and Utilisation in 2011-12

	Aided full-day standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs [Note 3]		OCCS [Note 4]		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)
SWD District										
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	100	3 057	60	42	73	124	86	67	9
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	98	3 556	82	31	56	152	92	0	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	100	3 468	90	47	50	124	67	14	below 1
Kwun Tong	0	-	1 427	85	49	66	122	85	56	3
Sha Tin	70	95	1 796	78	29	49	82	85	0	-
Sham Shui Po	62	100	712	80	25	67	76	97	51	14
Tai Po/North	48	100	1 533	64	35	52	124	79	14	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	100	2 096	83	55	72	138	79	42	6
Tuen Mun	64	99	1 082	76	31	70	78	96	14	below 1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	0	-	2 814	64	55	62	140	90	14	26
Yuen Long	64	100	1 175	85	35	59	70	65	42	4
Total	690	99	22 716	76	434 [Note 5]	62	1 230	84	314	7 [Note 6]

[Note 3] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2011, which were captured at the beginning of each school year.

[Note 4] Including 51 value-added OCCS places.

[Note 5] In view of the low utilisation rate of the OCCS service following the implementation of the NSCCP, SWD reviewed the demand for OCCS in September 2011 and reduced the number of service places to optimise the use of resources. Resources in addition to savings resulting from the reduction of service places were provided to the service operators to conduct family support activities for parents and carers in OCCS service unit to promote the proper care of children and the message of “not leaving children alone at home”.

[Note 6] With the development of NSCCP, which adopted the same concept of mutual support at the neighbourhood level as MHCCC and covered the same target group, low utilisation rate of the service is observed. Some MHCCCs have and will be re-engineered into other welfare services to meet district needs.

Provision and Utilisation in 2012-13 (up to December 2012)

	Aided full-day standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs [Note 7]		OCCS [Note 8]		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of place	Average utilisation rate (%)
SWD District										
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	100	3 461	53	42	80	124	71	67	10
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	99	3 028	75	31	57	152	113	0	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	100	3 987	91	47	63	124	68	14	below 1
Kwun Tong	0	-	1 444	87	49	89	122	81	56	7
Sha Tin	70	99	1 897	87	29	56	82	84	0	-
Sham Shui Po	62	100	739	89	25	75	76	111	37	22
Tai Po/North	48	100	1 634	68	35	63	124	81	14	4
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	100	2 156	85	55	83	138	78	56	3
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 276	70	31	80	78	85	14	below 1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	0	-	2 810	71	55	69	140	91	14	19
Yuen Long	64	100	1 157	94	35	62	70	69	42	3
Total	690	100	23 589	77	434	72	1 230	85	314	8

[Note 7] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2012, which were captured at the beginning of each school year.

[Note 8] Including 51 value-added OCCS places.

- (b) The NSCCP was regularised and extended to 18 districts in October 2011. The number of children served in each district under HCC and CCG services, and the total service hours for HCC service available from October 2011 to December 2012 are provided in the table below. SWD does not capture the number of service hours for CCG service while the required minimum number of service sessions (at least two consecutive full hours per session) is 816 per year.

District	October 2011 to March 2012				April to December 2012			
	Number of children served [Note 9]			Service hours of HCC service	Number of children served [Note 9]			Service hours of HCC service
	HCC	CCG	HCC & CCG		HCC	CCG	HCC & CCG	
Central & Western	37	0	0	1 985	95	0	0	5 448
Eastern	80	0	0	3 117	226	0	1	10 058
Islands	223	0	0	13 916	344	0	0	27 393
Kowloon City	236	6	7	11 368	453	26	13	22 556
Kwai Tsing	158	169	17	15 392	216	276	25	23 122
Kwun Tong	283	35	3	16 597	440	75	21	35 060
North	170	5	2	9 323	237	4	1	21 575
Sai Kung	308	0	0	25 319	436	0	2	32 497
Sha Tin	234	6	1	15 986	352	0	0	25 600
Sham Shui Po	337	22	14	22 121	622	98	27	51 637
Southern	47	45	4	758	129	41	7	4 908
Tai Po	137	7	0	10 402	352	1	10	33 946
Tsuen Wan	25	1	1	886	211	1	1	11 757
Tuen Mun	388	86	49	24 020	602	96	47	41 119
Wan Chai	40	0	0	1 013	127	2	1	4 869
Wong Tai Sin	131	74	16	10 757	321	163	16	31 665
Yau Tsim Mong	75	133	15	3 134	609	142	82	28 325
Yuen Long	413	107	18	37 320	606	171	44	71 755
Total	3 322	696	147	223 414	6 378	1 096	298	483 290

[Note 9] SWD captures service utilisation by counts of children using the service in the month. One child is counted once in the month.

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

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Question Serial No.

4096

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the dental grant under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (for months with available data), please provide this Committee with the following information –

- (a) With regard to application for dental grant under the CSSA Scheme by CSSA recipients,
 - (i) the numbers of applicants and applications;
 - (ii) the numbers of successful applicants and applications; and
 - (iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved, with a breakdown by age group.
- (b) The number of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for providing examination service and cost quotation to CSSA recipients, and the geographical distribution of such clinics. Whether the Administration has evaluated the satisfaction levels of recipients on the services provided by the dental clinics? If yes, please provide the findings. If not, will the Administration follow up in the future?
- (c) Whether the Administration will carry out investigations into recipients' complaints about the poor service quality of the designated dental clinics? If yes, what are the investigation results? If not, will the Administration follow up in the future?
- (d) The Administration's policy on the monitoring of such dental clinics.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

(a) The number of approved claims together with the related amounts of dental grant by age group of the recipients were as follows –

(i) Claims by recipients aged 18 and below

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Number of approved claims	32	22	31
Average amount of dental grant claimed (\$)	1,715	1,762	1,581
Total amount of dental grant claimed (\$ million)	0.1	0.0 ^[Note 1]	0.0 ^[Note 1]

^[Note 1] Less than \$0.05 million.

(ii) Claims by recipients aged 19 to 59

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Number of approved claims	3 101	3 340	2 773
Average amount of dental grant claimed (\$)	4,150	4,209	4,239
Total amount of dental grant claimed (\$ million)	12.9	14.1	11.8

(iii) Claims by recipients aged 60 and above

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Number of approved claims	6 806	7 643	6 331
Average amount of dental grant claimed (\$)	4,926	4,991	5,101
Total amount of dental grant claimed (\$ million)	33.5	38.1	32.3

(iv) Overall - Claims by recipients of all age groups

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)
Number of approved claims	9 939	11 005	9 135
Average amount of dental grant claimed (\$)	4,674	4,747	4,828
Total amount of dental grant claimed (\$ million)	46.5	52.2	44.1

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for dental grant within a year. Figures on the number of applicants for dental grant are not readily available.

- (b)-(d) Designated clinics are all operated by voluntary agencies on a non-profit-making basis. Before making the designation, SWD would consult the Secretary, Dental Council, to ensure that the dental clinics are suitable for practice of dentistry in Hong Kong in terms of the dentists employed, the facilities and the premises.

As at the end of December 2012, there were 54 dental clinics designated by SWD to provide dental examination and cost quotation to CSSA recipients. The designated dental clinics by geographical district were as follows –

Geographical District	Number of designated dental clinics ^[Note 2] (as at the end of December 2012)
Aberdeen	1
Central	1
Chai Wan	2
Diamond Hill	2
Fanling	1
Kowloon City	2
Kwai Chung	2
Kwai Tsing	1
Kwun Tong	6
Lam Tin	1
Lei Cheng Uk	1
Mongkok	1
Ngau Tau Kok	2
North Point	1
Sau Mau Ping	1
Sham Shui Po	2
Shau Kei Wan	1
Tai Po	3

Geographical District	Number of designated dental clinics ^[Note 2] (as at the end of December 2012)
Tin Shui Wai	2
To Kwa Wan	1
Tseung Kwan O	3
Tsim Sha Tsui	1
Tsuen Wan	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1
Tuen Mun	2
Tung Chung	1
Wan Chai	2
Wong Tai Sin	2
Yau Ma Tei	3
Yuen Long	1

[Note 2] Figures exclude 2 mobile clinics.

After the dental examination and upon the receipt of cost quotation from a designated dental clinic, the CSSA recipient is free to choose whether to receive dental treatment at a designated dental clinic or any other dental clinic. SWD does not evaluate the recipients' satisfaction level on the provision of dental treatment services by the designated dental clinics, but will maintain liaison with the Secretary, Dental Council, in case there are subsequent relevant changes of these designated dental clinics to ensure that they are suitable for practice of dentistry in Hong Kong in terms of the dentists employed, the facilities and the premises.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)504

Question Serial No.

4097

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “unemployment” case nature and the numbers of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, combination of household members (whether with recipients aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or new arrival(s) who had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), their gender, educational attainment, age group, duration of stay on CSSA, occupation, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Please provide the number of CSSA cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and the numbers of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, combination of household members (whether with recipients aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or new arrival(s) who had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), their gender, educational attainment, age group, duration of stay on CSSA, occupation, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) (i) Statistics on CSSA unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployment cases by number of eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	13 685	14 351	13 330	12 061	11 448
2	3 106	3 393	3 181	2 760	2 483
3	3 751	4 015	3 689	3 136	2 820
4	3 573	3 543	3 036	2 664	2 283
5	1 716	1 576	1 299	1 106	962
6 and above	782	669	545	462	412
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 2: Number of CSSA unemployment cases by combination of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or new arrival(s) who resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combinations of member(s)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	1 913	1 620	1 312	1 082	906
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 65 or above	1 097	1 184	1 098	954	887
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 15 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 65 or above	6 348	6 399	5 573	4 874	4 377
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 15-64 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 15 nor elderly recipients aged 65 or above)	17 255	18 344	17 097	15 279	14 238
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 3: Number of CSSA unemployment cases by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 or less	5 626	5 794	4 003	2 984	2 804
More than 1 - 2	2 601	3 709	3 474	2 421	1 901
More than 2 - 3	2 376	2 108	2 687	2 521	1 824
More than 3 - 4	2 093	1 964	1 618	2 015	2 206
More than 4 - 5	2 005	1 751	1 553	1 289	1 410
More than 5	11 912	12 221	11 745	10 959	10 263
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

Table 4: Number of CSSA unemployment cases by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Public housing estates ^[Note 2]	17 130	17 564	15 941	13 961	12 875
Private housing	8 062	8 542	7 765	6 934	6 247
Institutions	404	374	355	340	336
Others ^[Note 3]	1 017	1 067	1 019	954	950
Total	26 613	27 547	25 080	22 189	20 408

(a) (ii) Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles in 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 5: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	32 807	33 334	29 651	25 731	23 199
Female	26 212	26 167	23 218	20 401	18 258
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

Table 6: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
No schooling/ kindergarten	11 816	11 470	10 157	9 017	8 188
Primary	27 450	26 546	23 079	19 664	17 536
Lower secondary	12 405	13 114	11 932	10 643	9 678
Upper secondary ^[Note 4]	7 056	7 991	7 319	6 477	5 699
Post secondary	292	380	382	331	356
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

Table 7: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Under 15	13 943	13 582	11 716	10 356	9 333
15 – 59	42 591	43 286	38 712	33 569	30 046
60 or above	2 485	2 633	2 441	2 207	2 078
Total	59 019	59 501	52 869	46 132	41 457

- (a) (iii) Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at the end of the financial year except for 2012-13) were as follows –

Table 8: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	708	784	696	545	513
Clerk	127	134	146	103	82
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	357	361	293	233	222
Delivery worker	407	489	472	424	423
Domestic helper/baby sitter	210	227	219	218	210
Driver	145	187	171	173	173
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 343	1 604	1 564	1 410	1 329
Salesperson	278	359	338	289	241

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Waiter/waitress	292	338	357	324	283
Watchman/guard	217	217	208	190	151
Others	1 161	1 375	1 432	1 280	1 208
Total	5 245	6 075	5 896	5 189	4 835

Table 9: Number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by working hours

Working hours	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
50 or less	1 176	1 548	1 598	1 874	1 856
50 – less than 100	1 277	1 488	1 472	1 373	1 237
100 – less than 150	1 107	1 237	1 140	966	891
150 – less than 200	547	642	589	382	325
200 – less than 250	644	675	634	347	302
250 or above	281	302	280	110	78
Total	5 032	5 892	5 713	5 052	4 689

Table 10: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	722	907	934	838	757
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 310	1 588	1 546	1 381	1 342
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 061	1 160	1 100	960	861
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	729	819	777	794	745
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	475	543	477	408	410
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	384	420	410	230	215
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	298	311	319	201	182
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	159	186	176	166	139
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	64	76	92	126	91
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	17	30	26	43	50
\$10,000 or above	26	35	39	42	43
Total	5 245	6 075	5 896	5 189	4 835

- (b) (i) Statistics on CSSA low-earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA low-earnings cases by number of eligible members

Number of eligible members in the family	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	424	507	511	293	319
2	1 441	1 588	1 612	1 261	1 188
3	3 602	3 776	3 627	3 024	2 749
4	4 872	4 660	4 223	3 442	2 821
5	2 505	2 339	2 020	1 665	1 338
6 and above	1 112	1 027	909	796	680
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 2: Number of CSSA low-earnings cases by combination of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or new arrival(s) who resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combinations of member(s)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	2 007	1 839	1 615	1 291	1 007
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 65 or above	2 439	2 480	2 339	1 971	1 771
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 15 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 65 or above	6 871	6 681	6 102	4 966	4 325
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 15-64 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 15 nor elderly recipients aged 65 or above)	2 639	2 897	2 846	2 253	1 992
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 3: Number of CSSA low-earnings cases by duration of stay ^[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 or less	995	1 120	776	489	405
More than 1 - 2	864	1 056	1 039	657	490
More than 2 - 3	1 042	762	913	765	561
More than 3 - 4	1 156	923	708	753	718
More than 4 - 5	1 334	1 052	846	563	523
More than 5	8 565	8 984	8 620	7 254	6 398
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

Table 4: Number of CSSA low-earnings cases by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Public housing estates ^[Note 2]	11 513	11 357	10 483	8 473	7 269
Private housing	2 397	2 492	2 377	1 977	1 796
Institutions	6	11	9	8	9
Others ^[Note 3]	40	37	33	23	21
Total	13 956	13 897	12 902	10 481	9 095

(b) (ii) Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 5: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by gender

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	26 133	25 733	23 509	19 321	16 460
Female	27 050	26 160	23 904	19 738	16 801
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

Table 6: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
No schooling/ kindergarten	12 229	11 786	10 875	9 103	7 905
Primary	23 992	22 907	20 654	16 825	14 235
Lower secondary	10 501	10 566	9 675	8 035	6 841
Upper secondary ^[Note 4]	6 246	6 381	5 941	4 857	4 071
Post secondary	215	253	268	239	209
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

Table 7: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by age group

Age group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Under 15	16 376	15 642	14 272	11 718	10 175
15 – 59	31 974	31 406	28 551	23 435	19 610
60 or above	4 833	4 845	4 590	3 906	3 476
Total	53 183	51 893	47 413	39 059	33 261

(b) (iii) Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 8: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by occupation

Occupation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	2 212	2 222	1 967	1 441	1 216
Clerk	564	568	482	401	336
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	619	596	544	448	370
Delivery worker	774	773	738	659	552
Domestic helper/baby sitter	287	298	278	179	174
Driver	830	845	815	696	597
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	3 065	3 150	2 956	2 452	2 125
Salesperson	842	909	841	695	593
Waiter/waitress	752	759	671	596	515
Watchman/guard	1 616	1 493	1 374	1 003	848
Others	2 900	2 960	2 927	2 363	2 034
Total	14 461	14 573	13 593	10 933	9 360

Table 9: Number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by working hours

Working hours	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
50 or less	354	361	400	402	339
50 – less than 100	441	508	503	514	445
100 – less than 150	3 122	3 321	3 354	3 497	3 179
150 – less than 200	2 881	3 003	2 781	2 379	2 104
200 – less than 250	4 585	4 545	4 105	2 949	2 361
250 or above	2 080	1 965	1 658	801	634
Total	13 463	13 703	12 801	10 542	9 062

Table 10: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	219	257	253	206	162
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	665	704	656	340	312
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 565	1 573	1 446	481	398
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	2 186	2 259	2 144	1 995	1 632
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	2 450	2 304	2 175	1 808	1 608
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	2 529	2 610	2 251	1 281	1 084
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	2 359	2 265	2 020	1 717	1 357
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 332	1 280	1 281	1 251	1 120
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	628	661	693	921	828
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	285	284	323	554	474
\$10,000 or above	243	376	351	379	385
Total	14 461	14 573	13 593	10 933	9 360

- [Note 1] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.
- [Note 2] Including public housing estates under the Housing Authority and Housing Society.
- [Note 3] Including street sleeping, government quarters, men's apartment, boarding school, correctional or penal institution, boat, private quarters and other unclassified types of accommodation.
- [Note 4] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.
- [Note 5] Excluding CSSA recipients without information on working hours.

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

LWB(WW)505

Question Serial No.

4098

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, what were the median employment earnings and average employment earnings of CSSA recipients under the “unemployment” and “low-earnings” case nature who benefited from monthly DE over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The median and average monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients with employment earnings under the unemployment and low-earnings case natures from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Year	Median monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients with employment earnings	
	Unemployment cases (\$)	Low-earnings cases (\$)
2008-09	2,431	5,000
2009-10	2,321	5,000
2010-11	2,275	5,000
2011-12	2,200	5,400
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	2,200	5,345

Year	Average monthly employment earnings of CSSA recipients with employment earnings	
	Unemployment cases (\$)	Low-earnings cases (\$)
2008-09	2,961	5,020
2009-10	2,904	5,071
2010-11	2,905	5,088
2011-12	2,887	5,619
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	2,867	5,644

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Question Serial No.

4099

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the respective number of elderly recipients on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who lived with their families over the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13); the number of families living with the elderly with a monthly household income less than the CSSA payments for CSSA households of the same size.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of CSSA cases with CSSA recipients aged 60 or above living with at least one CSSA recipient of a younger age from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2008-09	26 854
2009-10	27 287
2010-11	26 616
2011-12	25 189
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	24 008

The number of domestic households ^[Note 1] in Hong Kong with at least one member aged 60 or above and at least one member (excluding foreign domestic helpers) of a younger age and with household income below average monthly CSSA payment ^[Note 2] was as follows –

Year ^[Note 3]	Number of domestic households
2008	65 500
2009	80 900
2010	75 600
2011	75 900

[Note 1] Figures on number of domestic households in Hong Kong are provided by the Census and Statistics Department. Annual figure for 2012 is not available yet.

[Note 2] Average monthly CSSA payment refers to the amount a CSSA case without other income would get in a month. It can be more specifically regarded as "recognised needs" under the CSSA Scheme.

[Note 3] Figures in 2008 to 2010 presented in the above table are statistics which involve the use of the population figures in the compilation process. They have been revised to take into account the results of the 2011 Population Census which provided a benchmark for revising the population figures compiled since the 2006 Population By-census.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)507

Question Serial No.

4101

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information for the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (for months with available data)) –

the number of recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme who applied for grants for school-related expenses and the number of such applications by type of grant and by age group (0-6, 7-14, 15-24 and 24 or above);

the number of people with school grants applications approved and the number of such applications; and

the average, the highest, the lowest and the total school grants payments approved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of school children receiving standard flat rate grant on school related expenses ^[Note 1] (SRE) by education level ^[Note 2] for the periods July 2010 to June 2011, July 2011 to June 2012, and July 2012 to June 2013 was as follows –

Education level	July 2010 to June 2011		July 2011 to June 2012		July 2012 to June 2013 (preliminary figures)	
	Number of school children	Total recognised needs on SRE (\$ million)	Number of school children	Total recognised needs on SRE (\$ million)	Number of school children	Total recognised needs on SRE (\$ million)
Kindergarten ^[Note 3]	13 798	37	12 968	36	11 237	34
Primary	41 527	104	38 109	118	34 585	114
Lower secondary	31 161	119	27 548	122	24 045	113
Upper secondary ^[Note 4]	34 624	112	33 752	130	27 267	111
Total ^[Note 5]	121 110	372	112 377	405	97 134	371

^[Note 1] As most of the flat rate grants on SRE are issued in July and August before the start of school year, the period of July to June of the following year is adopted for counting of SRE for a reference school year.

[Note 2] Breakdown of the number by age group is not readily available.

[Note 3] Including child care centres.

[Note 4] Including technical institutes and commercial schools.

[Note 5] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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Question Serial No.

4102

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards the provision of disregarded earnings (DE), please provide the following information for the years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (for months with available data) –

- (a) the total amount of income disregarded in each of the years;
- (b) the total expenditure on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income; and
- (c) the average numbers of CSSA cases benefiting from the provision of DE.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The statistics on CSSA recipients benefiting from DE in 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Year	Total amount of income disregarded (\$ million)	Total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income (\$ million)	Average number of CSSA recipients benefiting from DE per month
2010-11	824.1	811.2	37 638
2011-12	762.8	798.4	34 641
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	518.8	551.8	31 526

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Question Serial No.

4103

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide information on fraud and abuse cases on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (for months with available data), including –

- (a) the number of newly reported cases in each of the years;
- (b) the number of established fraud and abuse cases in each of the years; and
- (c) the amount of payment involved in each of the years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of CSSA fraud cases and the amount of overpayment involved in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012) were as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
(a) Number of reported fraud cases	2 935	2 871	1 806
(b) Number of established fraud cases	1 014	806	840
(c) Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	48.6	51.5	45.6

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Question Serial No.

4106

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide information on the following two points for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (for months with available data) –

- (a) the numbers of recipients of the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and of the Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) by age group (1-11, 12-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 or above) and by gender; and
- (b) the duration of stay on NDA and HDA of the recipients as at the end of 2012 (less than one year, one year or more but less than three years, three years or more but less than five years, and five years or more).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of HDA and NDA recipients in the past three years with breakdown by age group and by gender were as follows –

Age group	2010-11					
	HDA			NDA		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
0-11	176	266	442	1 427	4 174	5 601
12-19	246	349	595	1 635	2 722	4 357
20-29	303	436	739	3 070	4 054	7 124
30-39	178	232	410	4 502	4 771	9 273
40-49	281	298	579	7 767	5 545	13 312
50-59	592	678	1 270	11 769	9 172	20 941
60-69	779	1 132	1 911	8 868	9 712	18 580
70 and above	6 958	4 428	11 386	21 989	16 400	38 389
Total	9 513	7 819	17 332	61 027	56 550	117 577

Age group	2011-12					
	HDA			NDA		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
0-11	190	256	446	1 526	4 587	6 113
12-19	236	351	587	1 600	2 823	4 423
20-29	309	451	760	3 141	4 176	7 317
30-39	187	229	416	4 800	4 914	9 714
40-49	270	283	553	8 035	5 710	13 745
50-59	602	726	1 328	12 854	9 699	22 553
60-69	889	1 200	2 089	9 984	10 461	20 445
70 and above	7 485	4 628	12 113	22 418	16 731	39 149
Total	10 168	8 124	18 292	64 358	59 101	123 459

Age group	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)					
	HDA			NDA		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
0-11	180	272	452	1 591	4 812	6 403
12-19	249	358	607	1 614	2 912	4 526
20-29	306	463	769	3 256	4 221	7 477
30-39	196	245	441	4 999	5 128	10 127
40-49	287	285	572	8 330	5 822	14 152
50-59	637	752	1 389	13 904	10 136	24 040
60-69	963	1 229	2 192	10 983	11 179	22 162
70 and above	7 757	4 813	12 570	22 325	16 617	38 942
Total	10 575	8 417	18 992	67 002	60 827	127 829

- (b) The breakdown of HDA and NDA recipients by duration on Disability Allowance is not readily available.

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

LWB(WW)511

Question Serial No.

4107

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information on applications for additional grants for school-related expenses by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients last year (i.e. 2012-13), with breakdown by type of grant and age group (0 to 6, 7 to 14, 15 to 24 and over 25) –

- (a) the numbers of applicants and applications;
- (b) the number of successful applicants for the additional grants and the number of applications approved; and
- (c) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of approved claims and the total amount of grant by age group of recipients up to the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Age group	2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	
	Number of approved claims	Total amount of the grant claimed (\$)
0 to 6	144	168,813
7 to 14	142	109,490
15 to 24	31	25,110
25 and above	0	0
Overall	317	303,413

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for the additional grant for selected items of school-related expenses (the grant) within a year. Figures on the numbers of applicants and successful applicants for the grant are hence not readily available.

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

LWB(WW)512

Question Serial No.

4108

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the information in the following table the number of persons attending schools, working, not working and not attending schools, with breakdown by educational attainment, of families on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) with recipients aged 15 to 17 and aged 18 to 24 in the past two years (2011-12, 2012-13) –

(a) The schooling and working situations of families on CSSA with recipients aged 15 to 17

	Below Form 3	Form 3 to below Form 6	Form 6 to below tertiary-educated	Tertiary-educated or above
Attending schools				
Working				
Not working and not attending schools				

(b) The schooling and working situations of families on CSSA with recipients aged 18 to 24

	Below Form 3	Form 3 to below Form 6	Form 6 to below tertiary-educated	Tertiary-educated or above
Attending schools				
Working				
Not working and not attending schools				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Under the CSSA Scheme, a person can be assisted to receive education up to the secondary level provided that he is under the age of 22. The number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 21 by selected profiles in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 21 receiving full-time education by education level

Year	Education level	Age group	
		15-17	18-21
2011-12 (as at the end of December 2011)	Lower secondary and below	5 597	165
	Upper secondary ^[Note]	18 084	9 767
	Others	2 134	1 775
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012) (preliminary figures)	Lower secondary and below	4 448	137
	Upper secondary ^[Note]	14 933	5 441
	Others	3 441	2 475

Table 2: The number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 21 not receiving full-time education and with employment earnings by educational attainment

Year	Educational attainment	Age group	
		15-17	18-21
2011-12 (as at the end of December 2011)	Lower secondary and below	148	870
	Upper secondary ^[Note]	19	843
	Post secondary	0	41
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	Lower secondary and below	126	680
	Upper secondary ^[Note]	13	676
	Post secondary	0	36

Table 3: The number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 21 not receiving full-time education and without employment earnings by educational attainment

Year	Educational attainment	Age group	
		15-17	18-21
2011-12 (as at the end of December 2011)	Lower secondary and below	735	1 605
	Upper secondary ^[Note]	93	1 142
	Post secondary	1	26
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	Lower secondary and below	652	1 499
	Upper secondary ^[Note]	50	1 067
	Post secondary	1	26

^[Note] Including institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

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LWB(WW)513

Question Serial No.

4109

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the number of cases with actual rent less than, equal to or higher than the maximum rent allowance (MRA), among the cases in public housing estates receiving rent allowance in the previous year (i.e. 2012-13), with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and amounts of rent less than \$100, \$100 to less than \$500, \$500 to less than \$1,000 and \$1,000 or above; and the number of cases in private housing receiving rent allowance by the above criteria?

What is the median actual rent paid by households in private housing per month, among the cases in private housing receiving rent allowance in the previous years (i.e. 2012-13), with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and District Council district?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than, equal to or greater than the MRA as well as the breakdown by number of eligible members in the family and the amount of actual rent exceeding the MRA as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family	Public housing						
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				Total
			Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	
1	67 509	40	1 200	1 914	1 144	194	4 452
2	43 285	3	54	220	80	31	385
3	19 178	0	13	17	13	10	53
4	9 116	0	7	15	7	9	38
5	3 020	1	7	6	5	4	22
6 and above	1 159	0	3	0	0	2	5
Total	143 267	44	1 284	2 172	1 249	250	4 955

Number of eligible members in the family	Private housing						
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				Total
			Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	
1	6 859	201	1 638	5 123	2 401	2 119	11 281
2	4 398	12	386	1 718	1 330	1 491	4 925
3	2 646	4	199	854	559	903	2 515
4	909	1	118	256	228	572	1 174
5	241	1	28	77	71	245	421
6 and above	129	0	6	36	38	91	171
Total	15 182	219	2 375	8 064	4 627	5 421	20 487

(b) Median actual rent of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance by number of eligible members in the family and district as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent in Private housing (\$)					
	Number of eligible members in the family					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1 500	3 000	3 950	4 500	5 000	6 300
Eastern	1 500	2 800	4 000	4 500	4 141	5 550
Islands	1 500	2 600	3 350	3 250	3 500	4 200
Kowloon City	1 500	2 795	3 600	3 900	4 050	4 750
Kwai Tsing	1 500	2 700	3 500	3 800	4 000	5 200
Kwun Tong	1 500	2 800	3 600	4 000	4 250	4 650
North	1 500	2 800	3 500	3 800	3 800	4 850
Sai Kung	807	1 888	3 359	4 000	4 300	5 393
Sha Tin	831	949	3 700	4 500	4 500	4 700
Sham Shui Po	1 500	2 800	3 500	3 700	3 800	4 500
Southern	1 500	2 800	3 700	4 000	4 500	5 500
Tai Po	1 500	2 800	3 600	4 000	4 700	5 300
Tsuen Wan	1 500	2 800	3 600	4 000	4 000	4 600
Tuen Mun	1 340	2 500	3 500	4 081	5 000	4 500
Wan Chai	1 450	2 700	3 600	4 100	5 000	6 500
Wong Tai Sin	1 400	2 700	3 700	3 800	4 350	5 150
Yau Tsim Mong	1 500	2 800	3 600	3 900	4 500	5 550
Yuen Long	1 400	2 600	3 500	3 800	4 000	4 800
Overall	1 500	2 700	3 500	3 900	4 148	5 000

[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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

LWB(WW)514

Question Serial No.

4115

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), how the service can be enhanced by the Administration? Please provide the following information –

Details	Amount
Subvention in 2012-13	
Subvention in 2013-14	
Additional manpower	
Additional service output	

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: VSP commenced service in June 2010 with an allocation of about \$5 million per annum. As VSP is subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisation which operates the programme has the flexibility in deploying an appropriate number of staff to provide relevant services and achieve the required performance standard. VSP is targeted to serve about 800 service users a year. Apart from casework units, VSP has been extended to residents of the refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (CEASE Crisis Centre) and started providing child visitation service for these residents since August 2012. The VSP would further strengthen support to victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities and extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and CEASE Crisis Centre in 2013-14.

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

LWB(WW)515

Question Serial No.

4116

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding domestic violence, would the Administration –

- (a) Please provide in table form the numbers of domestic violence cases received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) between 2008 and 2012.

Source	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Police					
Hospitals					
Schools					
Social Welfare Units					
Others					

- (b) Have SWD, the Police, the Hospital Authority and schools etc., modified the definition or the ways in defining “domestic violence cases” in the past five years (i.e. year 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? If yes, what are the reasons and the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The breakdown of the reporting agencies of the newly reported domestic violence cases, including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering and Sexual Violence and Child Protection Registry maintained by SWD, is as follows –

Reporting agency	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Police	4 831	2 376	1 404	1 190	791
Hospital Authority	901	993	596	814	727
School	174	168	181	156	192
Social Welfare Service Unit	1 461	1 862	1 586	1 528	1 570
Others	358	401	397	363	348
Total	7 725	5 800	4 164	4 051	3 628

For spouse/cohabitant battering cases, if more than one agency report the same case, the first agency which provides the data will be recorded as the reporting agency.

- (b) SWD has drawn up two sets of procedural guidelines, namely the “Procedural Guide for Handling Child Abuse Cases” and the “Procedural Guidelines for Handling Intimate Partner Violence Cases”, in which definitions of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering are included for reference by front-line professionals from different sectors. From 2008-09 to 2012-13, SWD has not varied the definitions of or ways of defining the spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases.

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

LWB(WW)516

Question Serial No.

4117

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the number of Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and that of Conditional Tenancy (CT) cases processed by the Administration from 2008 to 2012? Please provide the following information –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
(a) Number of cases applying for CR (excluding CT)					
(b) Number of approved CR cases (excluding CT)					
(c) Number of rejected CR cases (excluding CT)					
(d) Average processing time for CR cases (excluding CT)					
(e) Number of cases applying for CT					
(f) Number of approved CT cases					
(g) Number of rejected CT cases					
(h) Average processing time for CT cases					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CR applications and that of CT applications processed during 2008 to 2012 were as follows –

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
(a) Number of CR applications (excluding CT)	1 912	2 149	2 367	2 266	2 243
(b) Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT)	1 813	2 029	2 184	2 043	2 062
(c) Number of rejected CR applications (excluding CT) [Note]	32	29	39	59	57
(d) Average time required for processing CR applications (excluding CT) (days)	36	34	36	44	39
(e) Number of CT applications	481	469	496	444	378
(f) Number of CT cases recommended to HD	456	463	472	400	329
(g) Number of rejected CT applications [Note]	0	5	3	4	4
(h) Average time required for processing CT applications (days)	31	28	32	38	34

[Note] Apart from rejected applications, some CR and CT applications were withdrawn by the applicants because of alternative arrangements, e.g. applicants being allocated public housing unit through normal waiting list or offered household splitting.

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

LWB(WW)517

Question Serial No.

4120

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) stated that it will continue to monitor the implementation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) throughout the territory. However, it has already been more than two years since ICCMWs started providing one-stop district-based community mental health support services in 2010 and SWD has yet to conduct any comprehensive review on ICCMWs. On the other hand, the Hospital Authority (HA) has commissioned the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Hong Kong to conduct a detailed study and analysis on the implementation and effectiveness of its Case Management Programme for patients with severe mental illness launched at around the same time as ICCMWs. The findings are expected to be released in mid-2013.

Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Will SWD provide resources for commissioning the academia/professional bodies, etc. to conduct a study and review on the implementation and effectiveness of ICCMWs? If yes, how will it be carried out? If not, what are the reasons?
- (b) Has SWD planned to conduct a study and review on the implementation and effectiveness of ICCMWs? If yes, how and when will it be conducted? If not, what are the reasons? How will SWD continue to monitor and improve the implementation of ICCMWs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

To ensure effective operation of ICCMWs, SWD has set up a platform at headquarters and district levels respectively to coordinate and enhance cross-service and cross-sectoral collaboration, to draw up strategies and action agenda, and to handle issues related to community mental health services. At headquarters level, a Central Coordinating Group co-chaired by SWD and the HA and comprising representatives of the medical and social welfare sectors has been in place to oversee the implementation progress of ICCMW service and to review cross-sectoral collaboration among stakeholders. At district level, District Task Groups (DTGs), co-chaired by respective District Social Welfare Officers of SWD and HA's cluster heads of psychiatric services and comprising representatives of ICCMWs and relevant government departments (such as the Hong Kong Police Force and Housing Department), have been in operation in SWD's administrative districts. DTGs are set up to coordinate and rationalise efforts at district level to resolve operational problems and enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, thereby facilitating effective delivery of ICCMW service.

SWD will continue to maintain close communication and liaison with HA, service operators and relevant stakeholders in monitoring the operation of ICCMWs to ensure effective delivery of one-stop and accessible community support services for service users. As ICCMW service has come into operation for 2.5 years only following its commencement in October 2010, there is no plan to conduct a comprehensive evaluation study on the service implementation of ICCMWs at this stage. SWD will keep in view the service development and the service demand in the community for ongoing service monitoring.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)518

Question Serial No.

4122

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) The number of Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with the actual rent allowance received less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA), actual rent equal to the MRA and actual rent higher than the MRA, with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members in 2011-12 and 2012-13.
 - (b) The number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with the actual rent allowance received less than the MRA, actual rent equal to the MRA and actual rent higher than the MRA, with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members in 2011-12 and 2012-13.
 - (c) The median amount of the portion of the actual rent higher than MRA among all CSSA cases, with a breakdown by the number of household members in 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) The number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA, with a breakdown by number of eligible members in the family from 2011-12 to 2012-13 was as follows –

2011-12			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	68 212	17	2 732
2	43 980	0	184
3	20 840	0	36
4	10 760	0	32
5	3 754	1	6
6 and above	1 378	0	1
Total	148 924	18	2 991

2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	67 509	40	4 452
2	43 285	3	385
3	19 178	0	53
4	9 116	0	38
5	3 020	1	22
6 and above	1 159	0	5
Total	143 267	44	4 955

- (b) The number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA, with a breakdown by number of eligible members in the family from 2011-12 to 2012-13 was as follows –

2011-12			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	8 257	52	10 675
2	5 117	1	4 408
3	3 095	1	2 329
4	1 144	0	1 138
5	279	3	423
6 and above	152	0	178
Total	18 044	57	19 151

2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)			
Number of eligible members in the family	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	6 859	201	11 281
2	4 398	12	4 925
3	2 646	4	2 515
4	909	1	1 174
5	241	1	421
6 and above	129	0	171
Total	15 182	219	20 487

- (c) Median amount of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance for which the actual rent was greater than the MRA is not readily available.

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Date: 11 April 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)519

Question Serial No.

4123

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information for 2012-13 –

- (a) Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and number of recipients for one-person households by age (below the age of 15, 15 to 18, 18 to 64, 65 or above) and number of working household members.

Number of working household members	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below the age of 15	Aged 15 to 18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 or above
1 person					

- (b) Please provide the number of CSSA cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and number of recipients for two-person households by age (below the age of 15, 15 to 18, 18 to 64, 65 or above) and number of working household members.

Number of working household members	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below the age of 15	Aged 15 to 18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 or above
1 person					
2 persons					

- (c) Please provide the number of CSSA cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and number of recipients for three-person households by age (below the age of 15, 15 to 18, 18 to 64, 65 or above) and number of working household members.

Number of working household members	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below the age of 15	Aged 15 to 18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 or above
1 person					
2 persons					
3 persons					

- (d) Please provide the number of CSSA cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and number of recipients for four-person households by age (below the age of 15, 15 to 18, 18 to 64, 65 or above) and number of working household members.

Number of working household members	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below the age of 15	Aged 15 to 18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 or above
1 person					
2 persons					
3 persons					
4 persons					

- (e) Please provide the number of CSSA cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and number of recipients for five-person households by age (below the age of 15, 15 to 18, 18 to 64, 65 or above) and number of working household members.

Number of working household members	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below the age of 15	Aged 15 to 18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 or above
1 person					
2 persons					
3 persons					
4 persons					
5 persons					

- (f) Please provide the number of CSSA cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and number of recipients for six-person households by age (below the age of 15, 15 to 18, 18 to 64, 65 or above) and number of working household members.

Number of working household members	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below the age of 15	Aged 15 to 18	Aged 18 to 64	Aged 65 or above
1 person					
2 persons					
3 persons					
4 persons					
5 persons					
6 persons					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases, with breakdown by number of eligible members in the family and also by number of eligible members with employment earnings by age group, as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

- (a) CSSA low-earnings cases with 1 eligible member in the family

Number of eligible member with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and over
1	294	0	0	294	0

(b) CSSA low-earnings cases with 2 eligible members in the family

Number of eligible member with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and over
1	1 023	187	129	1 404	326
2	37	0	4	67	3

(c) CSSA low-earnings cases with 3 eligible members in the family

Number of eligible member with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and over
1	2 348	1 381	623	4 194	846
2	218	63	73	483	35
3	4	0	1	11	0

(d) CSSA low-earnings cases with 4 eligible members in the family

Number of eligible member with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and over
1	2 381	3 125	1 059	4 891	449
2	300	216	188	733	63
3	9	2	4	28	2
4	1	0	0	4	0

(e) CSSA low-earnings cases with 5 eligible members in the family

Number of eligible member with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and over
1	1 163	2 431	636	2 503	245
2	114	136	92	309	33
3	9	3	4	36	2
4	1	0	1	4	0
5	0	0	0	0	0

(f) CSSA low-earnings cases with 6 and above eligible members in the family

Number of eligible member with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and over
1	588	1 934	365	1 306	155
2	57	104	52	175	31
3	11	15	9	37	7
4	1	0	1	5	0
5	0	0	0	0	0
6 and above	0	0	0	0	0

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)520

Question Serial No.

4124

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information for 2012-13 –

- (a) the number of one-person households under the “Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) single parent (SP)” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15- 18, 18- 64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					

- (b) the number of two-person households under the “CSSA SP” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					

- (c) the number of three-person households under the “CSSA SP” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					
3					

- (d) the number of four-person households under the “CSSA SP” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					
3					
4					

- (e) the number of five-person households under the “CSSA SP” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

- (f) the number of six-person households under the “CSSA SP” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of CSSA SP cases and recipients involved in those cases by number of eligible members in the family and further by number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings by age group as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

- (a) Since CSSA SP cases should have at least two eligible members in the family, the question regarding CSSA SP cases with one eligible member is not applicable.

(b) CSSA SP cases with two eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	3 746	1 761	1 463	4 250	18
2	31	0	10	52	0

(c) CSSA SP cases with three eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	2 069	1 792	1 469	2 887	59
2	109	31	74	222	0
3	2	1	3	2	0

(d) CSSA SP cases with four eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	389	508	332	647	69
2	27	16	28	62	2
3	1	0	0	4	0
4	0	0	0	0	0

(e) CSSA SP cases with five eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	75	121	74	162	18
2	9	8	10	24	3
3	3	2	5	8	0
4	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0

(f) CSSA SP cases with six and above eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	19	57	17	42	7
2	2	5	1	6	0
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0
6 and above	0	0	0	0	0

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)521

Question Serial No.

4125

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information for 2012-13 –

- (a) the number of one-person households under the “Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for the elderly” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					

- (b) the number of two-person households under the “CSSA for the elderly” case nature and recipients, with breakdowns by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					

- (c) the number of three-person households under the “CSSA for the elderly” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					
3					

- (d) the number of four-person households under the “CSSA for the elderly” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					
3					
4					

- (e) the number of five-person households under the “CSSA for the elderly” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

- (f) the number of six-person households under the “CSSA for the elderly” case nature and recipients, with breakdown by age groups (below 15, 15-18, 18-64, 65 or above) and the number of working persons;

Number of working persons	Number of cases	Number of recipients			
		Below 15 years old	15-18 years old	18-64 years old	65 years old or above
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6 or more					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases by number of eligible members in the family and further by number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings by age group as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

- (a) CSSA old age cases with one eligible member in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	644	0	0	403	241

- (b) CSSA old age cases with two eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	734	33	8	738	689
2	9	0	0	12	6

- (c) CSSA old age cases with three eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	768	170	169	1 169	796
2	30	0	9	56	25
3	1	0	0	2	1

(d) CSSA old age cases with four eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	341	202	188	680	294
2	24	10	9	58	19
3	2	0	0	7	1
4	0	0	0	0	0

(e) CSSA old age cases with five eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	81	79	48	193	85
2	8	3	1	26	10
3	1	0	0	4	1
4	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0

(f) CSSA old age cases with six and above eligible members in the family

Number of eligible members in the family with employment earnings	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)			
		Under 15	15-17	18-64	65 and above
1	27	45	25	70	27
2	5	5	4	17	5
3	3	2	0	14	4
4	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0
6 and above	0	0	0	0	0

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)522

Question Serial No.

4128

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Please provide the number of elderly recipients on Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) from 2003-04 to 2013-14 respectively.
 - (b) Please provide the number of elderly recipients on CSSA who were living with their families or singletons as well as the number of cases where all family members on CSSA were elderly persons from 2003-04 to 2013-14 respectively.
 - (c) Please provide a breakdown, by the number of household members, of the families living with the elderly throughout the territory and their median monthly income.
 - (d) Please provide a breakdown of the number of Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) recipients from 2003-04 to 2013-14 respectively.
 - (e) Please provide a breakdown of the number of Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) recipients from 2003-04 to 2013-14 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available.

(a) The number of CSSA recipients aged 60 and above was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA recipients
2008-09	184 804
2009-10	187 147
2010-11	187 487
2011-12	186 070
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	184 865

(b) The number of CSSA cases with recipients aged 60 and above with breakdown by selected profiles was as follows –

Year	Number of singleton CSSA cases with recipients aged 60 and above	Number of family CSSA cases with recipients aged 60 and above only	Number of family CSSA cases with recipients aged 60 and above and living with at least one recipient of a younger age
2008-09	110 035	22 110	26 854
2009-10	111 547	22 254	27 287
2010-11	112 556	22 220	26 616
2011-12	112 587	22 251	25 189
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	112 816	22 162	24 008

- (c) The number of domestic households with persons aged 60 and above and their median monthly domestic household income by household size in 2011 ^[Note 1] were as follows –

Household size	Number of domestic households	Median monthly domestic household income (HK\$)
1	164 100	3,900
2	269 700	8,500
3	210 800	18,000
4	145 900	25,000
5	77 100	28,800
6 and above	48 100	36,300
Overall ^[Note 2]	915 600	13,600

- (d)-(e) The number of NOAA and HOAA recipients was as follows –

Year	NOAA	HOAA
2008-09	69 401	416 454
2009-10	69 980	427 962
2010-11	71 068	437 002
2011-12	76 189	445 297
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	84 921	454 250

^[Note 1] Statistics on domestic households in Hong Kong are provided by the Census and Statistics Department. Annual figures for 2012 are not available yet.

^[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)523

Question Serial No.

4129

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Please list out the numbers of places and the average utilisation rates of the aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten (KG)-cum-CCCs, occasional child care service (OCCS), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and After School Care Programme (ASCP) in each year from 2003-04 to 2012-13.
 - (b) Please list out the numbers of cases receiving half fee remission under the Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme (KCFRS) with breakdown by the recipients' household size, age, monthly household income, number of working adults, as well as types of accommodation (public rental housing, subsidised home ownership housing, private housing) from 2003-04 to 2012-13 respectively.
 - (c) Please list out the numbers of cases receiving 3/4 fee remission under the KCFRS with breakdown by the recipients' household size, age, monthly household income, numbers of working adults, as well as types of accommodation (public rental housing, subsidised home ownership housing, private housing) from 2003-04 to 2012-13 respectively.
 - (d) Please list out the numbers of cases receiving full fee remissions under the KCFRS with breakdown by the recipients' household size, age, monthly household income, numbers of working adults, as well as types of accommodation (public rental housing, subsidised home ownership housing, private housing) from 2003-04 to 2012-13 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) While the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of places and the average utilisation rates of the aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, OCCS, MHCCCs and ASCP from 2003-04 to 2005-06, the respective numbers of places and the average utilisation rates in the past seven years from 2006-07 to 2012-13 are provided in the table below –

Year	Aided full-day standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs [Note 4]		OCCS		MHCCCs		ASCP [Note 2]	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places [Note 1]	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Average utilisation rate
2006-07	686	91%	Not Available		550	73%	305	6%	5 994	84%
2007-08	666	95%			549	70%	305	8%	5 666	88%
2008-09	682	97%			548	56%	314	8%	5 577	85%
2009-10	690	98%	20 239	66%	545	49%	314	8%	5 641	84%
2010-11	690	98%	22 304	72%	545	59%	300	8%	5 554	86%
2011-12	690	99%	22 716	76%	434 [Note 3]	62%	314	7%	5 488	85%
2012-13 (up to December 2012)	690	100%	23 589	77%	434	72%	314	8%	5 404	87%

[Note 1] Including 51 value-added OCCS places.

[Note 2] Along with the gradual reduction in half day school places in primary schools, the ASCP centres have gradually reduced the number of half-day places, resulting in the reduction of overall number of ASCP places.

[Note 3] In view of the low utilisation rate of the OCCS service following the implementation of the NSCCP, SWD reviewed the demand for OCCS in September 2011 and reduced the number of service places to optimise the use of resources. Resources in addition to savings resulting from the reduction of service places were provided to the service operators to conduct family support activities for parents and carers in OCCS service unit to promote the proper care of children and the message of “not leaving children alone at home”.

[Note 4] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2012, which were captured at the beginning of each school year.

(b), (c) & (d) As the KCFRS is under the administration of the Education Bureau, SWD does not have the statistical information requested.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)524

Question Serial No.

4130

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Please list out the number of home-based child care (HCC) places and the average utilisation rate in each year under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) from October 2011 to 2012-13.
 - (b) Please list out the number of centre-based care group (CCG) places and the average utilisation rate in each year under NSCCP from October 2011 to 2012-13.
 - (c) Please list out the number of cases receiving full fee waiving under NSCCP with breakdown by the recipients' household size, age, monthly household income, number of working adults, as well as types of accommodation (public rental housing, subsidised home ownership housing, private housing) from October 2011 to 2012-13.
 - (d) Please list out the number of cases receiving half fee waiving under NSCCP with breakdown by the recipients' household size, age, monthly household income, number of working adults, as well as types of accommodation (public rental housing, subsidised home ownership housing, private housing) from October 2011 to 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP to 18 districts in October 2011, each service operator is required to provide at least 26 HCC places. Thus, there are a total of at least 468 HCC places over the territory. The service operators have the flexibility to increase the number of HCC places on top of the minimum requirement set by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to meet actual service demand. SWD captures service utilisation by count of children using the service in the month, and one child is counted once in the month. The number of children served under HCC service during the period of October 2011 to March 2012 was 3 469 (including 147 children using both HCC and centre-based care group service) and that for the period of April to December 2012 was 6 676 (including 298 children using both HCC and centre-based care group service).
- (b) Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP to 18 districts in October 2011, each service operator is required to provide at least 14 CCG places. Thus, there are a total of at least 252 centre-based care group places over the territory. SWD captures service utilisation by count of children using the service in the month, and one child is counted once in the month. The number of children served under CCG service from October 2011 to March 2012 was 843 (including 147 children using both HCC and centre-based

care group service) and that for the period of April to December 2012 was 1 394 (including 298 children using both HCC and centre-based care group service).

- (c) & (d) SWD does not have the statistical information on the particulars of families receiving fee subsidy/waiving. From October 2011 to December 2012, there were 4 160 children receiving full fee waiving, and 983 children receiving half fee waiving under NSCCP.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)525

Question Serial No.

4516

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113 of the 2013 Budget Speech that additional funding of \$9 million will be allocated to provide 100 additional day care places. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the geographical distribution of the additional 100 places;
- (b) How many people are on the waiting list for day care (DC) services and what is the waiting time at present; and
- (c) It is stated in the 2013 Estimates that the number of places in day care centres for the elderly/day care units for the elderly will be increased by 182 from 2 669 in 2012-13 to 2 851 in 2013-14. Why is the number of places different from that stated in the Budget Speech?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The geographical distribution of the additional 100 DC places for the elderly which are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards will be as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Sai Kung	60
Wan Chai	20
Sham Shui Po	10
Sha Tin	10
Total	100

- (b) As at 31 January 2013, there were 1 558 elderly waiting for subsidised DC places and the average waiting time was about nine months.
- (c) We expect the 182 additional DC places to commence service in 2013-14, while the 100 additional DC places mentioned in the Budget Speech are expected to commence service in 2014-15.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)526

Question Serial No.

4517

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113 of the 2013-14 Budget Speech that the service hours of new day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) will be extended. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the details of the planned extension of service hours; and
- (b) What are the additional manpower and funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The 100 additional day care (DC) places at new DE/DCUs mentioned in the Budget Speech are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards. The service hours of these new DE/DCUs will be extended to 8:00 p.m. from Mondays to Saturdays and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and public holidays. The total estimated annual expenditure for these DC places is around \$9 million. Though the Social Welfare Department has not specified any staff establishment, the operators should ensure an appropriate and adequate staff mix in providing DC service.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)527

Question Serial No.

4518

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113 of the 2013 Budget Speech that there will be additional provision of some 600 subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the construction of three contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), purchase of additional EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Places Scheme (EBPS) and making better use of space in subvented homes. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How much of the funding of \$73 million will be used for the construction of contract RCHEs and for the purchase of additional EA1 places respectively?
- (b) Of the additional 600 subsidised residential care places, what will be the number of places in subvented homes and the number of EA1 places under EBPS respectively?
- (c) What will be the number of additional subsidised residential care places provided through making better use of space in subvented homes; will this reduce the net floor area per person and affect the service quality of the existing homes? and
- (d) What will be the numbers of various types of residential care places to be provided by the three new contract RCHEs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The details of the additional provision of some 600 subsidised residential care places are as follows –

Means	Number of subsidised places		Estimated recurrent funding (\$ million)
	Nursing Home places	Care-and-attention places	
(1) Set up three new contract RCHEs	212	24	38.8
(2) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide additional care-and attention (C&A) places with a continuum of care (COC)	0	52	5.2
(3) Purchase C&A places under EBPS	0	300	29.4
Total	588		73.4

In making full use of the surplus space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide additional subsidised COC places, the area occupied by existing residents will not be reduced. These COC places will better meet the care needs of the elderly residents whose health conditions have deteriorated and reached a higher level of impairment.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)528

Question Serial No.

4519

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113 of the 2013 Budget Speech that there will be additional recurrent funding of \$164 million to increase the subvention for 7 000 residential care places with a continuum of care (COC) by 10%. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

In the 2013 Estimates, the average cost per place per month for the places of care-and-attention (C&A) homes that provide a COC arising from conversion of self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) has increased by only \$1,034 from \$12,543 in 2012-13 to \$13,577 in 2013-14. Why is the percentage of increase at 8.2% instead of 10%?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The cost per place per month of C&A places with a COC as mentioned in the Controlling Officer's Report comprises the direct cost and the administrative support costs incurred. The direct cost has been increased by about \$830 in 2013-14 which is about 10% increase over the direct cost in 2012-13.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)529

Question Serial No.

4520

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 113 of the 2013 Budget Speech that the Administration will allocate “\$160 million in the five-year period from 2013-14 for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to organise ten more classes of two-year full-time Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programmes for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme). The Programme will provide more than 1 200 training places”. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the current situation of shortage of nurses in the welfare sector?
- (b) What is the EN wastage rate in the welfare sector in the past three years (2010 to 2012)? How will the Administration address this wastage issue? and
- (c) What is the number of additional EN vacant posts in the welfare sector because of new social services to be launched in the coming five years (starting from 2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise the two-year full-time EN Training Programme since 2006. A total of 12 classes have been organised, providing a total of about 1 500 training places. The Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Administration. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. SWD will organise ten more classes, providing more than 1 200 training places in five years from 2013-14. SWD does not capture the actual figures on vacancies or wastage of EN in the welfare sector. In planning for the additional training places, SWD has taken into consideration the existing manpower situation, future requirements arising from service expansion in the welfare sector and measures to enhance the quality and care level of subsidised residential care places. SWD has also obtained additional funding of \$356 million for allocation to the welfare non-governmental organisations concerned and the private homes offering EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme for a further period of three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 to enable them to offer more competitive salaries for the recruitment and retention of nursing and paramedical staff.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)530

Question Serial No.

4521

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 114 of the 2013 Budget Speech that additional recurrent funding of \$35.6 million will be allocated to provide 145 new places each for residential and day training services. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- Will the 145 new places each for residential and day training services be provided under day training centres cum hostels for persons with disabilities?
- What will be the geographical distribution of the two groups of new places respectively?
- Of the new places above, how many will be sheltered workshops and day activity centres places respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kok-che

Reply: In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$35.6 million to provide 145 new places of day activity centre (including 125 places matching with hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons), 125 new places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons and 20 new places of supported hostel. Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage and will be subject to local consultation, application for change of land use, drawing up the layout for the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of the places at this juncture.

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

LWB(WW)531

Question Serial No.

4523

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Estimates that additional foster care places and additional places in residential homes for children (RHCs) were provided by the Administration in 2012. As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- the number of children waitlisting for foster care service, small group homes (SGHs) and RHCs, as well as the waiting time each year for the past three years (year 2010-11 to 2012-13); and
- the geographical distribution of the additional places in RHCs.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The requested information on residential care services for children is listed below –

Item	Foster care service	SGHs	RHCs
Number of waitlisted cases ^[Note 1]			
2010-11	35	258	360
2011-12	31	347	320
2012-13 (up to January 2013)	32	374	272
Average waiting time for admission (days) ^[Note 2]			
2010-11	42	119	99
2011-12	43	113	55
2012-13 (up to January 2013)	51	108	48

[Note 1] Average number of waitlisted cases as at the end of each month during the respective period.

[Note 2] Average waiting time for admission of all children admitted for residential child care services during the respective period.

There were 26 additional places provided through in-situ expansion of existing residential homes for children in 2012-13. The distribution of these additional places by region was 13 in Hong Kong, nine in Kowloon and four in the New Territories.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)532

Question Serial No.

4524

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Estimates that the Administration carried out preparatory work for setting up three Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2012. As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee in which districts are these IFSCs located and the annual funding allocation involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The three new IFSCs set up in 2012-13 are located in Kwun Tong, Yuen Long and Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong Districts. The annual expenditure of the three new IFSCs is \$30 million.

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

LWB(WW)533

Question Serial No.

4525

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Budget that the Administration continued to implement the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in 2012. As such, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following in the past three years (year 2010-11 to 2012-13) –

- (a) The annual funding allocation for NSCCP each year;
- (b) The numbers of home-based child carers who participated in NSCCP in the respective districts each year;
- (c) The numbers of beneficiaries by age group who participated in NSCCP in the respective districts each year; and
- (d) Would the Administration review the incentive payment for the home-based child carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The actual expenditure for NSCCP was \$10.5 million in 2010-11 and \$26.4 million in 2011-12 while the revised estimate in 2012-13 is \$24.5 million.
- (b) The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of home-based child carers which may fluctuate according to service demand.
- (c) The NSCCP was regularised and extended to 18 districts in October 2011. The number of children served in each district in respective age groups is provided in the table below –

District	Number of children served					
	October 2011 to March 2012			April to December 2012		
	Aged under 3	Aged 3 to under 6	Aged 6 or above	Aged under 3	Aged 3 to under 6	Aged 6 or above
Central & Western	32	5	0	67	28	0
Southern	16	77	3	61	104	12
Islands	95	102	26	144	158	42
Eastern	38	37	5	95	118	14
Wan Chai	17	21	2	65	60	5
Kowloon City	140	94	15	250	183	59
Yau Tsim Mong	38	164	21	329	434	70
Kwun Tong	159	147	17	262	248	26
Sha Tin	145	96	0	234	118	0
Sham Shui Po	167	201	5	345	382	20
Tai Po	55	80	9	191	155	17
North	65	96	16	100	111	31
Tsuen Wan	11	16	0	132	76	5
Kwai Tsing	109	208	27	151	323	43
Tuen Mun	160	251	112	260	361	124
Wong Tai Sin	56	133	30	204	253	43
Sai Kung	153	103	52	238	164	36
Yuen Long	236	286	16	370	425	26
Total	1 692	2 117	356	3 498	3 701	573

- (d) NSCCP is not an employment but a mutual help project. It aims to promote community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood, and at the same time provide flexible child care support to needy families. The home-based child carers of NSCCP are providing service as volunteers in the spirit of care for others and receive an incentive payment in return. The existing level of incentive payment to the home-based child carers of NSCCP is considered appropriate.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)534

Question Serial No.

4526

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Currently what are the respective numbers of social workers, nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists who are assessors?
- (b) What were the numbers of assessments processed by the five Standardised Care Need Assessment Management Offices (Elderly Services) (SCNAMO(ES)s) in each of the past three years (2010 to 2012)?
- (c) What was the staffing establishment of the five SCNAMO(ES)s in the past three years?
- (d) What was the average cost per assessment case conducted by SCNAMO(ES)s in the past three years?
- (e) What were the number of assessment cases outsourced to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the cost per assessment case in each of the past three years? and
- (f) Will the Administration increase the manpower of SCNAMO(ES)s? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Since the implementation of the SCNAMES, the accumulated number of trained and accredited assessors was 2 612. The professional background of the 2 128 serving assessors, i.e. excluding those resigned and retired assessors, is as follows –

Profession	Number of serving assessors
Social worker	1 982
Nurse	122
Occupational therapist	15
Physiotherapist	9
Total	2 128

- (b) In the past three years from 2010 to 2012, the number of assessments coordinated by the SCNAMO(ES)s was 22 481, 23 360 and 24 969 respectively and the number of assessments completed by SCNAMO(ES) assessors was 14 746, 16 063 and 17 985 respectively.
- (c) As at the end of the years of 2010, 2011 and 2012, the total number of assessors deployed to the five SCNAMO(ES)s was 16, 18 and 19 respectively.
- (d) Apart from conducting assessments, the SCNAMO(ES) assessors are required to handle other coordination and administrative work relating to SCNAMES. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the average cost per assessment case conducted by SCNAMO(ES)s.
- (e) In the past three years from 2010 to 2012, the total number of assessments completed by non-governmental organisation (NGO) service units including Integrated Family Service Centres, District Elderly Community Centres and other elderly service units was 4 369, 3 733 and 3 320 respectively. Same as other casework service units, the provision of services and assistance to their known cases, including conducting assessments, is part and parcel of their work, not an outsourcing arrangement. As such, SWD does not capture the average cost per assessment case conducted by these NGO service units.
- (f) SWD reviews the workload and the manpower of the five SCNAMO(ES)s regularly and has already increased the manpower of SCNAMO(ES)s by a total of three additional assessors as compared with that in 2010. SWD will continue to keep in view the manpower situation.

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

LWB(WW)535

Question Serial No.

4527

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Estimates that the care for the demented elderly in day care centres for the elderly (DEs), day care units for the elderly (DCUs) and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) was strengthened. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the numbers of places applying for Dementia Supplement (DS) in DEs, DCUs and RCHEs respectively in the past three years (2010-11 to 2012-13);
- (b) What were the numbers of places applying for Infirmity Care Supplement (ICS) in DEs, DCUs and RCHEs respectively in the past three years; and
- (c) Will the Administration increase the amounts of DS and ICS; if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The numbers of beneficiaries for DS and ICS in the past three years were as follows –

	Number of beneficiaries		
	Subvented RCHEs/Private RCHEs participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) ^[Note]		Subsidised DEs/DCUs ^[Note]
	DS	ICS	DS
2010-11	4 012	1 154	Not available
2011-12	4 403	1 282	449
2012-13	4 768	1 345	555

^[Note] The numbers of eligible elderly persons residing in private RCHEs participating in EBPS and attending DEs/DCUs are estimated based on the number of eligible cases in subvented RCHEs as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority. DS was extended to subsidised DEs/DCUs since 2011-12.

In 2012-13, the allocation of DS to eligible RCHEs and DEs/DCUs was \$203.3 million and that of ICS to RCHEs was \$89.7 million. In 2013-14, the allocation of DS will be \$216.9 million and that of ICS will be \$95.3 million.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)536

Question Serial No.

4528

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Estimates that the Administration will continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Scheme) in 2013-14. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following regarding the Pilot Scheme in the past two years (2011-12 and 2012-13) –

- (a) What were the numbers of cases served by the three service teams each year?
- (b) What was the average hour of service for each case?
- (c) What were the numbers of emergency applications and reasons for such applications among the service users?
- (d) What were the services for carers provided by the three service teams?
- (e) What were the staffing establishment of case managers and the manpower ratio of case managers to service users?
- (f) What were the amounts of funding allocation for and the staffing establishment of the three service teams each year? and
- (g) The Pilot Scheme will end in February next year. Will the Administration extend and expand the services to all districts in Hong Kong upon the end of the Pilot Scheme? If yes, what are the details and the funding allocation involved; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) As at the end of January 2013, a total of 564 elderly persons had received services since the commencement of the Scheme.
- (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the average number of service hours per case.
- (c) Since the commencement of the Scheme in March 2011 to 31 January 2013, no urgent case had been referred to the Scheme.
- (d) The Scheme provides support and training to the carers to enhance their capability in providing care and support to the frail elderly. Services provided include assessment on

the needs and conditions of the carers, training on knowledge and skills in taking care of the frail elderly, resources and rehabilitation equipment on loan, elderly sitting, family activities and mutual support groups.

- (e) A case management approach has been adopted for the provision of services under the Scheme. The professionals in the service team (e.g. social workers, nurses, physiotherapists or occupational therapists) serve as the case managers on top of their other caring duties. Operators are allowed to flexibly deploy these case managers in accordance with operational needs, subject to the requirement in the Service Specifications of the Scheme that one case manager should be appointed for not more than 25 service users.
- (f) The Scheme is funded by the Lotteries Fund and the expenditure in 2011-12 to 2013-14 is as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	15.0
2012-13 (Actual)	17.6
2013-14 (Estimate) (The Scheme will end in February 2014)	16.2

The operators could flexibly deploy the grant to employ staff to meet operational needs, provided that the roles and duties of the case managers are taken up by the professionals including social workers, nurses, physiotherapists or occupational therapists.

- (g) A steering committee has been set up to give strategic advice and oversee its implementation. SWD will examine the effectiveness of the Scheme in light of operational experience before deciding on the way forward.

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Question Serial No.

4529

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2013-14, there will be 25 and 75 additional places for halfway houses and long stay care homes for discharged mental patients respectively. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

What is the geographical distribution of these additional places?

Will these additional places be provided in the existing service units or in new service units to be established?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has identified suitable premises in Yuen Long District for the provision of 75 places of long stay care home in 2013-14. As for the 25 additional places of halfway house, they will be provided through in-situ expansion in Wai Chai District in 2013-14.

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

LWB(WW)538

Question Serial No.

4530

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2013-14, there will be 90, 266 and 30 additional places in hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) and care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) respectively. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

What is the geographical distribution of these additional places?

Will these additional places be provided in the existing service units or in new service units to be established?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The Administration has planned to provide 90 additional places of HMMH, 266 additional places of HSMH and 30 additional places of C&A/SD in 2013-14. Some of these places will be provided in new service units to be set up while others will be provided through in-situ expansion of some existing service units. The distribution of some of these places by district is as follows –

District	Number of additional places		
	HMMH	HSMH	C&A/SD
Sham Shui Po	20	50	30
Tuen Mun	70	-	-
Yuen Long	-	50	

Since the provision of the remaining places is still at the preparatory stage which may involve local consultation, application for change of land use, drawing up the layout for the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this juncture.

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

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Question Serial No.

4531

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2013-14, there will be 376, 50 and 481 additional places in day activity centres (DAC), sheltered workshops (SWs) and early education and training centres for persons with disabilities respectively. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

What is the geographical distribution of these additional places?

Will these additional places be provided in existing service units or in new service units to be established?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding to provide 376 additional places of DAC, 50 additional places of SW and 481 additional places of early education and training centre in 2013-14. While some of these places will be provided by new service units to be established, the others will be provided through in-situ expansion of existing service units. Among these places, 50 of the DAC places will be provided in Sham Shui Po and another 100 in Yuen Long. Since the provision of the remaining places is still at the preparatory stage which may involve local consultation, application for change of land use, drawing up of the layout for the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this juncture.

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

4532

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Estimates that the Administration will continue to monitor the operation of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following for the past three years (i.e. 2010 to 2012) –

- (a) How many service users received the various services of DSCs in each of the years?
- (b) How many people were on the waiting lists for the various services of DSCs?
- (c) What was the respective number of service users of DSCs by type of disabilities?
- (d) Among the service users of DSCs, how many of them were on the waiting lists for places in sheltered workshops, day activity centres and residential care homes for persons with disabilities respectively? and
- (e) Would the Administration increase professional staff in DSCs to enhance service quality? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) – (d) DSCs provide a range of one-stop and district-based community support services for persons with disabilities, regardless of the type of their disabilities and whether they are on the waiting list for day service or residential care service. The services provided by DSCs include individual/group training programmes, care and support service, personal development programmes, social and recreational activities, carer support programmes, volunteer development programmes and community education, etc. As at the end of December 2012, 5 231 members were registered at the 16 DSCs. From April 2010 to December 2012, the numbers of training sessions, programmes and activities provided by DSCs were as follows –

Types of service	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Groups sessions/activities/ programmes on publicity and community education	476	453	349
Groups sessions/activities/ programmes addressing the needs of service users and support services for families/carers	10 524	10 290	7 008
Assessment and treatment sessions delivered by physiotherapist/occupational therapist	13 836	15 175	11 479
Therapeutic sessions delivered by clinical psychologist	2 046	2 496	1 512

DSCs operate on a membership system and do not have a fixed capacity. Services will be provided in accordance with the needs of service users.

- (e) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the 16 DSCs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical psychologists and nurses, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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

Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

4550

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the current numbers of persons and households on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), the elderly singletons and exclusively elderly person households living in all public housing estates respectively?

Public housing estates	Number of persons on CSSA	Number of households on CSSA	Number of elderly singletons	Number of exclusively elderly person households

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: We do not have information on the number of elderly singletons and exclusively elderly person households in each of the public housing estates. The number of CSSA recipients and households in each of the public housing estates as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA households
Ap Lei Chau	1 089	571
Bo Shek Mansion	82	64
Broadview Garden	40	22
Butterfly	2 100	1 307
Chai Wan	600	393
Chak On	785	503
Cheung Ching	1 224	616
Cheung Fat	631	397
Cheung Hang	950	587
Cheung Hong	2 488	1 417

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA households
Cheung Kwai	116	60
Cheung On	745	501
Cheung Shan	334	162
Cheung Wah	1 284	744
Cheung Wang	1 725	913
Ching Ho	4 017	2 006
Cho Yiu Chuen	394	239
Choi Fai	323	177
Choi Fook	1 280	736
Choi Ha	374	240
Choi Hung	2 519	1 475
Choi Ming Court	1 149	601
Choi Tak	1 837	1 086
Choi Wan (I)	1 597	810
Choi Wan (II)	829	426
Choi Ying	1 680	962
Choi Yuen	2 186	1 306
Chuk Yuen (North)	935	584
Chuk Yuen (South)	2 534	1 513
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	216	134
Chun Shek	673	431
Chung On	1 179	612
Clague Garden Estate	139	73
Easeful Court	188	58
Fortune	1 039	763
Fu Cheong	3 041	1 987
Fu Heng	1 171	723
Fu Shan	494	291
Fu Shin	1 401	777
Fu Tai	2 162	972
Fu Tung	405	185

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA households
Fuk Loi	927	553
Fung Tak	963	681
Fung Wah	216	137
Grandeur Terrace	2 437	862
Hau Tak	1 191	660
Healthy Village	229	145
Heng On	739	394
High Prosperity Terrace	208	64
Hin Keng	703	376
Hin Yiu	367	209
Hing Man	540	270
Hing Tin	353	176
Hing Tung	523	305
Hing Wah (I)	818	471
Hing Wah (II)	1 336	814
Ho Man Tin	1 660	1 050
Hoi Fu Court	1 519	885
Hoi Lai	2 134	869
Hong Tung	282	231
Hung Hom	1 060	693
Jat Min Chuen	780	495
Ka Fuk	649	383
Ka Wai Chuen	464	309
Kai Tin	808	513
Kai Yip	1 706	1 090
Kam Peng	98	49
Kin Ming	2 972	1 357
Kin Sang	324	193
King Lam	997	706
Ko Cheung Court	778	273
Ko Yee	444	281

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA households
Kwai Chung	5 645	3 019
Kwai Fong	1 981	1 139
Kwai Hing	246	142
Kwai Luen	551	309
Kwai Shing (East)	2 248	1 345
Kwai Shing (West)	1 464	799
Kwong Fuk	1 927	1 043
Kwong Tin	594	331
Kwong Yuen	988	617
Kwun Lung Lau	304	187
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	1 248	735
Lai King	1 239	710
Lai Kok	1 292	818
Lai On	409	263
Lai Tak Tsuen	356	207
Lai Yiu	809	447
Lakeside Garden	54	30
Lam Tin	1 213	689
Lee On	1 193	661
Lei Cheng Uk	1 040	629
Lei Muk Shue	3 340	1 820
Lei Tung	1 181	752
Lei Yue Mun	1 524	807
Lek Yuen	1 034	585
Leung King	1 569	973
Lok Fu	1 190	763
Lok Man Sun Chuen	767	469
Lok Wah (North)	760	339
Lok Wah (South)	2 998	1 928
Long Bin IH	174	147
Long Ping	2 356	1 198

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA households
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	950	545
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	1 487	925
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	1 593	911
Lung Hang	1 196	566
Lung Tin	143	106
Ma Hang	171	91
Ma Tau Wai	745	416
Mei Lam	1 263	756
Mei Tin	2 445	1 220
Mei Tung	650	389
Ming Tak	445	281
Ming Wah Dai Ha	362	235
Model Housing	231	107
Moon Lok Dai Ha	210	129
Nam Cheong	488	286
Nam Shan	1 024	610
Nga Ning Court	125	61
Ngan Wan	110	59
Oi Man	1 697	835
Oi Tung	1 763	1 164
On Tin	399	132
On Ting	1 696	1 076
On Yam	1 559	823
Pak Tin	3 566	2 205
Ping Shek	1 102	622
Ping Tin	2 160	1 378
Po Lam	1 086	592
Po Tat	3 627	1 900
Po Tin	2 603	2 232
Pok Hong	920	511
Prosperous Garden	123	100

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA households
Sai Wan	148	57
Sam Shing	508	279
Sau Mau Ping (South)	1 615	880
Sau Mau Ping	5 382	3 055
Sha Kok	2 320	1 409
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	161	84
Shan King	2 613	1 471
Shatin Pass	374	223
Shek Kip Mei	3 403	2 024
Shek Lei (I)	1 873	1 087
Shek Lei (II)	3 334	1 879
Shek Mun	659	369
Shek Pai Wan	1 419	815
Shek Wai Kok	1 897	1 035
Shek Yam (East)	755	512
Shek Yam	1 251	653
Sheung Lok	192	155
Sheung Tak	2 095	1 090
Shin Ming	614	386
Shui Pin Wai	1 125	698
Shun Lee	1 277	735
Shun On	1 136	683
Shun Tin	2 447	1 367
Siu Sai Wan	1 450	724
Sun Chui	1 967	1 077
Sun Tin Wai	955	498
Tai Hang Tung	900	611
Tai Hing	3 135	1 936
Tai Ping	185	91
Tai Wo	1 295	831
Tai Wo Hau	2 495	1 391

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA households
Tai Yuen	1 679	791
Tak Tin	1 456	1 001
Tin Chak	2 023	1 037
Tin Ching	3 224	1 650
Tin Heng	3 297	1 135
Tin King	482	241
Tin Ping	799	419
Tin Shui	2 281	1 175
Tin Tsz	1 334	856
Tin Wah	1 638	935
Tin Wan	999	652
Tin Yan	2 626	1 653
Tin Yat	1 749	634
Tin Yiu	2 633	1 368
Tin Yuet	2 203	1 092
Tsing Yi	463	284
Tsui Lam	729	355
Tsui Lok	224	137
Tsui Ping (South)	1 114	699
Tsui Ping (North)	2 602	1 659
Tsui Wan	335	212
Tsz Ching	3 227	2 046
Tsz Hong	1 048	396
Tsz Lok	2 201	1 302
Tsz Man	744	393
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	40	25
Tung Tau	1 625	1 079
Tung Wui	547	419
Un Chau	2 902	1 871
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	2 912	1 909
Upper Wong Tai Sin	2 043	1 289

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA households
Verbena Heights	276	202
Wah Fu	2 173	1 174
Wah Kwai	602	421
Wah Lai	562	255
Wah Ming	1 170	685
Wah Sum	620	325
Wan Hon	745	513
Wan Tau Tong	451	305
Wan Tsui	1 166	622
Wang Tau Hom	1 456	833
Wo Che	2 002	949
Wo Lok	687	416
Wu King	1 165	523
Yan On	776	452
Yat Tung	5 390	2 112
Yau Lai	3 422	1 819
Yau Oi	2 771	1 496
Yau Tong	1 768	941
Yiu On	652	387
Yiu Tung	1 347	849
Yue Kwong Chuen	113	76
Yue Wan	738	413
Yung Shing Court	827	442

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Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)542

Question Serial No.

4551

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list by ethnic minority group the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the following table over the past five years –

Ethnic minority	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Indonesian					
Filipino					
Indian					
Palestinian					
Nepalese					
Japanese					
Thai					
Korean					
Other Asian					
White					
Mixed					
Others					
Total					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients whose country of origin was not China from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Country of origin	Year				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
European	76	68	71	64	56
India	1 179	1 277	1 238	1 207	1 154
Indonesia	1 523	1 549	1 513	1 458	1 390
Malaysia	318	313	298	300	297
Nepal	863	918	783	718	688
Pakistan	5 145	5 872	6 306	6 244	6 246
Philippines	1 072	1 205	1 270	1 187	1 183
Thailand	1 305	1 346	1 389	1 359	1 346
Vietnam	948	964	898	880	860
Others	1 239	1 255	1 214	1 198	1 159
Total	13 668	14 767	14 980	14 615	14 379

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)543

Question Serial No.

4552

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Estimates that the Administration continued to implement the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in 2012. As such, would the Administration inform this Committee –

- (a) the number of centre-based care group places under NSCCP in respective districts in the past three years (2010-11 to 2012-13); and
- (b) the utilisation rate of centre-based care group places under NSCCP in respective districts. Would the Administration consider setting up a waiting list for the service if the utilisation rate is approaching 100%?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) From March 2010 to September 2011, every NSCCP operator of each of the 11 Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts was required to provide 14 centre-based care group (CCG) places i.e. a total of 154 CCG places over the territory. Upon extension of NSCCP to 18 districts in October 2011, each of the 18 districts is required to provide at least 14 CCG places i.e. at least 252 over the territory.

- (b) The number of children served in each district under CCG service since the regularisation of NSCCP up to December 2012 is provided in the table below –

District	Number of children served under CCG service ^[Note]	
	October 2011 to March 2012	April to December 2012
Central & Western	0	0
Eastern	0	1
Islands	0	0
Kowloon City	13	39
Kwai Tsing	186	301
Kwun Tong	38	96
North	7	5
Sai Kung	0	2
Sha Tin	7	0
Sham Shui Po	36	125
Southern	49	48
Tai Po	7	11
Tsuen Wan	2	2
Tuen Mun	135	143
Wan Chai	0	3
Wong Tai Sin	90	179
Yau Tsim Mong	148	224
Yuen Long	125	215
Total	843	1 394

^[Note] SWD captures service utilisation of CCG by counts of children using the service in the month. One child is counted once in the month.

There is no waiting list since the launch of NSCCP. SWD has so far not received any report of needy children unable to receive CCG service under NSCCP.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)544

Question Serial No.

4554

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out in the table below the total numbers of persons on the waiting lists for care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs) and day care centres for the elderly (DEs) under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services, and the number of persons who have been on the waiting lists for less than a year, more than a year but less than two years, more than two years but less than three years, more than three years but less than four years, more than four years but less than five years and more than five years.

	C&A homes	NHs	DEs
Total number of people on the waiting list			
Number of people who have been on the waiting list for less than a year			
Number of people who have been on the waiting list for more than a year but less than two years			
Number of people who have been on the waiting list for more than two years but less than three years			
Number of people who have been on the waiting list for more than three years but less than four years			
Number of people who have been on the waiting list for more than four years but less than five years			
Number of people who have been on the waiting list for more than five years			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: As at 31 December 2012, 26 083 applicants had undergone the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services confirming their eligibility for subsidised long-term care services and were on the Central Waiting List waiting for service allocation of C&A, NH or day care (DC) places. The waiting situation of these 26 083 applicants is elaborated as follows –

Waiting Time	Number of applicants ^[Note 1]		
	C&A [Note 2]	NH [Note 2]	DC [Note 3]
Within 1 year	9 738	2 405	180
1 year up to within 2 years	6 193	1 653	6
2 years up to within 3 years	3 150	1 097	0
3 years up to within 4 years	759	608	0
4 years up to within 5 years	85	169	0
5 years or above	23	17	0
Total	19 948	5 949	186

[Note 1] Applicants offered with service as at 31 December 2012 were excluded but applicants who had previously declined offer or were waiting for re-admission to service after temporary discharge were included.

[Note 2] Including applicants who also applied for DC at the same time.

[Note 3] Applicants solely applied for DC.

As at 31 December 2012, the average waiting time for admission to subsidised NH and C&A places in subvented/contract homes was 37 months and 34 months respectively, to subsidised C&A places in a private home participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme was seven months and that for DC places was about nine months.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)545

Question Serial No.

4555

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out in the table below the total number of people on the waiting lists for care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs) and day care centres for the elderly (DEs) under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES), and the numbers of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for one to nine times and for ten times or above.

	C&A homes	NHs	DEs
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for one time			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for two times			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for three times			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for four times			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for five times			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for six times			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for seven times			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for eight times			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for nine times			
Number of people who have been allocated residential care places or day care places for ten times or above			
Total number of people on the waiting lists under SCNAMES			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Regarding the offers of placement made to the applicants for subsidised long-term care services for the elderly, the only readily available information is the result of offers made in 2011 and 2012.

In 2011, 1 472 and 8 822 offers were allocated to NH and C&A applicants respectively. Among these offers, 339 (23%) NH offers and 2 743 (31.1%) C&A offers were declined by the applicants.

In 2012, 1 482 and 9 916 offers were allocated to NH and C&A applicants respectively. Among these offers, 284 (19.1%) NH offers and 2 977 (30%) C&A offers were declined by the applicants.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)546

Question Serial No.

4556

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out in the table below the following information –

Among the cases which were allocated places (regardless of allocated places accepted or not) for care-and-attention (C&A) homes and nursing homes (NHs) under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13), the numbers of cases which were allocated places for the first time, those who were allocated places for the second time with the allocated district same as the first time, those who were allocated places for the second time with the allocated district different from the first time, those who were allocated places for the third time with the allocated district same as the first or second time, those who were allocated places for the third time with the allocated district different from the first or second time, those who were allocated places for the fourth time or above with the allocated district same as the first, second or third time, and those who were allocated places for the fourth time or above with the allocated district different from the first, second or third time.

	C&A homes	NHs
Number of cases which were allocated places for the first time		
Number of cases which were allocated places for the second time with the allocated district same as the first time		
Number of cases which were allocated places for the second time with the allocated district different from the first time		
Number of cases which were allocated places for the third time with the allocated district same as the first or second time		
Number of cases which were allocated places for the third time with the allocated district different from the first or second time		
Number of cases which were allocated places for the fourth time or above with the allocated district same as the first, second or third time		
Number of cases which were allocated places for the fourth time or above with the allocated district different from the first, second or third time		

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)547

Question Serial No.

4557

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the numbers of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for subsidised residential care places for the elderly (including care-and-attention (C&A) homes and nursing homes (NHs)) and those who passed away while residing in C&A homes and NHs in the past ten years (2003-04 to 2012-13)?

	Number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for places in C&A homes	Number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for places in NHs	Number of elderly persons who passed away while residing in C&A homes	Number of elderly persons who passed away while residing in NHs
2012-13				
2011-12				
2010-11				
2009-10				
2008-09				
2007-08				
2006-07				
2005-06				
2004-05				
2003-04				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information on the number of elderly persons passed away while waiting for and after admission to subsidised residential care places is available since 2007 as follows –

Year	Number of elderly persons passed away while waiting for subsidised residential care places ^[Note 1]		Number of elderly persons passed away after admission to subsidised residential care places ^[Note 2]	
	NH	C&A	NH	C&A
2007	1 614 (18.5%)	2 417 (9.1%)	366 (16.7%)	2 325 (10.9%)
2008	1 844 (19.9%)	2 546 (9.0%)	417 (17.6%)	2 590 (11.5%)
2009	1 802 (19.1%)	2 641 (9.0%)	466 (19.0%)	2 639 (11.7%)
2010	1 794 (18.8%)	2 848 (9.1%)	486 (18.9%)	2 969 (12.7%)
2011	1 925 (19.5%)	3 049 (9.2%)	518 (18.1%)	2 997 (12.5%)
2012	1 973 (20.1%)	3 184 (9.1%)	577 (18.2%)	3 274 (13.2%)

[Note 1] The figures in brackets are the percentages of the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for subsidised residential care places over the total number of elderly persons who waited for subsidised residential care places in the same year.

[Note 2] The figures in brackets are the percentages of the number of elderly persons who passed away after admission to subsidised residential care places over the number of elderly persons resided in subsidised residential care places in the same year.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)548

Question Serial No.

4558

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: At present, how many applicants are on the waiting lists for places in halfway houses for discharged mental patients, long stay care homes for discharged mental patients, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely physically handicapped persons and care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons by waiting time (i.e. from one year to 15 years or above)?

Waiting time	Halfway house for discharged mental patients	Long stay care home for discharged mental patients	Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons	Care-and-attention home for the severely disabled persons
1 year						
2 years						
3 years						
4 years						
5 years						
6 years						
7 years						
8 years						
9 years						
10 years						
11 years						
12 years						
13 years						
14 years						
15 years or above						

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average waiting time for various types of residential care services for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in 2011-12 was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time ^[Note] in 2011-12 (in months)
HWH	8.4
LSCH	33.6
HMMH	84.4
HSMH	81.6
HSPH	37.4
C&A/SD	31.2

^[Note] The figure represents the average waiting time for the service for applicants admitted to the service during the year. The Central Referral System of the Social Welfare Department does not compile statistics on the waiting time for applicants while they are on the waiting list.

Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)549

Question Serial No.

4559

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the age distribution and average age of persons currently residing in halfway houses for discharged mental patients, long stay care homes for discharged mental patients, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely physically handicapped persons and care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The age distribution of service users for various types of residential care services as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Age	Number of service users					
	HWH	LSCH	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD
15 - 19	9	0	12	12	0	22
20 - 29	206	6	230	419	78	229
30 - 39	398	48	556	928	191	165
40 - 49	468	203	713	922	142	150
50 - 59	306	492	546	702	100	182
60 or above	68	740	154	210	39	157
Total	1 455	1 489	2 211	3 193	550	905

Legend –

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)550

Question Serial No.

4560

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Among the 25 262 cases handled by the school social workers over the past year (2012-13), what is the number of cases by type?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Cases handled by school social workers may involve multiple problems, including drug abuse and related problems, difficulties in academic studies, emotional/mental health problems and family problems, etc. There is no detailed breakdown by type of cases.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)551

Question Serial No.

4561

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How many cases were handled by the court social workers over the past year (2012-13)? Are all persons awaiting court trial and their family members aware of the court social work service (CSWS) and that they may seek help from the court social workers? How did the Administration publicise and promote the CSWS over the past year? Will the Administration increase the manpower and resources for CSWS?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: CSWS aims to render enquiry and counselling services to individuals and their families to alleviate stress and anxiety associated with prosecution. It delivers services mainly at the Magistrates' Courts and renders services at the District Court and High Court upon request. Apart from providing outreaching social service, the CSWS workers also train volunteers to promote the service and proactively approach the needy persons in courts. In 2012-13 (up to 31 December 2012), the number of intake cases by CSWS was 184. The existing manpower and resources of CSWS are considered adequate for handling the current service demand.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 6 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)552

Question Serial No.

4562

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the staffing establishment, the full-year funding allocation and the number of cases for the seven Probation and Community Service Orders Offices (PCSOs) in Hong Kong for the past year (2012-13) and the coming year (2013-14) respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The staffing establishment of social workers for the seven PCSOs in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is 153 and 156 respectively. The full-year funding allocation for PCSOs in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is \$134.3 million and \$146.9 million respectively. Since the implementation of the integrated model in July 2012 until the end of January 2013, the numbers of probation cases and Community Service Orders supervision cases handled by the PCSOs are 4 226 and 1 462 respectively.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 9 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)553

Question Serial No.

4563

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following for the past four years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2012-13) –

the financial provision for day activity centres (DACs) (excluding the Extended Care Programme);

the financial provision for the Extended Care Programme (ECP);

the number of DACs in Hong Kong;

the number of units for the ECP in Hong Kong;

the number of places in DACs in Hong Kong;

the number of places for the ECP in Hong Kong;

the average cost per place per month for DACs (excluding the ECP); and

the average cost per place per month for DACs (including the ECP).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The expenditure on DACs from 2009-10 to 2012-13 is as follows –

2009-10 (Actual) (\$ million)	2010-11 (Actual) (\$ million)	2011-12 (Actual) (\$ million)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
330.1	338.6	373.1	394.8

The average costs per place per month for DACs from 2009-10 to 2012-13 are as follows –

2009-10 (Actual) (\$)	2010-11 (Actual) (\$)	2011-12 (Actual) (\$)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
6,383	6,483	6,933	7,234

Since the ECP is an enhanced service for some DACs, the financial provision and the average unit cost per month for ECP are subsumed under those of DACs.

The numbers of service units and places for DACs from 2009-10 to 2012-13 are as follows –

	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of March 2013)
Number of service units	78	80	80	81
Number of places	4 495	4 632	4 637	4 801

The numbers of service units and places for ECP from 2009-10 to 2012-13 are as follows –

	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of March 2013)
Number of service units	13	13	13	13
Number of places	125	125	130	130

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

4564

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Among the current service users of sheltered workshops (SW), day activity centres (DAC), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH) and hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH), how many are autistic persons and what are the percentages of these persons to the total number of service users?

	The number of autistic persons	The percentage to the total number of service users
SW		
DAC		
HMMH		
HSMH		

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: As at end-December 2012, the numbers of service users of SW, DAC, HMMH and HSMH who were reported to have autism at the time of application for related rehabilitation services and percentages of these users to the total number of users were as follows –

Type of service	Number of service users as at end-December 2012	Number of service users reported to have autism ^[Note]	Percentage of service users reported to have autism
SW	5 101	255	5.0%
DAC	4 621	635	13.7%
HMMH	2 211	119	5.4%
HSMH	3 193	279	8.7%

^[Note] The figures represent only the service users who were reported by their referring workers to have autism at the time of their application for service.

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

LWB(WW)555

Question Serial No.

3666

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & Title):
000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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

- (a) 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 records management duties they have to undertake in addition to their own duties;
- (b) 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

- (c) 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

- (d) 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: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) By designation, the Departmental Records Manager (DRM) pitched at Principal Executive Officer rank and the Assistant Departmental Records Manager (ADRM) at Senior Executive Officer rank are entrusted with record management roles and responsibilities with the DRM overseeing records management policy and programmes and the ADRM monitoring the records management practices in the assisting role amongst their other administrative duties. Staff in various grades/ranks are involved in the execution of records management duties in individual offices/registries from performing general filing duties and creation of records by mainly clerical and secretarial grade staff to drawing up and review of records classification schemes and file disposal schedules by supervisory staff of various departmental grades and executive grade staff. Their extent of involvement in record management duties varies among grades and offices.
- (b) The information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the GRS for appraisal is set out below –

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 records	1970 to 2012	4 683 (198.4 LM)	From 3 months to 7 years	The majority are open files
Programme records	1973 to 2012	110 800 (886.6 LM)	From 4 months to 7 years and with some approved for permanent retention	The majority are open files

- (c) The information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention is set out below –

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 records	1968 to 2012	474 (124.3 LM)	2010 to 2013	From 3 to 7 years and with some approved for permanent retention	No
Programme records	1964 to 2012	24 865 (326.7 LM)	2010 to 2013	From 2 to 7 years and with some approved for permanent retention	The majority are open files

- (d) The information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS is set out below –

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 records	1951 to 2012	72 104 (1 078.2 LM)	N.A. (Files were disposed of by the Department upon approval by GRS)	From 3 months to 7 years	The majority are open files
Programme records	1960 to 2012	354 016 (3 220.2 LM)	N.A. (Files were disposed of by the Department upon approval by GRS)	From 4 months to 7 years	The majority are open files

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)556

Question Serial No.

3684

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the support services for victims of domestic violence and vulnerable families, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The numbers of cases of enquiries, assistance sought and follow-up actions required arising from domestic violence faced by people with different sexual orientation in the past five years (2008-2012);
- (b) Has the Administration provided guidelines and training for frontline staff in handling cases arising from domestic violence faced by people with different sexual orientation and gender identity? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) Is there any training provided to frontline staff of other departments (e.g. the Police) in handling cases arising from domestic violence faced by people with different sexual orientation and neutral gender identity? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) Has the Administration assessed whether the above training is sufficient and effective? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) As the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture statistics on the sexual orientation of the service users, we do not have information on the number of enquires, number of cases requesting assistance and number of active cases involving persons of different sexual orientation facing domestic violence.
- (b) The frontline staff can make reference to the “Procedural Guide for Handling Intimate Partner Violence Cases (Revised 2011)” which applies to intimate partners irrespective of their sexual orientation. SWD also provides training for its social workers and clinical psychologists to strengthen their understanding of the Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance (Cap.189) and to enhance their knowledge and skills in handling domestic violence cases involving persons of different sexual orientation.
- (c) In addition to its staff, SWD also provides training similar to (b) above to social workers of non-governmental organisations and the Hospital Authority.

- (d) The content and effectiveness of the training are evaluated through various channels such as collection of feedbacks from course participants and trainers as well as discussion with stakeholders.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)557

Question Serial No.

3722

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: To enhance support for young offenders, the mechanism of family conferences (FCs) to be conducted by relevant government departments/non-governmental organisations (NGOs) has been introduced for children/juveniles cautioned under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme (PSDS) since 1 October 2003. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The annual numbers of FCs conducted for children/ juveniles cautioned under PSDS each year since the implementation of the mechanism.

Year	No. of referrals received from Police	No. of cases for which FC was held	No. of cases for which follow up action was taken and FC was not necessary

- (b) A breakdown of the number of cases with FCs conducted by sex and age in the past five years (2008 to 2012).
- (c) In August 2009, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) revised the protocol which provides guidelines for police officers, social workers and relevant professionals on conducting FCs, what were the revisions made and why?
- (d) How does SWD monitor and assess cases with FCs conducted and the effectiveness of the policy? What are the criteria, manpower and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The annual number of FCs held for children/juveniles under the PSDS since 2003 is listed below –

Year	No. of referrals received from Police (a) ^[Note]	No. of cases for which FC was held (b)	No. of cases for which follow up action was taken and FC was not necessary (c)
Oct to Dec 2003	13	3	6
2004	72	48	27
2005	28	16	14
2006	14	5	7
2007	30	20	10
2008	5	5	1
2009	10	3	7
2010	16	7	9
2011	3	2	0
2012	2	0	2
Total	193	109	83

[Note] (a) may not be the sum of (b) and (c) as there were cases awaiting FC/pending decision by FC for which action were taken in the following month/year; and there were other reasons for not holding FCs, such as parents' refusal to give consent.

- (b) Sex and age distribution of cases for which FC was held (2008 to 2012) –

Year Age \ Sex	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
10 – 14	4	1	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	14
15 – 18	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Total	4	1	3	0	5	2	0	2	0	0	17

- (c) In August 2009, the Protocol on Conducting FC for Juveniles Cautioned under the PSDS was slightly revised to align with the new arrangement of secretarial support to be provided by social worker from NGOs running the Community Support Service Scheme to FC if required.
- (d) Since 2003, FC has been introduced to enhance support for children/juveniles cautioned under PSDS. While FC is operated on a voluntary basis where consent from the parents/guardian of the child/juvenile cautioned is necessary, stakeholders generally agree that FC can fulfill its objectives of engaging the children/juveniles, their parents as well as multi-disciplinary professionals in the assessment of needs and formulation of follow-up plans through joint effort. Case supervision will follow to ensure the proper implementation of the agreed follow-up welfare plan as agreed in FC. The manpower and expenditure involved are absorbed by relevant government departments and organisations.

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

LWB(WW)558

Question Serial No.

4371

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure involved in mental health services in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and the estimate for 2013-14? What are the details, if any?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply: The annual allocations for subvented mental health rehabilitation services under the Social Welfare Department, including residential care services, community support services and vocational rehabilitation services for ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problem, from 2010-11 to 2013-14 are provided as follows –

2010-11 (Actual) (\$ million)	2011-12 (Actual) (\$ million)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Estimate) (\$ million)
887.8	987.7	1,087.5	1,163.6

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)559

Question Serial No.

4372

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please list the numbers of persons with disabilities on the waiting lists for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school and residential care services, their median waiting time, average waiting time, the longest waiting time as well as the number of places for each of the above services in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply: The numbers of persons on the waiting lists for different types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list		
	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Pre-school services			
EETC	2 867	3 467	3 507
SCCC	1 217	1 319	1 240
IP	1 434	1 536	1 401
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services			
DAC	1 106	1 170	1 231
SW	2 543	2 450	2 418
SE	114	103	105
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Residential services			
HWH	784	735	669
LSCH	1 116	1 222	1 300
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	1 386	1 369	1 477
HSMH	1 995	2 082	2 173

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list		
	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
HSPH	386	398	433
C&A/SD	361	389	428
C&A/AB	103	90	113
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	51	73	73
SHOS	1 001	1 012	1 153
RSCCC	66	58	44

N.A. The information is not available.

^[Note 1] Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for sheltered workshop and supported employment.

^[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the statistics in this respect.

SWD does not have the statistics on the median waiting time for different types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities. Nor is the average waiting time for 2012-13 available at this stage. The following table gives the average waiting time for different types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2010-11 and 2011-12 –

Type of service	Average waiting time (months)	
	2010-11	2011-12
Pre-school services		
EETC	11.6	15.7
SCCC	14.9	16.8
IP	10.0	12.2
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	28.8	44.4
SW	16.9	16.8
SE	2.3	2.2
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
Residential services		
HWH	8.2	8.4
LSCH	38.2	33.6
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	80.4	84.4
HSMH	73.2	81.6
HSPH	38.6	37.4
C&A/SD	39.6	31.2
C&A/AB	4.0	6.0

Type of service	Average waiting time (months)	
	2010-11	2011-12
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	22.4	7.2
SHOS	25.0	31.5
RSCCC	17.0	15.6

N.A. The information is not available.

[Note 1] Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for sheltered workshop and supported employment.

[Note 2] Applicants may apply to the operating units directly or through referral. There is no central waiting list for the service.

The numbers of places for different types of rehabilitation services from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of places		
	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
Pre-school services			
EETC	2 378	2 613	2 613
SCCC	1 646	1 757	1 757
IP	1 860	1 860	1 860
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services			
DAC	4 632	4 637	4 801
SW	5 133	4 999	5 051
SE	1 645	1 645	1 633
IVRSC	4 023	4 257	4 257
OJT	432	432	432
Sunnyway	311	311	311
IVTC(Day)	453	453	453
Residential services			
HWH	1 509	1 509	1 509
LSCH	1 507	1 507	1 507
IVTC(Res)	170	170	170
HMMH	2 269	2 287	2 292
HSMH	3 193	3 218	3 382
HSPH	573	573	573
C&A/SD	908	908	959
C&A/AB	825	825	825
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	64	64	64
SHOS	554	554	596
RSCCC	110	110	110

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre
SCCC – special child care centre
IP – integrated programme in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre
DAC – day activity centre
SW – sheltered workshop
SE – supported employment
IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
OJT – on the job training programme for people with disabilities
Sunnyway – sunnyway - on the job training programme for young people with disabilities
IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)
HWH – halfway house
LSCH – long stay care home
IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/ integrated
small group home
SHOS – supported hostel
RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)560

Question Serial No.

4373

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

In the 2013-14 Estimates, how much will be spent on providing assistance for persons with disabilities; and whether additional places for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school and residential care services for persons with disabilities will be provided? If yes, please give the details of the additional places. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply: A wide range of diversified services and support is being provided for persons with disabilities by various bureaux and departments and public organisations and the total estimated expenditure amounts to \$24.3 billion in 2013-14. As regards residential care services, pre-school services, day training and vocational rehabilitation services, the estimated total expenditure is about \$4.4 billion in 2013-14 including an additional recurrent funding of \$35.6 million to be allocated with a view to strengthening the care and training for persons with disabilities by providing 145 new places each for residential and day training services.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)561

Question Serial No.

4374

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the waiting time for services in individual integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMW) since their establishment? What are the numbers of cases seeking assistance and cases requiring follow-up actions? Please list the average time required to complete follow-up actions for various cases by nature of cases.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply: There is no waiting list for the ICCMW service. Persons requiring the ICCMW service may access ICCMWs through self-application or referrals by doctors, social workers, allied health workers or government departments. During the period from the commencement of ICCMW service in October 2010 to December 2012, ICCMWs have received nearly 27 100 referrals and conducted over 142 300 outreaching visits. ICCMWs have provided among others casework service for around 20 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics on the average time required to handle cases of different nature.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)562

Question Serial No.

4375

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) What is the timeframe for setting up ICCMWs in permanent accommodation in all the 18 districts in Hong Kong?
- (b) Are there any measures for the Administration to ensure the setting up of ICCMWs in permanent accommodation in the districts as soon as possible? If yes, what are the measures? What is the manpower involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been proactively identifying suitable sites for use by ICCMWs. Of the 24 ICCMWs, seven are currently operating in permanent accommodation and another six are expected to commence service at their permanent accommodation in 2013-14 following the completion of fitting-out works. We have also identified suitable sites for three other ICCMWs, in respect of which local consultation will follow; and reserved a site for another ICCMW in a redevelopment project. SWD personnel in the headquarters responsible for project planning and service development as well as personnel in respective District Social Welfare Offices will continue to work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments in identifying suitable premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government properties, school premises and public housing units, etc. for the remaining seven ICCMWs. Meanwhile, SWD is also funding the rental expenses incurred for using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation of ICCMWs and will continue to consider applications for rental support from individual ICCMW operators.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)563

Question Serial No.

3745

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the services for the elderly, the Administration will allocate \$380 million from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) this September. By adopting the “money-follows-the-user” approach in the provision of assistance, eligible elderly under the Pilot Scheme can choose the community care services that suit their individual needs. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the progress of the preparation work for the Pilot Scheme; the estimated number of eligible elderly in the first phase; and so far how many non-governmental and non-profit-making organisations have been invited and agreed to participate in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply: The Pilot Scheme adopts a new funding mode, namely the “money-follows-the-user” approach, whereby the Administration provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers. Eligible elderly may choose the service provider, the type of service and the service package that suit their individual needs. The Pilot Scheme will last for four years and the first phase (of two years) will start from September 2013.

The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, i.e., Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS. A maximum of 1 200 vouchers will be issued during the first phase.

SWD has invited non-profit-making organisations and social enterprises with experience in providing CCS or RCS to participate as Recognised Service Provider in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The result will be announced in April 2013.

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

LWB(WW)564

Question Serial No.

3746

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration has proposed to allocate \$160 million in the five-year period from 2013-14 to organise ten more classes of two-year full-time Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) to cope with the expansion of residential care services. The EN Training Programme will provide more than 1 200 training places to augment the enrolled nurses supply. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the enrolment of the EN Training Programme in Hong Kong over the past five years (up to 2012-13). Will there be different categories (e.g. General, Psychiatric and others) among the additional 1 200 training places? Will the Administration provide allowances to boost the enrolment rate?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply: To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise the two-year EN Training Programme since 2006. The training places provided under the EN Training Programme in the past five years were as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of training places	160	220	220	220	320

All classes achieved 100% enrolment rate except the year of 2008-09, where the enrolment rate was 97%.

The 1 200 additional training places under the two-year full-time EN Training Programme to be organised in the five-year period starting from 2013-14 will be divided into two streams, namely EN (General) and EN (Psychiatric). The EN Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Administration. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)565

Question Serial No.

3636

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 113(c) of the Budget Speech that the Administration will increase recurrent funding by \$73 million for the additional provision of 600 subsidised residential care places for the elderly, and 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places will be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16. In this connection, has the Administration assessed if the waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be shortened? If yes, what will be the waiting time? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under various bought place schemes, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. While the additional provision of subsidised residential care places should help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for the Social Welfare Department to estimate the extent to which the waiting time would be shortened by the additional provision in the coming years.

Besides, the elderly waitlisting for subsidised residential care places can also receive subsidised community care services. SWD will continue to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places to meet the demand, and to enhance the subsidised community care services for the elderly.

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Question Serial No.

3637

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 113(d) of the Budget Speech that the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$164 million for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to provide more targeted services. Will the Administration review the actual needs of RCHEs and require those with manpower shortage to employ additional staff in order to enhance care services and put resources to optimal use? If no, what will be the initiatives/services implemented with the funding allocation?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: To promote a continuum of care (COC) in subsidised residential care services, the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$164 million to increase the subventions for about 7 000 residential care places with COC and upgrade some 7 850 ordinary residential care places in subvented RCHEs to places providing COC. These RCHEs may make use of the additional allocation to enhance their manpower so as to meet the care needs of the elderly residents whose health conditions have deteriorated and reached a higher level of impairment.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)567

Question Serial No.

3638

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, it is stated in paragraph 114(a) of the Budget Speech that the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$35.6 million to provide new places for residential and day training services. In this connection, please provide the following information –

- (a) The number of persons on the waiting lists for residential and day training services and the average waiting time;
- (b) The anticipated average waiting time after increasing the number of such places; and
- (c) Does the Administration have any long-term plan to increase the number of subsidised places in order to shorten the waiting time gradually? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of persons on the waiting lists for residential and day training services and the respective average waiting time are set out in the table below –

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list (as at the end of December 2012)	Average waiting time in 2011-12 (in months)
Residential care services		
HWH	669	8.4
LSCH	1 300	33.6
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	1 477	84.4
HSMH	2 173	81.6
HSPH	433	37.4
C&A/SD	428	31.2
C&A/AB	113	6.0
SGH(MMHC)	73	7.2
SHOS	1 153	31.5

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list (as at the end of December 2012)	Average waiting time in 2011-12 (in months)
RSCCC	44	15.6
Day training and vocational rehabilitation		
DAC	1 231	44.4
SW	2 418	16.8
SE	105	2.2
IVRSC ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.

^[Note 1] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not keep the statistics in this respect.

^[Note 2] IVRSCs do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for sheltered workshop and supported employment.

Legend:

- HWH – halfway house
- LSCH – long stay care home
- IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
- HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
- HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
- HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
- C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
- C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
- SGH(MMHC) – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home
- SHOS – supported hostel
- RSCCC – residential special child care centre
- DAC – day activity centre
- SW – sheltered workshop
- SE – supported employment
- IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
- OJT – on the job training programme for people with disabilities
- Sunnyway – sunnyway - on the job training programme for young people with disabilities
- IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

(b) & (c) The Administration has identified suitable premises/sites for provision of 522 additional residential care places and 426 day training and vocational rehabilitation places in 2013-14. As the waiting time is affected by a number of factors such as the location preference of applicants, the turnover rate of service places in individual homes or service units, etc., it is difficult to estimate the extent to which the waiting time may be shortened by the provision of additional service places. We will continue to proactively identify and secure suitable premises/sites for provision of services for persons with disabilities to meet the service demand.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)568

Question Serial No.

3639

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 114(b) of the Budget Speech that the Administration will allocate additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million to increase the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities. In this connection, please give a breakdown of the number of new staff and their ranks.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$67.9 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of residential care homes and day training centres for persons with disabilities in meeting the needs of ageing service users. The funding covers the provision of additional care staff for residential care homes for persons with intellectual or physical disabilities as well as sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres operating the Work Extension Programme and day activity centres operating the Extended Care Programme. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the residential care homes and day training centres concerned will have the flexibility to deploy the additional funding in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

Name in block letters:	Patrick T K Nip
Post Title:	Director of Social Welfare
Date:	7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)569

Question Serial No.

3641

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 114(c) of the Budget Speech that the Administration will regularise the home care service for persons with severe disabilities and extend the home-based care services to all districts. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of service users upon the regularisation and extension of such services? How long will be the waiting time? What will be the ratio of service users to the total number of persons with severe disabilities who are in need?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The pilot Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (pilot Scheme) was first launched in Tuen Mun and Kwun Tong districts in March 2011 and extended to Kwai Tsing and Wong Tai Sin districts in September 2011. As at the end of February 2013, the pilot Scheme has served a total of 459 persons with severe disabilities. There has been no waiting list for the pilot service in these four districts.

The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the pilot Scheme in March 2014 and to extend it to persons with severe disabilities in all districts, regardless of whether they are on the waiting list for subsidised residential care services or not. We estimate that each year about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities over the territory will benefit from this service initiative.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 8 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)570

Question Serial No.

3642

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: To provide discharged mental patients with appropriate services and care at the community level, community support services are particularly important. However, for 2013-14, the planned provision of halfway house (HWH) places and long stay care home (LSCH) places is 1 534 and 1 582 respectively. The increases will only be 25 and 75 respectively, which fall far short of demand. In this connection, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) The number of people on the waiting lists and the waiting time for the services; and
- (b) Will additional resources be allocated to provide more places so that discharged mental patients in need can be properly taken care of? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The number of persons on the waiting lists and the average waiting time for HWH and LSCH respectively in 2011-12 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list (as at the end of December 2012)	Average waiting time in 2011-12 ^[Note] (in months)
HWH	669	8.4
LSCH	1 300	33.6

^[Note] The figure for 2012-13 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the period from the first day of April of the year 2012 to the 31st day of March of the year 2013.

The service provision for HWH and LSCH is planned having regard to the service demand and the availability of suitable premises for delivering the service. The Social Welfare Department will regularly review the service provision.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)571

Question Serial No.

3954

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What specific plans does the Administration have to address the problem of long-term shortage of nurses in the welfare sector?
- (b) What were the number of applicants for each class of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in the past and the number of graduates who then became nurses after the classes?
- (c) Whether the Administration has any plan to increase the number of places of the EN Training Programme? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise the two-year EN Training Programme since 2006. A total of 12 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 500 training places. The EN Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Administration. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation.

- (b) The numbers of applicants and graduates for each class of the EN Training Programme were as follows –

	1 st class	2 nd class	3 rd class	4 th class	5 th & 6 th classes [Note]		7 th & 8 th classes [Note]		9 th & 10 th classes [Note]	11 th & 12 th classes [Note]
Number of applicants	2 389	1 897	2 542	2 328	5 438		4 578		4 866	5 536
Number of graduates	96	107	97	146	99	95	104	102	Not applicable as the trainees are still receiving training	

[Note] Applications for the two classes were conducted together.

Over 90% of the graduates of the first four classes have entered the welfare sector upon graduation. SWD is following up the employment situation of the graduates of the remaining classes as applicable.

- (c) SWD will organise ten more classes of the two-year full-time EN Training Programme to provide more than 1 200 training places in the five-year period starting from 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)572

Question Serial No.

3975

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong (the Chinese YMCA), what is the total amount of its subvention allocation and the remunerations of the General Secretary, the Deputy General Secretary and senior executives for 2013-14?

Also, please advise the amount of subvention allocations for the Chinese YMCA and the remunerations of the General Secretary, the Deputy General Secretary and the senior executives in the past five years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The provisional subvention allocation for the Chinese YMCA for 2013-14 is \$135.8 million. The total subvention allocations for the Chinese YMCA in the past five years are set out below –

Year	Amount of subvention allocation (\$ million)
2008-09	\$129.5
2009-10	\$129.2
2010-11	\$133.6
2011-12	\$141.7
2012-13	\$149.0 ^[Note]

^[Note] Position as at the end of February 2013

We have no information on the remunerations of the Chinese YMCA's General Secretary, Deputy General Secretary and senior executives.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)573

Question Serial No.

3981

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the setting up of additional youth outreaching teams (YOTs) to enhance the support services for youth at risk, please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: With the addition of three new YOTs which have commenced service in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung since January 2013, there are a total of 19 YOTs serving the whole territory. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating YOTs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. To ensure service quality, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service performance of subvented NGOs through the Service Performance Monitoring System whereby the performance standards of subvented NGOs are assessed and monitored through their regular reports and SWD's scheduled and surprise visits to their subvented service units. The funding allocation for YOTs in 2013-14 estimate is \$119.1 million. There is no plan to increase the funding allocation for the time being.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)574

Question Serial No.

3982

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the monitoring of the implementation of pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOPs), please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to each launch a pilot cyber youth outreaching project with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Each PCYOP has been allocated a grant of \$5.2 million for the implementation of the project for three years with effect from August 2011. The NGOs are given the flexibility to deploy the funding to meet the project objectives and deliverables. The PCYOPs adopt multi-level intervention strategy and use a variety of popular cyber means to reach out to the needy young people for timely intervention. SWD has commissioned the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the three PCYOPs, and to make recommendations on the way forward. The study will be completed by the end of 2014.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 9 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)575

Question Serial No.

3983

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the monitoring of the performance of enhanced school social work (SSW) service, please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating school social work (SSW) service have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. To ensure service quality, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service performance of subvented NGOs through the Service Performance Monitoring System whereby the performance standards of subvented NGOs are assessed and monitored through their regular reports and SWD's scheduled and surprise visits to their subvented service units. The funding allocation for SSW service in 2013-14 (Estimate) is \$315.8 million. The Administration will keep in view the demand for school social work services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)576

Question Serial No.

3984

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the work to promote active ageing by continuing to collaborate with the Elderly Commission (EC), please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the effort in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department collaborates with EC on the latter's initiatives to promote active ageing through elderly centres' territory-wide network. 115 elder academies have been established and 8 tertiary institutions have provided elder academy courses since the launch of the Elder Academy Scheme in 2007. The total funding expenditure amounted to around \$11 million. Separate breakdown on the expenditure for the past three years is not readily available.

Through cross-sectoral collaboration, the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP) develops support networks at the community level. A total of 75 district projects have been completed from 2008 to 2011, with funding expenditure of \$7.4 million. In early 2012, EC and the Labour and Welfare Bureau launched a new phase of NAAP. A total of 69 district projects, with funding support of around \$6.8 million, are being carried out throughout the territory from 2012 to 2014.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)577

Question Serial No.

3985

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous provision of training for non-professional and professional carers of demented elderly, please elaborate on the details, manpower, target effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the work in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The training programmes to be conducted in 2013-14 for non-professional and professional staff serving demented elderly persons will focus on helping the staff concerned to understand the medical, psychological and care needs of demented elderly, manage the common assessment tools and therapeutic approaches, and know more about the legal concerns relating to the care of demented elderly and the support services provided to the carers. The training programmes will be coordinated by two Social Work Officer Grade staff with the support of two Executive Officers and two clerical staff. The effectiveness of the training programmes will be evaluated through the feedback of the course participants and the trainers.

In the past three years, the numbers of non-professional staff and professional staff having attended the training programmes and the respective expenditure were as follows –

	Number of non-professional staff	Number of professional staff	Total expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11	169	116	0.16
2011-12	179	113	0.17
2012-13	281	175	0.27

In 2013-14, the number of the training places will be increased to 480 (including 300 for non-professional staff and 180 for professional staff). The estimated expenditure for the training programme is \$0.4 million. The cost will be absorbed within the existing provision.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)578

Question Serial No.

3986

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous provision of training workshops for the staff of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) for the purpose of enhancing their capability, please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the training programmes in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with the Department of Health (DH) and Hospital Authority (HA), will continue to organise training for staff of RCHEs to enhance their knowledge and skills in elderly care. Four training workshops on healthcare and managerial issues will be organised in 2013-14. The training will be conducted by a total of nine staff of SWD, DH and HA with the cost absorbed within the existing provision. The effectiveness of the training programmes will be evaluated through various channels such as collection of feedbacks from participants, trainers and discussion with stakeholders. The training needs of the RCHE staff will be kept in view closely and additional training workshops will be provided, if needed. In the past three years, similar training was organised for about 5 860 RCHE staff and the cost was absorbed within the existing provision.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)579

Question Serial No.

3987

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous organisation of Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme), please elaborate on the details, manpower, target effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the Training Programme in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will organise ten more classes of the two-year full-time EN Training Programme to provide more than 1 200 training places in the five-year period starting from 2013-14. The Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Administration. Trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. In 2013-14, SWD will launch the first two classes of this series of the EN Training Programme, providing a total of 320 training places at an estimated cost of \$28.3 million.

SWD has organised 12 training classes under the same two-year EN Training Programme for the Welfare Sector since 2006, providing a total of about 1 500 training places. The number of graduates and the expenditure of the EN Training Programme for the past three years were as follows –

	Number of training places	Expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11	220	13.6
2011-12	220	14.2
2012-13	320	24.6

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)580

Question Serial No.

3988

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services for residential care homes for the elderly, please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and the funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect. Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the Scheme in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The three-year Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Pilot Scheme) was launched in 2010-11 to enhance the drug management capabilities of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and their staff. A sum of \$5 million has been earmarked for the Pilot Scheme. As at end-February 2013, the visiting pharmacists had paid 4 893 visits to a total of 70 RCHEs, provided 17 237 service hours, completed 7 293 medication reconciliations, 5 606 medication reviews and answered 148 calls via a telephone hotline.

Since the launching of the three-year Scheme in 2010-11, a total of 6 170 elderly residents was served. Three full-time and five part-time pharmacists were involved in 2010-11. Three full-time and nine part-time pharmacists were involved in 2011-12, and three full-time and 13 part-time pharmacists were involved in 2012-13.

The Administration will review the effectiveness of the Scheme upon its completion in mid-2013 and will consider the way forward in the light of the review findings.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)581

Question Serial No.

3989

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous conversion of subsidised places in self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) into subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places to provide a continuum of care (COC), please elaborate on the details, manpower, target effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the conversion in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Under the Conversion Programme, a total of 10 700 S/C hostel/H/A places and C&A home places without COC will be converted into 6 200 places providing COC. As at the end of January 2013, 69 subvented residential care homes for the elderly had participated in the Conversion Programme to convert 9 771 places into 5 496 places providing COC. The estimated recurrent expenditure for these 5 496 places is \$895.4 million. The manpower required to administer the Conversion Programme has been absorbed within the Social Welfare Department's existing provision. The Administration will continue with the Conversion Programme in 2013-14 to provide additional subsidised C&A places with COC.

The numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the conversion in the past three years (up to 2012-13) were as follows –

Year	Number of C&A places providing COC converted from S/C, H/A, and C&A home places without COC	Recurrent expenditure required per annum (\$ million)
2010-11	5 339	665.7
2011-12	5 496	724.1
2012-13	5 496	827.2

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
 Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)582

Question Serial No.

3990

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous increase in the proportion of subsidised nursing home (NH) places in existing contract homes for the elderly (contract homes) and the provision of additional subsidised NH places through Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the work in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Administration has taken various measures to increase the supply of subsidised NH places, including the increase in the proportion of NH places in new and existing contract RCHEs and the purchase of NH places from self-financing NHs under NHPPS. The number of additional NH places in existing contract homes and provided under NHPPS, and the actual/estimated annual expenditure from 2010-11 to 2013-14 are as follows –

	Number of additional places				Actual/Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)			
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
(a) Subsidised NH places in existing contract homes	N.A.	215	203	97	N.A.	22.6	26.1	15.1
(b) Subsidised NH places through NHPPS	124	27	64	165	17.6	3.9	9.9	26.8
Total	124	242	267	262	17.6	26.5	36.0	41.9

The operators have to comply with the staffing requirements committed in the contracts/service agreements signed with the Social Welfare Department by employing sufficient staff including nurses, care workers, other professional and non-professional staff for the delivery of services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)583

Question Serial No.

3991

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Scheme), would the Administration please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2013-14. Will additional funding be provided to strengthen the work in this area? Please also inform this Committee of the number of recipients of the Scheme and the funding required in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Scheme, which is a three-year project starting in March 2011, aims to provide a new package of home care services for the elderly waiting for nursing home places so as to better serve their special needs and help relieve the pressure on their carers, thereby encouraging the elderly to age in place. Three service teams under the Scheme have been providing services to the frail elderly in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Eastern & Kwai Tsing districts. With the funding allocated, the three service teams can arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and to meet service needs. At the end of January 2013, a total of 564 elderly had received services. The total expenditure of the Scheme is around \$55 million including the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 (up to February 2014 when the Scheme will end) which is \$16.2 million. A steering committee has been set up to give strategic advice and oversee its implementation. SWD will examine the effectiveness of the Scheme in light of operational experience.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)584

Question Serial No.

3992

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of additional subsidised long-term care places with a continuum of care (COC) by making full use of the space in existing subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Conversion Programme, please provide further details, manpower, effectiveness and the funding required in 2013-14. Will additional funding be provided to enhance the work?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, the Administration will make use of the space in the existing subvented RCHEs under the Conversion Programme to provide 105 additional care-and-attention places offering COC. The estimated allocation for these 105 additional places is \$10.2 million per annum. The Administration will continue to make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs under the Conversion Programme.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)585

Question Serial No.

3993

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding upgrading the quality of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and increasing their supply through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, would the Administration please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2013-14. Will additional funding be provided to strengthen the work in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Administration plans to purchase 300 additional EA1 places (i.e. places of higher quality) in 2013-14. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$29.4 million. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from private residential care homes for the elderly and select suitable homes through a quality-based assessment exercise. The manpower involved in the purchase exercise will be absorbed within SWD's existing provision. The Administration will continue to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places through the multi-pronged approach.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)586

Question Serial No.

3994

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by setting up new contract homes, would the Administration please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2013-14. Will additional funding be provided to strengthen the work in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : In 2013-14, two new contract residential care homes for the elderly, located in Sai Ying Pun and Yau Tsim Mong district respectively, will commence services, providing a total of 116 subsidised and 100 non-subsidised residential care places. The estimated annual allocation is \$19.1 million. The operators have to comply with the staffing requirements committed in the contract signed with the Social Welfare Department by employing sufficient staff including nurses, care workers, other professional and non-professional staff for the delivery of services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)587

Question Serial No.

3995

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding strengthening the care for the demented elders in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), would the Administration please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2013-14. Will additional funding allocation be provided to strengthen the work in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: To enhance the support for demented elderly in DEs/DCUs, the recurrent funding allocation of \$14.7 million will be provided to DEs/DCUs by way of Dementia Supplement (DS) in 2013-14.

Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority in subvented residential care homes for the elderly, the Social Welfare Department will estimate the number of eligible elderly in DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation of DS will be given to DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of demented elderly. The funding allocation exercise is conducted annually.

With the funding allocation of DS, DEs/DCUs can employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services, taking into account the needs of

the service units. DEs/DCUs can also use DS to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly as well as support services for their carers as necessary. It is estimated that DS will be allocated to about 66 DEs/DCUs in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)588

Question Serial No.

3996

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the upgrading of the physical setting and facilities of elderly centres, would the Administration please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2013-14? Will additional funding be provided to strengthen the work in this area, so as to benefit all or different types of elderly centres?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2012-13, the Social Welfare Department had secured \$900 million from the Lotteries Fund to launch the Improvement Programme of Elderly Centres (IPEC) in order to improve the physical setting and facilities of district elderly community centres, neighbourhood elderly centres and social centres for the elderly. Currently, a total of 237 elderly centres have joined the IPEC which will be implemented in phases over a period of six years.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)589

Question Serial No.

3997

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the setting up of a new neighbourhood elderly centre (NEC), please elaborate on the details, location, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The new NEC will be set up at the new Public Rental Housing Development at Site 1A in Kai Tak Development, Kowloon City District. It is planned to commence service in 2013-14 and the estimated annual expenditure is \$2 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, operators of elderly centres have the flexibility in deploying the subvention to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and to meet service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 6 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)590

Question Serial No.

3998

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of additional day care (DC) places for the elderly, please elaborate on the details, manpower, target effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this aspect.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, 182 additional DC places for the elderly are expected to commence service and the estimated annual expenditure involved is \$14.6 million. The geographical distribution of the planned additional DC places is as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Kwai Tsing	60
Kwun Tong	52
Sha Tin	45
Central & Western	25
Total	182

The additional DC places will be created through setting up new DC centres/units for the elderly.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)591

Question Serial No.

3999

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the preparation for the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), please elaborate on the work to be done, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Pilot Scheme adopts the “money-follows-the-user” approach, whereby the Administration provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers. Eligible elderly persons (as voucher holders) may choose the service provider, the type of service and the service package that suit their individual needs. The Pilot Scheme will last for four years and the first phase (of two years) will start from September 2013.

The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly who have been assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as moderately impaired and are waiting for subsidised community care service (CCS) and/or residential care service (RCS) in the Long Term Care Services Delivery System and living in the selected districts, i.e., Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. They must be living in the community without receiving any kind of RCS or subsidised CCS. A maximum of 1 200 vouchers will be issued during the first phase.

SWD has invited non-profit-making organisations and social enterprises with experience in providing CCS or RCS to participate as Recognised Service Provider (RSP) in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The result will be announced in April 2013.

An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which covers the Government subsidy on voucher value and a seed money grant to RSPs to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme. SWD has created three time-limited civil service posts at an annual estimated expenditure of \$1.7 million to deliver the scheme.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)592

Question Serial No.

4000

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please elaborate on the working details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: It is estimated that over 400 000 elderly persons will benefit from OALA in its first year of implementation in 2013-14. To enable elderly persons to receive the allowance in an orderly manner, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made arrangements for implementation by three phases, namely “Auto-conversion”, “Postal submission” and “New Application”. About 100 additional posts have been created at an annual additional expenditure of about \$32 million and SWD has expedited the recruitment process. SWD will monitor the situation closely and assess the need to enhance the work as appropriate.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)593

Question Serial No.

4001

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous launching of publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, please elaborate on the work to be done, schedules, details, titles and quantity of publications to be produced, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the programmes in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to make use of various channels, including the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence. District-based public education programmes and activities will be organised from time to time by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.

The attendance of the district-based programmes and activities was 106 000 in 2010-11, 128 000 in 2011-12 and 99 000 in 2012-13 (up to December 2012). Other centralised programmes and activities in the past three years were also well received by the public. For example, the audience rating of the eight episodes of TV docudrama on various family issues, which were jointly produced by SWD and RTHK and broadcasted in 2010, ranged from about 1 080 000 to 1 150 000 in each episode. The click rates of the on-line interactive public education programme on prevention of suicide-filicide launched in 2011-12 and the on-line publicity competition on prevention of child sexual abuse launched in 2012-13 were more than 140 000 and 220 000 respectively.

For the past three years till 2012-13, the annual budget for the publicity and public education programmes on the prevention of domestic violence was about \$5 million. For 2013-14, the budget is \$5 million, plus an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of a docudrama. There is no breakdown of the manpower specifically assigned for implementing relevant publicity and public education programmes which are part and parcel of the work of various service units of SWD in combating domestic violence.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)594

Question Serial No.

4002

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous provision and enhancement of short-term food assistance services, please elaborate on the work to be done, manpower, target effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the services in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: An amount of \$100 million was earmarked in the 2012-13 Budget to continue the services. The Financial Secretary, in his 2013-14 Budget, announced that the Administration will allocate another \$100 million for the services when necessary. In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will seek the Finance Committee's approval to continue the services and introduce further enhancement measures, including extending the assistance period. SWD does not set the number of staff to be employed for the services. The operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are given the flexibility to deploy the funding allocation to employ suitable staff according to the operational needs.

SWD will continue to assess and monitor the performance standards of the operating NGOs through their regular reports to SWD and SWD's scheduled and surprise visits to the operating NGOs.

The expenditure and number of service users served by the Projects in the past three years were as follows –

Year	Total expenditure (\$ million)	No. of service users served
2010-11	15.6	19 600
2011-12	37.2	33 400
2012-13	63.1 (revised estimate)	34 000 ^[Note] (projected)

^[Note] The estimated number of service users served in 2012-13 is projected from the actual number of the first ten months.

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Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)595

Question Serial No.

4003

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration created 3 000 temporary jobs through non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for young people aged between 15 and 29 in 2008. Currently, about 2 600 young people are still employed in these temporary positions which are due to lapse in March this year. The Administration has decided to extend the temporary positions for one year, involving an expenditure of some \$270 million. In view of the high youth unemployment rate, I would like to know the following –

- (a) The breakdown of the over \$200 million expenditure; the amount used directly on the beneficiaries and the relevant percentage.
- (b) The programme spans over four years and there are still 86% of the beneficiaries in need of support by the service. Have the Administration and relevant organisations reviewed this situation? Is there any other plan apart from extending the programme for one year?
- (c) Beneficiaries under the programme have been employed for over four years. Has the Administration considered regularising these temporary positions and incorporating them into the Administration's regular subventions to the NGOs?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The funding allocation of \$270 million for extension of temporary positions in the 2013-14 estimate will be used to cover the salaries and statutory benefits for incumbent Programme Workers (PWs) employed by NGOs allocated with these temporary posts. There is no breakdown of the funding allocation.
- (b) As a youth employment support measure during economic downturn, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided a total of 3 000 temporary work opportunities (i.e. the PW posts) in 2008 through NGOs for young people aged between 15 to 29 with the objective of helping them acquire relevant work experience to improve their employability in the open labour market. These temporary work opportunities are not long-term measures to youth employment problem, and were to be lapsed by March 2013. Currently, about 2 600 young people are still employed in these temporary positions. The Administration has decided to extend the temporary positions for 12 months until March 2014 to allow the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the NGOs concerned time to help these incumbent PWs find suitable employment. SWD has been encouraging NGOs allocated with these temporary posts to provide due employment support to the

incumbent PWs. SWD has also collaborated with the Labour Department, the Employees Retraining Board and NGOs to set up a designated webpage to provide information on relevant employment opportunities and training resources for easy access by the incumbent PWs.

- (c) These temporary work opportunities are time-limited posts created for the purpose of enhancing the employability of young people through the provision of training opportunities. These young people may secure suitable employment or training after leaving these posts. As these temporary work opportunities are not core posts of welfare services units, the Administration has no plan to regularise them.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)596

Question Serial No.

4004

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous implementation of the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP), please elaborate on the work to be done, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the programme in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to provide BIP which is a psycho-educational group aiming to change batterers' attitude and stop their abusive behaviours. Types of activities included in BIP are video shows, mini-lectures, structured games, group discussion and sharing. The estimated number of groups to be conducted in 2013-14 is ten with around 80 participants. Participants' feedback will be collected to evaluate the effectiveness of BIP. There is no breakdown of the funding and manpower specifically allocated for implementing BIP as it is a component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD.

The number of participants of the BIP from 2010-11 to 2012-13 is as follows –

Year	No. of Participants
2010-11	81
2011-12	74
2012-13	71

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)597

Question Serial No.

4005

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the continuous implementation of the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), please elaborate on the work to be done, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2013-14, and whether the Administration will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect. Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for VSP in the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: VSP commenced service in June 2010 with an allocation of about \$5 million per annum and targeted to serve about 800 service users a year. In 2013-14, VSP will continue to provide emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services to victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. Publicity and recruitment of volunteers to assist the service users will also be conducted. Apart from casework units, VSP has been extended to refuge centres and CEASE Crisis Centre and started providing child visitation service for residents of refuge centres/CEASE Crisis Centre since 20 August 2012. The VSP would further strengthen support to victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities and extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and CEASE Crisis Centre in 2013-14.

As VSP is subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisation which operates the programme has the flexibility in deploying an appropriate number of staff to provide relevant services and achieve the required performance standard. The Administration has no plan to increase the funding allocation for VSP.

The number of service users served in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is as follows –

	Actual number of service users
2010-11 (Jun 2010 – Mar 2011)	405
2011-12 (Apr 2011 – Mar 2012)	613
2012-13 (Apr 2012 – Dec 2012)	508

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)598

Question Serial No.

4006

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the total amount of earnings disregarded;
- (b) the total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable earnings; and
- (c) the average number of CSSA cases benefiting from the DE.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The statistics on CSSA recipients benefiting from DE from 2010-11 to 2012-13 respectively were as follows –

Year	Total amount of income disregarded (\$ million)	Total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income (\$ million)	Average number of CSSA recipients benefiting from DE per month
2010-11	824.1	811.2	37 638
2011-12	762.8	798.4	34 641
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	518.8	551.8	31 526

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)599

Question Serial No.

4007

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the respective numbers of medical social workers (MSWs) (including Social Work Assistants, Senior Social Work Assistants, Social Work Officers (SWOs)/Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs) and officers at Senior Social Work Officer rank or above) working in non-psychiatric services in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, the average caseload per worker and the funding allocation.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The requested information on the provision of non-psychiatric medical social services (MSS) is provided as follows –

Year	Financial provision ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	Number of non- psychiatric MSWs ^[Note 2]	Average caseload per non-psychiatric MSW ^[Note 3]
2011-12	302.6 (Actual)	23 SWOs/ 165 ASWOs	69 ^[Note 4]
2012-13	333.4 (Revised Estimate)	23 SWOs/ 165 ASWOs	65 ^[Note 5]
2013-14	347.9 (Estimate)	24 SWOs/ 168 ASWOs	65 ^[Note 5]

^[Note 1] The figures refer to the total financial provision for MSS. There is no breakdown by psychiatric MSS and non-psychiatric MSS, or by different ranks of staff.

^[Note 2] The MSS units of the Social Welfare Department are staffed by SWOs/ASWOs.

^[Note 3] There are no separate average caseload statistics respectively for SWOs and ASWOs in MSS units. SWOs may also undertake administrative duties in addition to the delivery of casework services.

^[Note 4] The figure is the actual average caseload per non-psychiatric MSW.

[Note 5] There is no breakdown of the estimated average caseload per MSW by psychiatric MSWs and non-psychiatric MSWs.

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Date: 9 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)600

Question Serial No.

4008

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the respective numbers of medical social workers (MSWs) (including Social Work Assistants, Senior Social Work Assistants, Social Work Officers (SWOs) /Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs) and officers at Senior Social Work Officer rank or above) working in psychiatric services in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, the average caseload per worker and the financial provision.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The requested information on the provision of psychiatric medical social services (MSS) is provided as follows –

Year	Financial provision ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	Number of psychiatric MSWs ^[Note 2]	Average caseload per psychiatric MSW ^[Note 3]
2011-12	302.6 (Actual)	51 SWOs/ 192 ASWOs	66 ^[Note 4]
2012-13	333.4 (Revised Estimate)	51 SWOs/ 192 ASWOs	65 ^[Note 5]
2013-14	347.9 (Estimate)	51 SWOs/ 192 ASWOs	65 ^[Note 5]

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)601

Question Serial No.

4012

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single-parent families, please provide the following information –

- (a) reasons for becoming single-parent families and the number of cases caused by domestic violence;
- (b) the number of low income households;
- (c) the number of families on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA);
- (d) the ratio of single mothers and single fathers;
- (e) the income ratio of single mothers and single fathers;
- (f) the number of children and their age distribution (aged zero to five, five to ten, ten to 12, 12 to 14, and 15 to 16); and
- (g) how the parents take care of their children aged under 16 (aged zero to five, five to ten, ten to 12, 12 to 14, and 15 to 16) when the parents are working.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) According to the results of the 2011 Population Census, the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families in descending order are Islands, Sai Kung, Yuen Long, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing, Tsuen Wan, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Southern and North. There are various factors leading to single parenthood, including the death of one of the parents, divorce or separation of the parents, etc. We do not have information on the number of single-parent families caused by domestic violence.
- (b), (e) and (f) We do not have the statistical information on the data requested.
- (c) The number of single parent families receiving CSSA as at the end of December 2012 in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families according to the 2011 Population Census is as follows –

District ^[Note]	Single Parent Families receiving CSSA
Islands	751
Sai Kung	1 108
Yuen Long	4 220
Kwun Tong	4 469
Kwai Tsing	2 899
Tsuen Wan	875
Sham Shui Po	2 492
Wong Tai Sin	2 445
Southern	635
North	1 914
Total	21 808

[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

- (d) The ratios of single mothers and single fathers in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families according to the 2011 Population Census were as follows –

District \ Sex	Male		Female		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	
Islands	495	24.3%	1 539	75.7%	2 034
Sai Kung	932	22.2%	3 274	77.8%	4 206
Yuen Long	1 901	19.8%	7 694	80.2%	9 595
Kwun Tong	2 011	22.3%	6 994	77.7%	9 005
Kwai Tsing	1 407	20.4%	5 478	79.6%	6 885
Tsuen Wan	606	19.6%	2 492	80.4%	3 098
Sham Shui Po	931	17.8%	4 314	82.2%	5 245
Wong Tai Sin	1 109	21.5%	4 041	78.5%	5 150
Southern	630	21.9%	2 244	78.1%	2 874
North	719	18.6%	3 152	81.4%	3 871

- (g) To meet the needs of parents who cannot take care of their children temporarily because of work or other reasons, the Social Welfare Department has provided a variety of child care services through non-governmental organisations, including child care centre service, occasional child care service, extended-hour child care service, Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project and the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme, etc.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)602

Question Serial No.

4013

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of cases applying for Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) which involved domestic violence over the past five years (up to 2012-13), with a breakdown of the number of victims by gender and age group (aged 0 - 15, aged 16 - 30, aged 31 - 45, aged 46 - 60 and aged over 60).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Among the 1 690 applications for CLEIC from 2008-09 to 2012-13, there were 48 cases involving domestic violence. A breakdown of the number of victims by gender and age group is given below –

	Age Group										Total
	0 - 15		16 - 30		31 - 45		46 - 60		60+		
Gender Year	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
2008-09	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	6
2009-10	-	1	2	1	2	5	-	3	-	1	15
2010-11	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	2	2	10
2011-12	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	2	-	5	13
2012-13 ^[Note]	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	4
Total	1	1	2	6	4	16	1	7	2	8	48

[Note] As at the end of December 2012.

M Male

F Female

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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 Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)603

Question Serial No.

4014

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How much resources will be deployed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in commencing a new round of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in 2013-14? What is the target number of trainees? When will the programme be open for application and when will it commence?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD will organise ten more classes of the two-year full-time EN Training Programme to provide more than 1 200 training places in the five-year period starting from 2013-14. The Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Administration. Trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. In 2013-14, SWD will launch the first two classes of this series of the EN Training Programme to provide a total of 320 training places at an estimated cost of \$28.3 million. Application details and class schedule are being worked out in the meantime.

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Date: 6 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)604

Question Serial No.

4015

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the expenditure involved in implementing the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) from 2011-12 to 2012-13? How many trainees have received training? Among them, how many joined the welfare sector after completion of the Training Programme? How will the Administration assess the Training Programme?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2011-12 and 2012-13, the Social Welfare Department organised two classes of the EN Training Programme each year, providing a total of 220 and 320 training places respectively. The expenditure for the EN Training Programme of these two years was \$14.2 million and \$24.6 million respectively. As these trainees are still receiving training, the number of graduates is not available at this stage. The EN Training Programme has helped alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector as we found that over 90% of the graduates of the first four classes have entered to work in the welfare sector upon graduation.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)605

Question Serial No.

4016

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide training for social workers and professionals on a wide range of topics on handling child abuse, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence with special focus on risk assessment, prevention, as well as post-trauma care in violence cases. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many of the spouse battering and child abuse cases handled in 2011-12 to 2012-13 have been arranged for risk assessment?
- (b) How many cases are in need of consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist after risk assessment? Do they need to waitlist for the service? If yes, how long is the waitlisting time?
- (c) What is the male-to-female ratio of the individuals under risk assessment?
- (d) If consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist is necessary, how long does it take to follow up? What is the expenditure involved?
- (e) Besides consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist, what other services are necessary? Please give specific details and list each expenditure item.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Risk assessment was conducted on all new child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. In 2011-12 and 2012-13 (April to December 2012), 2 927 and 2 261 cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD underwent risk assessment respectively. On-going risk assessment is conducted by the case social workers in the process of case handling.
- (b) Of the 2 927 and 2 261 cases mentioned in (a) above, 437 cases and 439 cases were referred to the Clinical Psychology Unit (CPU) of SWD for psychological assessment/treatment respectively. The waiting time for clinical psychology services is about four to six weeks. For high risk cases, urgent appointments can be arranged within a week or earlier. SWD does not have statistics on the number of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases requiring psychiatric services.
- (c) In 2012, as recorded in the Child Protection Registry, the ratio of female to male victims undergoing risk assessment is around 6:4. For those spouse/cohabitant battering cases recorded in the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, the ratio of female to male victims undergoing risk assessment is around 17:3.

- (d) The follow-up time by CPU of SWD for spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases depends on the complexity of the cases, and ranges from six months to over three years. CPU provides services to different types of service users. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the handling of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases. SWD does not have information on the services provided by psychiatrist as such services are not provided by the Department.
- (e) Welfare services, including counselling, refuge and child care service, financial and housing assistance, are provided to victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for handling spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases.

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Post Title:	<u>Director of Social Welfare</u>
Date:	<u>11 April 2013</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)606

Question Serial No.

4017

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the distribution and the respective proportion of the funding allocation for Social Security in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The breakdown of the funding allocation for Social Security in 2013-14 estimate is as follows –

	\$ million	%
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	20,374.0	50.51
Social Security Allowance Scheme	18,949.0	46.98
Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme	37.2	0.09
Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation	6.2	0.02
Other operating account expenses, e.g. personal emoluments, general departmental expenses, administrative support cost, etc.	967.6	2.40
Total	40,334.0	100.00

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Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)607

Question Serial No.

4018

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the financial provisions and estimates for the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively? How does the Administration evaluate the effectiveness of these IFSCs?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The 2011-12 actual expenditure, 2012-13 revised estimate and 2013-14 estimate for IFSCs are \$717.4 million, \$796.7 million and \$847.2 million respectively.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service performance of service units operated by SWD and non-governmental organisations, including IFSCs, through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under the SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance standards of the service units through their regular reports. SWD also conducts scheduled and surprise visits to the service units from time to time.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)608

Question Serial No.

4019

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The average costs per place/resident for probation home, hostels for ex-offenders, reformatory school and remand home/place of refuge are relatively high. Did the Administration adopt any measures in 2012-13 to save and make better use of resources? Will the Administration adopt any measures in 2013-14 to reduce the expenditure incurred by the above services?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has co-located probation homes, reformatory school and remand homes/places of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), since July 2007. TMCJH aims at creating synergy among services and restructuring service delivery to enable shared use of common facilities by different categories of residents to achieve economy of scale. The hostels for ex-offenders, on the other hand, are operated by a non-governmental organisation, with subvention from SWD, at various locations. The operating cost per resident for both TMCJH and hostels for ex-offenders hinges on the enrolment rate which is subject to various factors like crime rate, offenders' attitude, court disposals, family support and the length of stay, etc.

SWD will closely monitor the operation of TMCJH and hostels for ex-offenders and continue to explore ways to maximise the use of resources.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 8 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)609

Question Serial No.

4147

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will introduce a Guangdong Scheme (GD Scheme) next year to provide Old Age Allowance for eligible elderly persons who choose to reside in Guangdong without the need to come back to Hong Kong. I would like to know the number of additional recipients and the additional payments upon the implementation of the GD Scheme as expected by SWD. Under the GD Scheme, approval will be processed in Hong Kong, but we will have to rely on subvented organisations' assistance in contacts, co-ordination and frontline support. In this regard, please provide the estimated administration expenses, a breakdown of the major administration expenditure items and the percentage of the estimated administration expenses to the total expenditure of the GD Scheme. Will additional manpower be required by SWD in the implementation of the GD Scheme? If yes, what are the amount and the percentage?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Assuming that about 30 000 elderly persons will benefit from the GD Scheme, the expenditure for allowance payment is estimated at \$395 million per annum. The administrative cost earmarked for 2013-14 is \$21.8 million, including expenditure on publicity, appointment of an agent for SWD in Guangdong, and the creation of an additional 20 posts in SWD for planning and implementation. The staff cost for SWD is \$5.9 million for 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)610

Question Serial No.

4148

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in the Budget Speech that 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided within four years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2015-16). Please inform this Committee of the numbers of nursing home (NH) places and care-and-attention (C&A) home places, as well as the estimated time of service commencement of these two types of places each year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The planned provision of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total
NH places	371	366	235	131	1 103
C&A places	754	418	21	15	1 208
Total	1 125	784	256	146	2 311

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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)611

Question Serial No.

4151

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Has the Administration made any performance pledge on the maximum waiting time for frail elderly on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) places so as to reduce the number of elderly who passed away while waiting?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The waiting time for subsidised NH places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the NHs, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home and the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. It is difficult for us to estimate the waiting time and set a performance pledge on the time required for admission.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)612

Question Serial No.

4152

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Has the Administration considered drawing up a long-term service plan to increase the residential care places for the elderly year by year so as to shorten their waiting time for residential care services?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Administration has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of residential care places for the elderly. In the short run, we will purchase places from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme and make better use of space in subvented homes for provision of more subsidised places. In the medium-term, we will build new contract RCHEs to increase the number of subsidised places, particularly places providing a higher level of nursing care. In the long run, we will identify sites for new homes. We will explore the feasibility of incorporating residential care facilities into redevelopment projects, and convert vacant buildings into RCHEs.

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the nursing homes, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under various bought place schemes, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. While the additional provision of subsidised residential care places should help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for the Social Welfare Department to estimate the required additional provision to shorten the waiting time.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)613

Question Serial No.

4153

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Organisations have encountered serious difficulties in recruiting nurses and paramedical professionals in recent years. The situation has affected the quality of services provided. How would the Administration address this problem?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Administration understands the strong manpower demand of the elderly service sector and has adopted various measures to address the issue, including provision of additional resources to operators to recruit and retain the staff, collaboration with various institutions to organise training programmes, setting up of a steering committee to conduct strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development as well as the establishment of an Industry Training Advisory Committee to implement Qualifications Framework in the sector so as to establish an accessible articulation pathway for career advancement.

Regarding the provision of additional resources to operators to recruit and retain the staff, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) sought an additional provision of \$285 million for providing additional funding for three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12 to enable NGOs and private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) offering EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) to offer more competitive salaries for recruitment and retention of paramedical staff or hire of such services. Additional resources of \$356 million was sought to continue such support for a further period of three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

To alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University commenced the two-year Master programmes in Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy in January 2012, providing a total of about 60 training places (about 30 for each programme). SWD has implemented a training sponsorship scheme at the same time to provide funding support of \$17.7 million for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in these respective programmes to encourage them to join the welfare sector upon graduation. Students are required to serve at the relevant NGOs for no less than two years upon graduation.

SWD has also collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise the two-year full-time Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) since 2006. A total of 12 training classes have been organised, providing a total of about 1 500 training places. The EN Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. SWD will organise 10 more classes of the EN Training Programme providing more than 1 200 training places in five years from 2013-14.

In addition, with the support of the University Grants Committee, the student intakes of Bachelor of Science (Hons) OT and Bachelor of Science (Hons) PT programmes have been increased by 44 places (i.e. from 46 to 90 places) and 40 places (i.e. from 70 to 110 places) per cohort in the 2012-15 triennium. The first-year first-degree places in nursing have also been increased by 40.

SWD will continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of the elderly service sector and formulate appropriate measures accordingly.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)614

Question Serial No.

4154

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Has the Administration allocated more resources to provide additional wage subsidy for organisations to employ nurses and paramedical professionals to alleviate the problem of manpower shortage?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has obtained additional funding of \$344 million from the Lotteries Fund for allocation to the welfare non-governmental organisations concerned for a further period of three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 to enable them to offer more competitive salaries for the recruitment and retention of paramedical staff (including nurses) or for the hiring of paramedical services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)615

Question Serial No.

4155

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding services that handle the problem of elder abuse, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2013-14? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need, including victims of elder abuse, such as community education, crisis intervention, hotline counselling, financial and accommodation assistance and referral to emergency residential care, refuge centres and respite services. The service units pertaining to the prevention and tackling of elder abuse cases are provided through District Elderly Community Centres, Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, Support Teams for the Elderly, Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, etc. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for this purpose.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)616

Question Serial No.

4156

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding services for handling the problem of child abuse, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2013-14? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including child abuse, and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, Residential Care Placements for Children and Child Care Centres, etc. In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure for family and child welfare services is \$2,218.7 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for tackling child abuse.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)617

Question Serial No.

4157

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding services for handling the problem of battering against women, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2013-14? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including female victims, and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, Residential Care Placements for Children and Child Care Centres, etc. In 2013-14, the total estimated expenditure for these services is \$2,218.7 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for handling the problem of battering against women.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)618

Question Serial No.

4161

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding services for handling the problem of battering against men, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2013-14? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, Residential Care Placements for Children and Child Care Centres, etc. Except for the Refuge Centres for Women which are exclusively for women, all support services for victims and abusers of domestic violence are provided to all persons in need, irrespective of gender. In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure for family and child welfare services is \$2,218.7 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for battering against men.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)619

Question Serial No.

4162

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding services for handling sexual violence cases, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2013-14? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) adopts a comprehensive, one-stop service model involving multi-disciplinary assistance in handling sexual violence cases. Under the service model, a designated social worker is assigned to provide a range of services including 24-hour outreaching and immediate support, counselling services, reporting to the Police, arrangement of medical treatment and forensic examination, as well as escorting and accompanying the victims to go through all necessary procedures. This service model enables victims to receive service and go through all relevant procedures in a convenient, safe, confidential and supportive environment and minimises the need for the victims to repeat their unpleasant experience. Resources required for providing the services by SWD and other concerned departments are absorbed by the existing provision.

As an integral part of this service model, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (CEASE Crisis Centre) has been set up to provide crisis intervention and support services, including short-term accommodation, to victims of sexual violence and their family members. In 2013-14, the estimated funding allocation for CEASE Crisis Centre is \$10.8 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)620

Question Serial No.

4163

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the funding allocation for care services for the demented elderly living in the community in the financial year 2013-14? What is the number of centres providing such services? What is the waiting time for such services by district?

	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions (by District Council district)	Waiting time
Central & Western		
Eastern		
Southern		
Wan Chai		
Kowloon City		
Kwun Tong		
Sham Shui Po		
Wong Tai Sin		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Islands		
Kwai Tsing		
North		
Sai Kung		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Tsuen Wan		
Tuen Mun		
Yuen Long		
Total		

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Administration provides subsidised community care services (CCS) through 64 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 24 Enhanced Home and Community Care Services teams, 60 Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) teams to support the frail elderly (including demented elderly) living in the community. The total expenditure for the subsidised CCS is estimated to be \$976.5 million in 2013-14. As at the end of January 2013, the average waiting time for day care places was about nine months and that for home-based services was about two months. There is no breakdown on the profile of the elderly on the waiting list.

Three service teams under the three-year Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders (Pilot Scheme) have also been providing services to the frail elderly (including demented elderly) since March 2011. They are serving the frail elderly in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Eastern & Kwai Tsing districts. The total expenditure for this Pilot Scheme is about \$55 million. As at the end of January 2013, about 560 cases have been served since service commencement.

To further enhance the support for demented elderly residing in the community, Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to subsidised DEs/DCUs. In 2013-14, the funding allocation of DS will be \$14.7 million. With the allocation of DS, DEs/DCUs can employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services to enhance training programmes and services for demented elderly as well as support services for their carers as necessary.

Name in block letters:	<u>Patrick T K Nip</u>
Post Title:	<u>Director of Social Welfare</u>
Date:	<u>11 April 2013</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)621

Question Serial No.

4164

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the allocated funding for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) in the financial year 2013-14? Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, what was the number of calls for assistance received from each district from March 2012 to February 2013 and the details of assistance requested? What are the hotline numbers and addresses of the service units providing 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS in each district?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure for IHCS is \$503.1 million. Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, the number of calls for assistance received from the frail elderly persons from March 2012 to December 2012 with breakdown by district was as follows –

District	Number of calls
Central & Western	0
Eastern	0
Wan Chai	2
Southern	1
Islands	0
Kwun Tong	38
Wong Tai Sin	8
Sai Kung	0
Kowloon City	1
Sham Shui Po	1
Yau Tsim Mong	1
Sha Tin	7
Tai Po	0
North	0
Yuen Long	0

District	Number of calls
Tsuen Wan	16
Kwai Tsing	4
Tuen Mun	0
Total	79

The majority of the calls for assistance were related to domestic accidents and acute health problems. The operators of the 60 IHCS teams provide an emergency contact number to their service users for the 24-hour support service.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)622

Question Serial No.

4165

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: There are still over 20 000 elderly on the waiting list for residential care places for the elderly. Does the Administration have any long-term planning regarding the actual number of additional residential places each year for the coming five years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The planned provision of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total
Nursing home places	371	366	235	131	1 103
Care-and-attention places	754	418	21	15	1 208
Total	1 125	784	256	146	2 311

In addition to the above additional places, we have earmarked sites in eight other development projects for the construction of new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). It is anticipated that by 2017-18, some additional 320 places including both subsidised and non-subsidised places will be provided by three of these eight new contract RCHEs. The number of places to be provided is a preliminary estimate and is subject to change as we continue to work out the details of the projects, having regard to the service demand and other factors. We will continue to identify suitable sites for setting up RCHEs and maintain close contact with relevant government departments with a view to reserving sites in new development and re-development projects, vacant school premises and government accommodation that is surplus to requirement, etc. as far as practicable for setting up RCHEs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)623

Question Serial No.

4167

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding probation home, hostels for ex-offenders, reformatory school (RS) and remand home/place of refuge, what are the enrolment rates for 2012-13? What are the estimated enrolment rates for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) co-located probation homes, RS and remand homes/places of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), in July 2007. TMCJH aims at creating synergy among services and restructuring service delivery to enable shared use of common facilities by different categories of residents to achieve economy of scale. The Hostels for ex-offenders, on the other hand, are operated by a non-governmental organisation with subvention from SWD at various locations.

The enrolment rates of TMCJH and the hostels for ex-offenders are as follows –

Service		Enrolment rates (%) ^[Note]	
		2012-13	2013-14
TMCJH		50	50
Hostels for ex-offenders	Male	98	98
	Female	95	95

^[Note] The enrolment rates for 2013-14 are estimated on the basis of the available figures of 2012-13 and subject to various factors like crime rate, offenders' attitude, court disposals, family support, length of stay, etc.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 9 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)624

Question Serial No.

4168

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding probation service, hostels for ex-offenders, probation home and reformatory school (RS), what are the respective funding allocations for them in 2013-14? What are the recidivism rates of offenders who have received the above services?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The funding allocations for probation service, Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH) and hostels for ex-offenders in 2013-14 are \$164.5 million, \$94.4 million and \$7.7 million respectively.

The recidivism rate of offenders who received probation service in 2011-12 was 13.7%. For those who received probation home and RS services in TMCJH, their recidivism rates in 2011-12 were 12.3% and 10% respectively. The Social Welfare Department does not have the recidivism rates for those who stayed in hostels for ex-offenders.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 9 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)625

Question Serial No.

4169

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the funding allocation required for prevention of child abuse in 2013-14? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department has earmarked a budget of \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, including prevention of child abuse. We will continue to make use of various channels to publicise the messages on combating domestic violence to the public, including the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with Radio Television Hong Kong with an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)626

Question Serial No.

4170

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the expenditure on prevention of elder abuse in 2013-14? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need, including victims of elder abuse, such as community education, crisis intervention, hotline counselling, financial and accommodation assistance and referral to emergency residential care, refuge centres and respite services. Services for the prevention and tackling of elder abuse cases are provided through District Elderly Community Centres, Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, Support Teams for the Elderly, Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Refuges Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, etc. In 2013-14, the expenditure on prevention of domestic violence through publicity and public education programmes is around \$7.9 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for services for the prevention and tackling of elder abuse.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)627

Question Serial No.

4171

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration consider providing additional community nurse and allied health professional services in district elderly community centres (DECCs) so as to enhance the service quality?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: To achieve the policy objectives of promoting “Active Ageing” and “Ageing in Place”, DECCs provide elderly and their carers with diversified services and activities, taking care of their psychological, social and learning needs. Services provided include counselling and referral services, community education, social and recreational activities, promotion of volunteerism, etc. On a need basis, DECCs will collaborate with nursing and allied health professionals in delivering health education programmes to the elderly.

Nursing and allied health professional services are provided to frail elderly who use residential care services and the centre-based and home-based community care services. The majority of DECC users are not frail elderly. We have no plan to provide community nursing and allied health services in DECCs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)628

Question Serial No.

4172

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The outcome of the inspection and monitoring of the services of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) in 2012-13;
- (b) The expenditure involved; and
- (c) Will the services be continued in 2013-14? What are the details of the estimated manpower arrangement and expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD monitors the services of RCHEs and EHCCS through surprise visits for the former and scheduled and surprise visits for the latter, investigations on complaints, issue of advisory/warning letters, etc.

In 2012-13 (up to the end of February 2013), for RCHEs, SWD conducted about 4 640 surprise inspections, investigated 272 complaints, issued 2 664 advisory letters as well as 296 warnings.

In the same period, SWD conducted 48 service monitoring visits to the 24 EHCCS teams including announced and unannounced inspections.

- (b) In 2012-13, the estimated expenditure for the monitoring of RCHEs and EHCCS was \$45.5 million.
- (c) In 2013-14, SWD will continue to monitor the service quality of RCHEs and EHCCS through 44 staff. The estimated expenditure is \$51.2 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)629

Question Serial No.

4173

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of outreaching and support services to hidden and vulnerable elderly by district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) under the Social Welfare Department (SWD), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the specific outcome of such services in 2012-13?
- (b) Will the services be continued in 2013-14? What are the details of the estimated manpower arrangement and expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: SWD has allocated additional recurrent funding to all DECCs and NECs throughout the territory since 2008 for the employment of additional social workers to enhance the outreaching service for hidden and vulnerable elders. Since the implementation of the service, over 19 000 elderly persons were identified and provided with follow-up service as appropriate.

From April to December 2012, over 1 900 hidden and vulnerable elderly persons were identified. This initiative will continue in 2013-14. Currently, the total number of additional social workers allocated to DECCs and NECs is 200. As the recurrent provision of the additional manpower has been included in the annual subvention of DECCs and NECs, there is no breakdown of expenditure involved.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)630

Question Serial No.

4174

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the financial year 2013-14, what will be the manpower and expenditure incurred by the Social Security Field Units (SSFUs)? Also, what will be the expenditure and what training programmes are being planned by the Social Welfare Department for the social security staff?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, the total number of posts in various grades in the SSFUs will be about 1 400, and the estimated expenditure is \$536.3 million. Training programmes on professional knowledge and skills such as investigation and verification techniques, customer service and communication skills, legal knowledge and management skills will be provided for social security staff in 2013-14 at an estimated expenditure of \$0.6 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)631

Question Serial No.

4175

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the details of support services, the number of residential places and the expenditure involved in Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) in 2013?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Refuge Centres provide temporary accommodation and support services to women and their children affected by domestic violence or family crisis. There are five Refuge Centres with a total of 260 places. In 2013-14, the total estimated allocation for the five Refuge Centres is around \$26 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)632

Question Serial No.

4176

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the work on preserving and strengthening the families, would the Administration please provide details, expenditure, manpower and effectiveness of relevant work?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service (including services for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), day child care service and adoption service, etc. to preserve, strengthen and support the family.

The total provision for family and child welfare services in the 2013-14 estimate is \$2,218.7 million.

SWD monitors the service performance of all service units operated by SWD and non-governmental organisations with public funds through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance standards of departmental and subvented services through their regular reports and scheduled and surprise visits to the service units from time to time. Family and child welfare service units of SWD have met the designated service objectives and achieved the respective performance standards.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)633

Question Serial No.

4177

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding support services on sexual violence, will the Administration consider subsidising Rain Lily in 2013-14? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) adopts a comprehensive, one-stop service model involving multi-disciplinary assistance in handling sexual violence cases. As an integral part of this service model, SWD has commissioned a non-governmental organisation to operate the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre to provide crisis intervention and support services, including short-term accommodation, to victims of sexual violence and their family members. In view of the smooth service operation, the Administration has no plan to commission another organisation to handle sexual violence cases in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)634

Question Serial No.

4178

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the specific plans for support services for carers of the elderly in 2013-14? What is the funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Support services to carers of the elderly are provided by various types of subsidised residential care service units as well as community care and support service units for the elderly. These include subvented and contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), as well as subsidised day care centres/units, elderly centres and home care service teams, etc. Services provided include day and residential respite services, provision of information, training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resource centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc.

Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes to enhance carers' capability in taking care of the elderly. 119 elderly centres have participated in the Scheme and over 10 000 carers have been trained.

In addition to the respite services provided in all subvented homes and contract homes, EBPS homes have also made use of the casual vacancies of the bought places to provide more respite places for the elderly persons residing in the community since 1 March 2012.

There is no separate breakdown on funding allocation for support services for carers of the elderly in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)635

Question Serial No.

4179

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: I often receive complaints from the elderly about the waiting time for integrated home care services (IHCS) being too long, especially the meal delivery service. However, the estimated number of cases served for IHCS will remain unchanged in 2013-14. What are the reasons? What is the funding allocation involved for this service?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The funding allocation for IHCS in 2013-14 is \$503.1 million. In addition to IHCS, the Administration also provides other community care and support services to facilitate frail elderly to age in the community. These include the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services, the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders and the upcoming Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly to be launched in September 2013.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 6 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)636

Question Serial No.

4180

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the estimated expenditure involved and the number of places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) for private residential care homes for the elderly in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Administration plans to purchase 300 additional EA1 places (i.e. places of higher quality) under EBPS in 2013-14. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$29.4 million. The projected total number of EBPS places in 2013-14 is 8 220 and the estimated annual expenditure involved is \$774.9 million.

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Date: 11 April 2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)637

Question Serial No.

4181

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How many places will be provided by the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in 2013-14? What is the funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will organise ten more classes of the two-year full-time EN Training Programme to provide more than 1 200 training places in the five-year period starting from 2013-14. The EN Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Administration. Trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. In 2013-14, SWD will launch the first two classes of this series of the EN Training Programme to provide a total of 320 training places at an estimated cost of \$28.3 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 6 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)638

Question Serial No.

4182

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the financial resource involved in day care (DC) places for the elderly provided by the Administration? What is the geographical distribution of the 180 DC places?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, 182 additional DC places for the elderly are expected to commence service and the estimated annual expenditure is \$14.6 million. Their geographical distribution is as follows –

District	Number of DC places
Kwai Tsing	60
Kwun Tong	52
Sha Tin	45
Central & Western	25
Total	182

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 8 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)639

Question Serial No.

4183

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Why was there no increase in the number of social centres for the elderly (S/Es) in the past three years despite the ageing population?
 - (b) Why was there no increase in the number of district elderly community centres (DECCs) in the past three years despite the ageing population?
 - (c) Where will the new neighbourhood elderly centre (NEC) to be set up in 2013-14 be located? When will it commence operation?
 - (d) What is the planned increase in manpower for elderly centres in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Currently, there are 41 DECCs, 118 NECs and 51 S/Es which already form a territory-wide social support network for the elderly in the community. In 2013-14, one additional NEC will be set up at the new Public Rental Housing Development at Site 1A in Kai Tak Development, Kowloon City District. It is planned to commence service in 2013-14 and the estimated annual expenditure is \$2 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, operators of elderly centres have the flexibility in deploying the subvention to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and to meet service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 8 April 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)640

Question Serial No.

4184

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) What are the planned numbers of training places for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elderly in 2013-14?
 - (b) What is the planned number of training places for care staff serving people with disabilities in the integrated home care services (IHCS) teams in 2013-14? What is the funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department will provide –

- (a) 180 and 300 training places respectively for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elderly; and
- (b) 150 training places for care staff serving people with disabilities in the IHCS teams at an estimated cost of \$63,000.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)641

Question Serial No.

4185

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How many additional residential places in refuge centres for women (Refuge Centres) are planned to be provided in 2013-14? What is the funding allocation for care services provided by Refuge Centres?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: There are five Refuge Centres providing a total of 260 places and the current provision is adequate in meeting the service demand. In 2013-14, the total estimated funding allocation for the five Refuge Centres is around \$26 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)642

Question Serial No.

4186

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: For 2009 to 2012, what was the number of applications for the Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) and the Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and the financial commitment of the Administration in each of the years? What is the expected number of applicants of the two allowances and the expenditure to be incurred in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: (a) The number of HOAA and NOAA new applications from 2009-10 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	HOAA	NOAA
2009-10	21 315	22 733
2010-11	22 202	21 952
2011-12	23 116	24 719
2012-13 (up to the end of December 2012)	17 190	25 031

(b) The expenditure of HOAA and NOAA cases from 2009-10 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	HOAA (\$ million) ^[Note 1]	NOAA (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
2009-10	5,429	891
2010-11	5,552	897
2011-12	5,918	976
2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	6,371	1,131

- (c) The estimated average number of HOAA and NOAA cases per month and expenditure involved in 2013-14 are as follows –

Type of allowance	2013-14	
	Average number of cases per month	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
HOAA	111 000	1,548
NOAA ^[Note 2]	9 000	93

^[Note 1] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective year. The additional allowance for 2013–14 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

^[Note 2] After the introduction of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in April 2013, all NOAA cases have been switched to OALA. The number of NOAA cases in 2013-14 refers to new cases under the Guangdong Scheme to be launched in the second half of 2013.

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 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)643

Question Serial No.

4187

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the estimated number of applicants for Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the estimated expenditure involved for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The estimated average number of OALA cases per month and expenditure in 2013-14 are as follows –

Year	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
2013–14	494 000	16,228

^[Note] The expenditure for 2013-14 includes the back payment of OALA to the eligible elderly persons from December 2012 to March 2013 and the payment of one additional month of the allowance. The latter is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)644

Question Serial No.

4188

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases of different nature, including old age, disability, ill health, single parent family, low-earnings, unemployment and others in 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the related government expenditure involved. What are the estimated numbers of cases of the various nature and the expenditure involved in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The average number of CSSA cases per month and the expenditure by case nature in 2011-12 were as follows –

Case nature	2011-12	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million)
Old age	149 019	10,294
Permanent disability	17 941	1,315
Ill health	23 711	1,942
Single parent	31 768	2,997
Low-earnings	11 579	982
Unemployment	23 847	1,575
Others	6 502	442
Overall	264 367	19,548

The estimated average number of CSSA cases per month and the expenditure by case nature in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as follows –

Case nature	2012-13	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million)
Old age	149 000	10,611
Permanent disability	18 000	1,348
Ill health	24 000	2,042
Single parent	30 000	2,915
Low-earnings	10 000	870
Unemployment	21 000	1,439
Others	6 000	462
Overall	258 000	19,688

Case nature	2013-14	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million)
Old age	150 000	11,661
Permanent disability	19 000	1,512
Ill health	25 000	2,303
Single parent	30 000	3,145
Low-earnings	10 000	930
Unemployment	21 000	1,562
Others	8 000	587
Overall	263 000	21,699

^[Note] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment in the respective year. The additional allowance for 2013–14 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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 Date: 11 April 2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)645

Question Serial No.

4189

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance, and among them, the number of cases receiving the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (for months with data available)? Please break down the numbers by households living in private housing and public housing and by the number of household members.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of CSSA cases in private and public housing receiving rent allowance (breakdown by number of eligible members in the family) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family	Private housing		Public housing	
	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	18 984	18 341	70 961	72 001
2	9 526	9 335	44 164	43 673
3	5 425	5 165	20 876	19 231
4	2 282	2 084	10 792	9 154
5	705	663	3 761	3 043
6 and above	330	300	1 379	1 164
Total	37 252	35 888	151 933	148 266

(b) The number of CSSA cases in private housing and public housing with their rent allowance being equal to the MRA (breakdown by number of eligible members in the family) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family	Private housing		Public housing	
	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1	10 665	11 427	2 649	4 395
2	4 343	4 864	80	242
3	2 288	2 489	22	18
4	1 123	1 154	13	16
5	412	414	4	11
6 and above	173	169	1	4
Total	19 004	20 517	2 769	4 686

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 Date: 11 April 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)646

Question Serial No.

4190

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the number of additional subsidised residential care places in 2012-13? What is the percentage increase of subsidised residential care places in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: There were 1 125 additional subsidised residential care places in 2012-13. The percentage increase of subsidised residential care places in 2013-14 is 3.0%.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)647

Question Serial No.

4191

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding monitoring and enhancing the service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the existing manpower for conducting surprise inspections? What is the average number of inspections conducted each year?
- (b) How many non-compliant private RCHEs were prosecuted by the Administration in the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? and
- (c) Does the Government plan to recruit additional staff for strengthening the inspection of RCHEs? If yes, please set out the details and the estimated expenditure involved. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) A multi-disciplinary team of 38 staff of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) under the Social Welfare Department conducts surprise inspections to licensed RCHEs to ensure service quality and compliance of statutory requirements. The average number of inspections each year is about 5 000.
- (b) In the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13), 36 private RCHEs were prosecuted.
- (c) The Administration has already enhanced the manpower of LORCHE by the creation of three additional inspector posts in 2011-12 at an annual recurrent expenditure of \$0.8 million.

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Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)648

Question Serial No.

5397

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the number of elder abuse cases seeking assistance in each of the past five years (up to 2012)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Based on the information collected by the Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases of the Social Welfare Department, the number of reported elder abuse cases seeking assistance in the past five years is as follows –

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of cases	647	465	319	368	408

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LWB(WW)649

Question Serial No.

5400

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of additional places in foster care service and residential care service for children, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The current number of places and service users of various types of foster care service and small group homes (SGHs) in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories;
- (b) What was the expenditure on various types of foster care service and SGHs last year (2012-13) and what is the estimated expenditure in the coming year?
- (c) Regarding the additional places in foster care service and residential care service for children, what measures will be taken to enhance such services in the coming year, including whether more incentives will be provided to recruit foster parents and whether there will be greater flexibility in service hours?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Foster care service is not district-based. It is a non-institutional service delivered at foster care parents' home throughout the territory. There were 1 070 foster care places in 2012-13. As at 28 February 2013, the distribution of foster care service users by region was 44 in Hong Kong, 213 in Kowloon and 656 in the New Territories.

Regarding SGH service, the numbers of SGH places and children admitted by region (as at 28 February 2013) were as follows –

Region	Number of places	Number of children admitted
Hong Kong	152	137
Kowloon	296	271
New Territories	416	392
Total	864	800

- (b) The annual expenditure for foster care service and SGHs in 2012-13 was \$115.6 million and \$160.7 million respectively. The estimated expenditure in 2013-14 will be \$130.7 million for foster care service and \$173.2 million for SGHs.
- (c) The Social Welfare Department raised the foster care allowance by about 30% in 2012-13 and will continue to conduct publicity activities through various mass media and other channels to recruit suitable foster parents to provide residential care to needy children.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)650

Question Serial No.

5401

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Administration will provide training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence in 2013. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number and ranks of social workers and professionals who received the above training last year, and the expenditure involved; and
- (b) the estimated number of training places and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2012-13, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided training for about 7 000 social workers and other professionals on a range of topics on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence cases. The total expenditure was about \$2.1 million. There is no breakdown of the participants by rank.
- (b) In 2013-14, SWD will provide about 6 800 training places for social workers and other professionals at an estimated cost of \$2 million.

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Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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Question Serial No.

5402

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the expenditure incurred for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) to organise groups and programmes in the previous year (2012-13) and the estimate for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The expenditure for 2012-13 (revised estimate) for IFSCs was \$796.7 million and for 2013-14 (estimate) is \$847.2 million. IFSCs provide a spectrum of services, including casework, counselling as well as groups and programmes, to address the multifarious needs of individuals and families. There is no breakdown of the funding allocation for individual services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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Question Serial No.

5403

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is noticed from the Targets under this Programme that the Administration will not increase the provision of the child care centres (CCCs) or occasional child care service (OCCS) in the coming year. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The average utilisation rate of standalone CCCs, kindergartens-cum-CCC and OCCS between April and December 2012 are about 100%, 77% and 72% respectively.

In order to enhance the support for parents who cannot take care of their children temporarily because of work or other reasons, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has regularised the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and extended its coverage to all 18 districts in October 2011. Upon the regularisation and extension, NSCCP has been providing a total of at least 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places over the territory.

SWD will continue to monitor the demand and service provision for various child care services.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)653

Question Serial No.

5404

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of places, enrolment and utilisation rate of day child care centres (CCCs) and occasional child care service (OCCS) in the previous year (2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: There are 690 aided full-day standalone CCC places for children below the age of three under the purview of the Social Welfare Department. The average utilisation rate of the service between April and December 2012 was 100%. As for OCCS, there are 217 service units, providing a total of 434 subvented OCCS places (including 51 value-added places) with an average utilisation rate of 72% between April and December 2012.

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Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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Question Serial No.

5405

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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Question Serial No.

5406

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the expenditure on day child care centres (CCCs) and occasional child care service (OCCS) in the previous year (2012-13)? What are the estimates for CCCs, OCCS and mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) in the coming year (2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The estimated expenditure for aided full-day standalone CCCs and OCCS in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as follows –

Service	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Estimate) (\$ million)
Standalone CCCs	4.8	4.8
OCCS	19.6	19.9

For the subsidy scheme for MHCCCs, the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 is \$2 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)656

Question Serial No.

5407

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As a result of recipients' leaving the schemes, the provision for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes would be reduced. In this connection, would the Administration please provide the number of cases that had left the schemes in 2012-13 and the estimated number of cases that will be able to leave the schemes in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The estimated expenditure for the CSSA and SSA Schemes in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are summarised in the table below. Whether or not the payment of one additional month of CSSA standard rates payment/SSA allowance to the recipients is taken into account, the estimated expenditure for both CSSA and SSA Schemes in 2013-14 is higher than that in 2012-13.

	2012-13 Revised Estimate ^[Note] (\$ million)	2013-14 Estimate ^[Note] (\$ million)
CSSA Scheme	18,532 (19,688)	20,374 (21,699)
SSA Scheme	9,784 (10,586)	18,949 (20,352)

^[Note] Figures in brackets denote expenditure including the payment of one additional month of CSSA standard rates payment/SSA allowance to the recipients in the respective years. The additional allowance for 2013-14 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)657

Question Serial No.

5408

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under this Programme, it is stated that the Administration would provide a wide range of training for social security staff to strengthen their knowledge and skills in providing social security services. In this connection, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) the number and rank of social security staff (please state whether they are on civil service or non-civil service terms) who had received the training, and the expenditure involved in 2012-13;
- (b) the number of complaint cases against social security sections and the number of substantiated complaints in 2012-13; and
- (c) the number of training places for social security staff and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2012-13, there were a total of about 1 920 staff participating in various training programmes organised by the Social Welfare Department for social security staff, including 700 Social Security Officer Grade staff, 1 150 Social Security Assistant Grade staff, 50 Employment Assistance Services Assistants and 20 Community Work Organisers. Except for Community Work Organisers who were employed on non-civil service contract, the other staff were employed on civil service permanent term. The expenditure of the training programme was about \$0.4 million.
- (b) In 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012), there were 75 complaints on social security services, four of them were substantiated or partially substantiated.
- (c) In 2013-14, 1 950 training places will be provided for social security staff and the estimated expenditure of the training programmes is about \$0.6 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)658

Question Serial No.

5409

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards supporting families which are unable to fulfil their functions under this Programme, what are the specific details of the work done by the Administration and the expenditure involved? Are additional resources being allocated for evaluating the effectiveness of such services? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service (including services for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support families which are unable to fulfil their functions.

The total provision for family and child welfare services in the 2013-14 estimate is \$2,218.7 million.

SWD will continue to monitor the service performance of departmental and subvented services through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance standards of departmental and subvented services through their regular reports and scheduled and surprise visits to the service units from time to time.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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LWB(WW)659

Question Serial No.

5410

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards helping families in trouble, what specific work has the Administration done and what is the expenditure involved? Are additional resources being allocated for evaluating the effectiveness of such services? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service (including services for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support families in trouble.

The total provision for family and child welfare services in the 2013-14 estimate is \$2,218.7 million.

SWD will continue to monitor the service performance of departmental and subvented services through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance standards of departmental and subvented services through their regular reports. Scheduled and surprise visits to the service units are also conducted from time to time.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 5 April 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)660

Question Serial No.

5411

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: One of the objectives of the services provided by the Social Welfare Department under this Programme is to implement the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP). Please list the specific details of VSP, the expenditure involved and the number of additional residential places to be provided in such centres?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: VSP commenced service in June 2010 with an allocation of about \$5 million per annum. Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services are provided to victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity on promotion of the programme and recruitment of volunteers for assisting the service users are conducted. VSP targets to serve about 800 service users a year and there is no provision of residential places under the programme.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)661

Question Serial No.

5412

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: I often receive complaints from the public about the poor attitude of the social security staff. It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” under this Programme that training will be provided for social security staff. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the contents and progress of the training as well as the expenditure and the manpower involved; and
- (b) the follow-up measures for improving the working attitude of the staff?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2013-14, 1 950 training places will be provided for social security staff including those on customer service and communication skills to enhance their understanding of the needs of social security applicants and their awareness in handling these applicants. The training programmes will mainly be coordinated by three Social Security Officer Grade staff with the support of two Executive Officers and two clerical staff. The estimated expenditure of the training programmes is \$0.6 million.
- (b) Apart from reviewing and updating the training programmes to meet the latest service needs, SWD will continue to provide advice, guidance and on-the-job training to frontline staff to enhance their work attitude.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)662

Question Serial No.

5413

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Indicators under this Programme, for all care-and-attention (C&A) homes, the scale of increase in average cost per place per month in the 2013-14 estimate as compared with 2012-13 is lower than the scale of increase in 2012-13 as compared with the previous year. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the reasons for the relatively low increase in the 2013-14 estimate;
- (b) whether it has assessed the cost implications of inflation; and
- (c) whether the impact of inflation on service users has been underestimated?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The subvention for the 2013-14 estimate is based on the same level of Personal Emolument (PE) as in the 2012-13 revised estimate while Other Charges (OC) have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index (CCPI). Since OC form a relatively small part of the unit cost, the overall increase in the unit cost per month for C&A places is not significant. PE in 2013-14 may be adjusted after the 2013-14 civil service pay adjustment, which will then be reflected in the unit cost in the 2013-14 revised estimate.

Under the LSG subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations to meet operating expenses.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)663

Question Serial No.

5414

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the outreaching social work as shown in the Indicators under this Programme, the number of cases served, cases closed having achieved case goal plan per team and clients identified in the 2012-13 revised estimate are greater than those in the 2011-12 actual. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The reasons why these figures are greater in the 2012-13 revised estimate than 2011-12; and
- (b) Will the Administration consider increasing the number of outreaching social work teams (YOTs)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: (a) & (b) Owing to the setting up of three additional YOTs in January 2013, the numbers of cases served and clients identified by YOTs are estimated to increase from 14 595 and 4 933 respectively in 2011-12 to 15 165 and 5 126 in 2012-13. The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for outreaching social work services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)664

Question Serial No.

5415

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the integrated home care services (IHCS) under the Indicators of this Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the numbers of IHCS users for both frail and ordinary cases in 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the average waiting time in various districts?
- (b) Why does the Administration estimate that the average cost per case served per month will only increase by \$11 from \$1,444 to \$1,455 despite continuous inflation in the coming year?
- (c) Whether the Administration intends to let the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating IHCS bear the rising cost arising from inflation? If yes, what measures will be taken to ensure that the service quality will not be undermined?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: (a) The number of service users of IHCS in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13 (As at the end of December 2012)
Number of service users of IHCS (Frail Cases)	1 443	1 339
Number of service users of IHCS (Ordinary Cases)	27 573	24 495

The frail elderly who had gone through the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for either IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services. As at the end of January 2013, the average waiting time was about two months. The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services does not capture the waiting time for elderly waiting for IHCS (Ordinary Cases) which are non-frailty tested.

- (b) The subvention for the 2013-14 estimate is based on the same level of Personal Emolument (PE) as in the 2012-13 revised estimate while Other Charges (OC) have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index (CCPI). Since OC form a relatively small part of the unit cost, the overall increase in the unit cost per month for IHCS place is

not significant. PE in 2013-14 may be adjusted after the 2013-14 civil service pay adjustment, which will then be reflected in the unit cost in the 2013-14 revised estimate.

- (c) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations to meet operating expenses.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)665

Question Serial No.

5416

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP), are there any statistics that can be released and what are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The number of participants of BIP since it has become a regular service in 2008-09 was as follows –

Year	Total number of participants
2008-09	80
2009-10	96
2010-11	81
2011-12	74
2012-13	71

There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to BIP as it is a component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of the Social Welfare Department.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)666

Question Serial No.

5417

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the total number of residential places in refuge centres for women at present? Has any survey been conducted on the total number of residential places required across the territory to meet the demand?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: There are five refuge centres for women (Refuge Centres) providing a total of 260 places. In 2012, the average utilisation rate of the Refuge Centres was around 80%. Since the establishment of the fifth Refuge Centre in 2009, there was no occasion that places of all five Refuge Centres were fully taken up. The current provision is considered adequate in meeting the service demand.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)667

Question Serial No.

5418

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the total number of residential places in refuge centres for the elderly at present? Has any survey been conducted on the total number of residential places required across the territory to meet the demand?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre provide temporary accommodation to individuals/families in crisis, including the elderly. The total number of placements in these two centres is 120. There is also temporary accommodation including emergency placements in subvented residential care homes for the elderly and nursing homes with a total of 65 places specially targeted at the elderly persons having urgent care need. In view of the fluctuating service demand, the number of placements required cannot be estimated. The above centres would exercise flexibility in providing services to needy elderly with a view to meeting the service demand.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)668

Question Serial No.

5419

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please list, by nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, the median duration of stay on CSSA in 2010, 2011 and 2012 –

Nature of cases	2010	2011	2012
Old age			
Permanent disability			
Ill health			
Single parent			
Low-earnings			
Unemployment			
Others			
Overall			

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The median durations of stay on CSSA by case nature from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Case nature	Median duration of stay on CSSA (in years)		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Old age	8.4	8.9	9.2
Permanent disability	8.7	9.2	9.6
Ill health	6.1	6.2	6.4
Single parent	6.3	6.6	6.4
Low-earnings	7.2	7.8	8.3
Unemployment	4.5	4.9	5.1
Others	3.1	3.2	3.1
Overall	7.5	7.9	8.2

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)669

Question Serial No.

5420

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Do the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have any plan to review the weighting system of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP) for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme? If yes, when will the review planned to be conducted? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: In accordance with the established mechanism, the Administration adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP. In addition, SWD updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every five years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes.

The CSSA standard payment rates have increased by 4.0% with effect from 1 February 2013 in accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism. We will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payments annually.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)670

Question Serial No.

5421

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the years of residence in Hong Kong of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, please provide information on the numbers of recipients who had resided in Hong Kong for seven years or less, specifying the length of residence, in 2010-11 and 2011-12 and the expenditure on CSSA involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The number of CSSA recipients who had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years as at the end of 2010-11 and 2011-12, with breakdown by length of residence, was as follows –

Length of residence in Hong Kong	2010-11	2011-12
< 1 year	971	788
1 - < 2 years	2 214	1 604
2 - < 3 years	2 390	2 590
3 - < 4 years	2 632	2 496
4 - < 5 years	3 099	2 706
5 - < 6 years	3 915	3 035
6 - < 7 years	3 409	3 735
Total	18 630	16 954

The CSSA expenditure (including the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment) involved in 2010-11 and 2011-12 was \$699 million and \$673 million respectively.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)671

Question Serial No.

5422

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP), are there any statistics that can be released and what are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The number of participants of BIP since it has become a regular service in 2008-09 was as follows –

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There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to BIP as it is a component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of the Social Welfare Department.

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Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)672

Question Serial No.

5423

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the publicity programmes on combating domestic violence and the financial resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG kwok-hung

Reply: The annual budget for the publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million. In 2013-14, SWD will continue to make use of various channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence, including the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with the Radio Television of Hong Kong with an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)673

Question Serial No.

5424

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details about the setting up of a standing mechanism on child fatality review and the expenditure required?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The standing child fatality review mechanism has been in place since 1 June 2011 with an objective to identify effective ways for preventing avoidable child deaths. The Child Fatality Review Panel (the Review Panel), comprising members from different professions/disciplines and parent representative, reviews child death cases which occurred in 2008 and beyond. Members of the Review Panel are appointed by the Director of Social Welfare and they receive no honorarium for their service. Secretariat support is provided by the Social Welfare Department and the expenditure is absorbed within its existing provision.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)674

Question Serial No.

5425

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the following information regarding the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme in 2008-13 –

- (a) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who have joined the scheme;
- (b) the distribution of their age and gender;
- (c) the number of recipients who have secured full-time and part-time employment respectively, the nature of job secured by them and their median employment income;
- (d) the number of recipients who have left the CSSA net; and
- (e) the average amount of disregarded earnings (DE) per month.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

(a), (c) and (d): The required information regarding the SFS Scheme from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured full-time employment ^[Note]	Number of participants who have left the CSSA net
2008-09	29 296	5 817	828
2009-10	31 090	7 281	1 390
2010-11	26 329	6 891	1 376
2011-12	21 568	5 422	1 209
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	14 180	3 843	878

[Note] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have record on the number of participants who had secured part-time employment.

- (b) SWD does not have information on the distribution of their age, gender, the nature of their occupation or their median salary as the computer system concerned does not keep such information.

- (e) The average monthly DE of CSSA recipients benefiting from DE arrangement from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipients benefiting from DE arrangement (\$)
2008-09	1,804
2009-10	1,792
2010-11	1,775
2011-12	1,785
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	1,756

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)675

Question Serial No.

5426

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What kind of direct support will be strengthened by the Administration for victims of domestic violence and families in need? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs), Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (CEASE Crisis Centre), Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), residential care placements for children, child care centres, etc.

To enhance support to the needy families, SWD has launched the Family Support Programme of FCPSUs, IFSCs and Psychiatric Medical Social Service Units since 2007 to refer families at risk of domestic violence, psychiatric problems and social isolation to various support services through telephone contacts, home visits and other outreaching programmes. Volunteers were trained to contact these families and to motivate them to receive services to prevent further deterioration of their problems. In addition, VSP would further strengthen support to victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities and extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and CEASE Crisis Centre with existing allocation in 2013-14.

The total estimated allocation for all the services mentioned above is \$2,218.7 million in 2013-14. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for services provided to victims of domestic violence cases.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)676

Question Serial No.

5427

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What services and public money are involved in helping families with difficulties?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service (including services for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support families with difficulties.

The total provision for family and child welfare services in the 2013-14 estimate is \$2,218.7 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)677

Question Serial No.

5428

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How will the Administration help the able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients become self-reliant? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: To encourage and assist able-bodied CSSA recipients become self-reliant, the Social Welfare Department has implemented the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance since 1 January 2013. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$107.8 million.

Furthermore, there is the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the CSSA Scheme to encourage the CSSA recipients, including the able-bodied CSSA recipients to find and maintain employment. Under the DE arrangement, CSSA recipient's monthly earnings from employment up to a certain level will not be deducted from CSSA entitlement. The total amount of DE in 2012–13 (up to the end of December 2012) was \$518.8 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)678

Question Serial No.

5429

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the Administration's plans, goals and targets in launching and enhancing public education programmes for preventing and tackling domestic violence? Will the Administration consider channels other than television advertisements and posters? Does the Administration have any specific means of publicity?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will make use of various media channels and means to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence to the general public irrespective of their gender, race or sexual orientation. In 2013-14, SWD will continue to make use of various channels, including the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with Radio Television Hong Kong, to enhance public awareness of the importance of family solidarity and prevention of domestic violence.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)679

Question Serial No.

5433

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What specific measures does the Administration have to enhance its direct support for victims of domestic violence and families in need? Please provide details of such measures. Which of them are new measures? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? What is the implementation timetable?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs), Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (CEASE Crisis Centre), Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), residential care placements for children, child care centres, etc.

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The total estimated allocation for all the services mentioned above is \$2,218.7 million in 2013-14. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the service operators have the flexibility in deploying the subvention to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and to cope with the service needs.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)680

Question Serial No.

5434

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding monitoring and enhancing the service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the existing manpower for conducting surprise inspections? What is the average number of inspections conducted each year?
- (b) How many non-compliant private RCHEs were prosecuted by the Government in the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)?
- (c) Does the Administration plan to recruit additional staff for strengthening the inspection of RCHEs? If yes, please set out the details and the estimated expenditure involved. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) A multi-disciplinary team of 38 staff of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) under the Social Welfare Department conducts surprise inspections to licensed RCHEs to ensure service quality and compliance of statutory requirements. The average number of inspections each year is about 5 000.
- (b) In the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13), 36 private RCHEs were prosecuted.
- (c) The Administration has already enhanced the manpower of LORCHE by the creation of three additional inspector posts in 2011-12 at an annual recurrent expenditure of \$0.8 million.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)681

Question Serial No.

5435

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the numbers of fraud cases on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in 2010-13 with a breakdown of the following items –

Type of fraud cases	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Concealing or false claim of income (number of cases)			
Concealing or false claim of total assets (number of cases)			
Fraudulent claim for rent (number of cases)			
Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence from Hong Kong or household conditions, etc.) (number of cases)			
Total number of established fraud cases			
Percentage of established fraud cases over the total number of active cases (%)			
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)			

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The number of CSSA fraud cases from 2010-11 to 2012-13 with breakdown by types was as follows –

Type of fraud cases	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)
Concealing or false claim of income	431	317	278
Concealing or false claim of total assets	322	262	330
Fraudulent claim for rent	88	59	57
Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence from Hong Kong or household conditions, etc.)	173	168	175
Total number of established fraud cases	1 014	806	840
Percentage of established fraud cases over the total number of active cases (%)	0.36	0.29	0.31
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	48.6	51.5	45.6

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

LWB(WW)682

Question Serial No.

5436

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out the number of households which are currently on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in all public housing estates, their percentages of the total numbers of households in the public housing estates, and the number of households on CSSA in each public housing estate by nature of CSSA (it must includes old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment, others and their total).

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Total								

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (i) The number and percentage of CSSA households in each of the public housing estates as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA households	Percentage to total households in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	571	13%
Bo Shek Mansion	64	24%
Broadview Garden	22	5%
Butterfly	1 307	25%
Chai Wan	393	25%
Chak On	503	29%
Cheung Ching	616	13%
Cheung Fat	397	31%
Cheung Hang	587	14%
Cheung Hong	1 417	17%
Cheung Kwai	60	13%
Cheung On	501	36%
Cheung Shan	162	10%
Cheung Wah	744	36%
Cheung Wang	913	22%
Ching Ho	2 006	28%
Cho Yiu Chuen	239	10%
Choi Fai	177	14%
Choi Fook	736	22%
Choi Ha	240	39%
Choi Hung	1 475	20%
Choi Ming Court	601	22%
Choi Tak	1 086	19%
Choi Wan (I)	810	14%
Choi Wan (II)	426	15%
Choi Ying	962	24%
Choi Yuen	1 306	26%
Chuk Yuen (North)	584	42%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 513	26%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	134	14%

Public housing estate	CSSA households	Percentage to total households in public housing estate
Chun Shek	431	21%
Chung On	612	23%
Clague Garden Estate	73	14%
Easeful Court	58	11%
Fortune	763	37%
Fu Cheong	1 987	33%
Fu Heng	723	38%
Fu Shan	291	19%
Fu Shin	777	31%
Fu Tai	972	19%
Fu Tung	185	11%
Fuk Loi	553	18%
Fung Tak	681	51%
Fung Wah	137	34%
Grandeur Terrace	862	21%
Hau Tak	660	16%
Healthy Village	145	13%
Heng On	394	40%
High Prosperity Terrace	64	8%
Hin Keng	376	47%
Hin Yiu	209	26%
Hing Man	270	14%
Hing Tin	176	36%
Hing Tung	305	15%
Hing Wah (I)	471	21%
Hing Wah (II)	814	24%
Ho Man Tin	1 050	22%
Hoi Fu Court	885	32%
Hoi Lai	869	18%
Hong Tung	231	51%
Hung Hom	693	26%
Jat Min Chuen	495	14%
Ka Fuk	383	20%
Ka Wai Chuen	309	19%

Public housing estate	CSSA households	Percentage to total households in public housing estate
Kai Tin	513	23%
Kai Yip	1 090	26%
Kam Peng	49	20%
Kin Ming	1 357	19%
Kin Sang	193	31%
King Lam	706	42%
Ko Cheung Court	273	15%
Ko Yee	281	24%
Kwai Chung	3 019	22%
Kwai Fong	1 139	18%
Kwai Hing	142	40%
Kwai Luen	309	22%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 345	22%
Kwai Shing (West)	799	15%
Kwong Fuk	1 043	17%
Kwong Tin	331	15%
Kwong Yuen	617	43%
Kwun Lung Lau	187	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	735	15%
Lai King	710	17%
Lai Kok	818	29%
Lai On	263	20%
Lai Tak Tsuen	207	8%
Lai Yiu	447	16%
Lakeside Garden	30	13%
Lam Tin	689	23%
Lee On	661	18%
Lei Cheng Uk	629	47%
Lei Muk Shue	1 820	17%
Lei Tung	752	29%
Lei Yue Mun	807	26%
Lek Yuen	585	18%
Leung King	973	31%
Lok Fu	763	21%

Public housing estate	CSSA households	Percentage to total households in public housing estate
Lok Man Sun Chuen	469	13%
Lok Wah (North)	339	12%
Lok Wah (South)	1 928	29%
Long Bin IH	147	26%
Long Ping	1 198	27%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	545	14%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	925	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	911	14%
Lung Hang	566	13%
Lung Tin	106	29%
Ma Hang	91	10%
Ma Tau Wai	416	20%
Mei Lam	756	19%
Mei Tin	1 220	22%
Mei Tung	389	27%
Ming Tak	281	19%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	235	11%
Model Housing	107	16%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	129	14%
Nam Cheong	286	37%
Nam Shan	610	23%
Nga Ning Court	61	15%
Ngan Wan	59	14%
Oi Man	835	13%
Oi Tung	1 164	30%
On Tin	132	18%
On Ting	1 076	22%
On Yam	823	16%
Pak Tin	2 205	26%
Ping Shek	622	14%
Ping Tin	1 378	25%
Po Lam	592	30%
Po Tat	1 900	26%
Po Tin	2 232	34%

Public housing estate	CSSA households	Percentage to total households in public housing estate
Pok Hong	511	41%
Prosperous Garden	100	15%
Sai Wan	57	9%
Sam Shing	279	16%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	880	22%
Sau Mau Ping	3 055	26%
Sha Kok	1 409	23%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	84	13%
Shan King	1 471	23%
Shatin Pass	223	18%
Shek Kip Mei	2 024	25%
Shek Lei (I)	1 087	23%
Shek Lei (II)	1 879	25%
Shek Mun	369	19%
Shek Pai Wan	815	16%
Shek Wai Kok	1 035	16%
Shek Yam (East)	512	22%
Shek Yam	653	25%
Sheung Lok	155	46%
Sheung Tak	1 090	20%
Shin Ming	386	20%
Shui Pin Wai	698	30%
Shun Lee	735	17%
Shun On	683	23%
Shun Tin	1 367	20%
Siu Sai Wan	724	12%
Sun Chui	1 077	16%
Sun Tin Wai	498	15%
Tai Hang Tung	611	31%
Tai Hing	1 936	23%
Tai Ping	91	28%
Tai Wo	831	39%
Tai Wo Hau	1 391	19%
Tai Yuen	791	17%

Public housing estate	CSSA households	Percentage to total households in public housing estate
Tak Tin	1 001	48%
Tin Chak	1 037	26%
Tin Ching	1 650	27%
Tin Heng	1 135	20%
Tin King	241	23%
Tin Ping	419	34%
Tin Shui	1 175	15%
Tin Tsz	856	26%
Tin Wah	935	26%
Tin Wan	652	21%
Tin Yan	1 653	31%
Tin Yat	634	19%
Tin Yiu	1 368	16%
Tin Yuet	1 092	26%
Tsing Yi	284	36%
Tsui Lam	355	21%
Tsui Lok	137	43%
Tsui Ping (South)	699	15%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 659	51%
Tsui Wan	212	34%
Tsz Ching	2 046	26%
Tsz Hong	396	20%
Tsz Lok	1 302	21%
Tsz Man	393	20%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	25	10%
Tung Tau	1 079	44%
Tung Wui	419	33%
Un Chau	1 871	25%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 909	29%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 289	27%
Verbena Heights	202	21%
Wah Fu	1 174	13%
Wah Kwai	421	38%
Wah Lai	255	18%

Public housing estate	CSSA households	Percentage to total households in public housing estate
Wah Ming	685	37%
Wah Sum	325	22%
Wan Hon	513	53%
Wan Tau Tong	305	44%
Wan Tsui	622	17%
Wang Tau Hom	833	14%
Wo Che	949	15%
Wo Lok	416	22%
Wu King	523	12%
Yan On	452	18%
Yat Tung	2 112	18%
Yau Lai	1 819	21%
Yau Oi	1 496	17%
Yau Tong	941	27%
Yiu On	387	33%
Yiu Tung	849	17%
Yue Kwong Chuen	76	8%
Yue Wan	413	19%
Yung Shing Court	442	26%

(ii) The number of households on CSSA by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at end of December 2012 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	262	71	55	95	41	28	19	571
Bo Shek Mansion	57	1	1	2	3	-	-	64
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	4	3	-	-	22
Butterfly	783	68	124	189	21	96	26	1 307
Chai Wan	268	16	26	45	11	22	5	393
Chak On	346	10	33	67	6	34	7	503
Cheung Ching	339	37	45	79	37	61	18	616
Cheung Fat	248	31	30	40	12	33	3	397
Cheung Hang	340	46	48	57	30	57	9	587
Cheung Hong	922	70	94	168	42	103	18	1 417
Cheung Kwai	23	4	6	8	7	12	-	60
Cheung On	311	44	49	37	12	41	7	501
Cheung Shan	101	10	11	12	16	10	2	162
Cheung Wah	438	25	78	94	36	58	15	744
Cheung Wang	363	65	101	154	73	140	17	913
Ching Ho	869	48	184	516	120	219	50	2 006
Cho Yiu Chuen	177	8	11	13	10	19	1	239
Choi Fai	96	6	20	15	16	24	-	177
Choi Fook	374	17	46	160	40	81	18	736
Choi Ha	156	12	22	18	10	21	1	240
Choi Hung	906	52	130	209	63	97	18	1 475
Choi Ming Court	270	48	82	79	48	66	8	601
Choi Tak	599	21	61	243	38	87	37	1 086
Choi Wan (I)	408	39	97	126	43	75	22	810
Choi Wan (II)	227	10	35	78	23	42	11	426
Choi Ying	496	19	75	209	36	115	12	962
Choi Yuen	834	59	113	167	22	91	20	1 306
Chuk Yuen (North)	326	36	84	55	22	47	14	584
Chuk Yuen (South)	878	64	128	270	55	103	15	1 513
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	101	4	1	8	4	12	4	134
Chun Shek	267	20	47	51	16	24	6	431
Chung On	257	65	74	82	34	71	29	612
Clague Garden Estate	61	-	2	6	2	2	-	73

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Easeful Court	18	1	7	15	7	9	1	58
Fortune	543	33	68	41	23	49	6	763
Fu Cheong	1 310	80	184	157	98	148	10	1 987
Fu Heng	413	55	100	62	23	64	6	723
Fu Shan	181	15	26	37	12	17	3	291
Fu Shin	435	33	99	117	20	57	16	777
Fu Tai	382	76	106	146	103	143	16	972
Fu Tung	79	10	25	40	12	17	2	185
Fuk Loi	366	30	50	62	12	26	7	553
Fung Tak	456	29	88	39	14	48	7	681
Fung Wah	83	13	14	12	5	7	3	137
Grandeur Terrace	151	30	86	303	109	166	17	862
Hau Tak	356	47	68	84	33	63	9	660
Healthy Village	106	5	12	8	8	5	1	145
Heng On	200	30	55	52	24	17	16	394
High Prosperity Terrace	11	1	9	22	14	6	1	64
Hin Keng	204	21	46	43	24	27	11	376
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	45	6	14	5	209
Hing Man	124	28	23	51	23	17	4	270
Hing Tin	81	6	24	29	21	9	6	176
Hing Tung	183	14	29	45	13	19	2	305
Hing Wah (I)	257	60	40	46	25	40	3	471
Hing Wah (II)	519	53	46	121	21	47	7	814
Ho Man Tin	631	56	125	97	57	67	17	1 050
Hoi Fu Court	579	27	71	79	55	66	8	885
Hoi Lai	286	38	90	200	119	128	8	869
Hong Tung	213	2	6	5	1	4	-	231
Hung Hom	482	22	48	63	21	48	9	693
Jat Min Chuen	365	18	39	28	11	28	6	495
Ka Fuk	244	28	26	32	11	38	4	383
Ka Wai Chuen	235	7	23	17	9	16	2	309
Kai Tin	320	28	57	39	25	39	5	513
Kai Yip	786	36	65	130	13	48	12	1 090
Kam Peng	27	4	6	4	2	5	1	49
Kin Ming	408	96	216	321	127	177	12	1 357

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kin Sang	96	14	25	25	8	19	6	193
King Lam	444	59	82	46	18	52	5	706
Ko Cheung Court	53	10	27	97	40	35	11	273
Ko Yee	191	11	14	32	10	19	4	281
Kwai Chung	1 227	213	324	622	217	359	57	3 019
Kwai Fong	620	97	128	104	69	105	16	1 139
Kwai Hing	88	7	12	20	7	8	-	142
Kwai Luen	137	9	24	65	14	46	14	309
Kwai Shing (East)	765	86	135	137	77	130	15	1 345
Kwai Shing (West)	459	48	73	113	34	66	6	799
Kwong Fuk	525	74	119	175	37	83	30	1 043
Kwong Tin	164	17	52	45	22	24	7	331
Kwong Yuen	315	67	75	54	13	54	39	617
Kwun Lung Lau	112	8	14	16	21	15	1	187
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	511	23	60	45	31	60	5	735
Lai King	446	32	49	88	30	56	9	710
Lai Kok	502	41	62	118	25	56	14	818
Lai On	174	19	23	20	8	17	2	263
Lai Tak Tsuen	138	17	24	8	10	10	-	207
Lai Yiu	267	31	33	42	36	33	5	447
Lakeside Garden	18	2	4	2	2	1	1	30
Lam Tin	413	16	48	118	38	46	10	689
Lee On	299	56	133	86	27	43	17	661
Lei Cheng Uk	358	37	44	80	29	72	9	629
Lei Muk Shue	858	115	185	303	148	170	41	1 820
Lei Tung	424	55	73	107	22	48	23	752
Lei Yue Mun	424	30	79	137	60	65	12	807
Lek Yuen	319	45	60	90	14	35	22	585
Leung King	540	66	108	113	21	99	26	973
Lok Fu	400	68	89	97	36	65	8	763
Lok Man Sun Chuen	320	22	37	24	20	44	2	469
Lok Wah (North)	158	24	41	51	20	38	7	339
Lok Wah (South)	1 473	50	94	173	16	107	15	1 928
Long Bin IH	37	11	20	12	1	63	3	147

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Long Ping	562	60	121	226	65	132	32	1 198
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	250	18	45	116	27	79	10	545
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	512	58	99	137	36	70	13	925
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	447	60	92	157	41	99	15	911
Lung Hang	242	18	64	96	42	70	34	566
Lung Tin	60	13	9	8	1	15	-	106
Ma Hang	45	4	10	14	7	10	1	91
Ma Tau Wai	216	24	44	86	12	30	4	416
Mei Lam	413	35	81	125	23	60	19	756
Mei Tin	404	59	153	330	98	135	41	1 220
Mei Tung	241	11	30	57	17	26	7	389
Ming Tak	169	19	20	33	16	19	5	281
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	17	11	7	13	1	235
Model Housing	52	11	7	12	14	8	3	107
Moon Lok Dai Ha	92	7	7	7	6	9	1	129
Nam Cheong	173	17	34	27	10	24	1	286
Nam Shan	339	24	60	108	21	44	14	610
Nga Ning Court	19	1	9	12	10	8	2	61
Ngan Wan	28	2	6	13	6	4	-	59
Oi Man	391	46	93	160	47	88	10	835
Oi Tung	774	91	77	121	49	45	7	1 164
On Tin	23	3	9	47	26	21	3	132
On Ting	638	71	106	132	21	83	25	1 076
On Yam	484	63	70	69	59	65	13	823
Pak Tin	1 378	58	236	242	90	169	32	2 205
Ping Shek	405	30	46	64	21	51	5	622
Ping Tin	863	66	128	148	57	99	17	1 378
Po Lam	303	52	56	106	31	39	5	592
Po Tat	1 051	70	168	234	147	206	24	1 900
Po Tin	1 157	146	360	124	12	412	21	2 232
Pok Hong	294	12	69	76	17	31	12	511
Prosperous Garden	91	-	4	2	-	2	1	100
Sai Wan	26	2	10	5	7	6	1	57
Sam Shing	146	15	19	47	12	30	10	279
Sau Mau Ping (South)	431	19	83	185	49	87	26	880

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sau Mau Ping	1 833	141	273	309	191	262	46	3 055
Sha Kok	816	68	144	181	44	82	74	1 409
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	45	4	10	5	8	9	3	84
Shan King	817	82	167	213	45	116	31	1 471
Shatin Pass	107	5	23	58	6	23	1	223
Shek Kip Mei	1 164	55	202	325	73	169	36	2 024
Shek Lei (I)	640	90	75	138	53	70	21	1 087
Shek Lei (II)	958	101	167	255	138	219	41	1 879
Shek Mun	110	9	51	107	16	53	23	369
Shek Pai Wan	458	67	83	74	67	48	18	815
Shek Wai Kok	594	45	102	156	52	62	24	1 035
Shek Yam (East)	342	40	35	29	21	41	4	512
Shek Yam	383	53	48	70	45	45	9	653
Sheung Lok	126	8	3	9	1	7	1	155
Sheung Tak	560	60	113	145	103	96	13	1 090
Shin Ming	165	22	44	85	19	41	10	386
Shui Pin Wai	484	23	54	77	12	42	6	698
Shun Lee	451	29	54	101	31	61	8	735
Shun On	447	25	50	66	29	57	9	683
Shun Tin	849	56	127	154	55	107	19	1 367
Siu Sai Wan	307	77	90	120	48	72	10	724
Sun Chui	593	56	91	158	49	108	22	1 077
Sun Tin Wai	261	33	39	88	27	37	13	498
Tai Hang Tung	424	19	62	43	19	35	9	611
Tai Hing	1 227	91	156	231	51	147	33	1 936
Tai Ping	37	5	14	16	2	16	1	91
Tai Wo	559	38	92	58	19	51	14	831
Tai Wo Hau	778	102	140	164	60	123	24	1 391
Tai Yuen	371	43	142	95	54	70	16	791
Tak Tin	698	40	104	62	31	54	12	1 001
Tin Chak	451	51	133	192	56	133	21	1 037
Tin Ching	683	62	160	414	73	201	57	1 650
Tin Heng	210	42	139	335	173	213	23	1 135
Tin King	91	18	25	54	14	29	10	241
Tin Ping	211	27	48	73	18	33	9	419

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tin Shui	544	64	134	213	67	125	28	1 175
Tin Tsz	508	53	90	96	26	67	16	856
Tin Wah	504	53	112	117	46	89	14	935
Tin Wan	400	56	72	50	34	30	10	652
Tin Yan	748	86	200	316	40	242	21	1 653
Tin Yat	131	31	64	186	95	119	8	634
Tin Yiu	622	67	184	237	67	160	31	1 368
Tin Yuet	467	42	128	176	102	166	11	1 092
Tsing Yi	176	21	25	27	6	26	3	284
Tsui Lam	152	21	48	83	26	21	4	355
Tsui Lok	113	6	5	9	1	3	-	137
Tsui Ping (South)	461	30	58	66	29	44	11	699
Tsui Ping (North)	1 032	68	179	173	56	132	19	1 659
Tsui Wan	122	31	14	24	4	16	1	212
Tsz Ching	1 288	71	186	192	132	160	17	2 046
Tsz Hong	114	12	40	99	69	53	9	396
Tsz Lok	818	55	119	152	57	86	15	1 302
Tsz Man	210	16	47	46	27	39	8	393
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	6	2	2	-	3	25
Tung Tau	685	57	93	109	30	94	11	1 079
Tung Wui	331	11	21	21	7	25	3	419
Un Chau	1 257	77	165	135	76	142	19	1 871
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 376	66	154	104	52	144	13	1 909
Upper Wong Tai Sin	798	78	115	122	70	92	14	1 289
Verbena Heights	153	8	18	7	2	13	1	202
Wah Fu	599	114	104	184	86	63	24	1 174
Wah Kwai	290	31	36	26	18	19	1	421
Wah Lai	100	21	33	44	29	21	7	255
Wah Ming	385	55	65	86	22	59	13	685
Wah Sum	168	34	39	36	19	29	-	325
Wan Hon	462	4	12	19	5	8	3	513
Wan Tau Tong	192	36	26	24	10	16	1	305
Wan Tsui	311	54	55	109	32	51	10	622
Wang Tau Hom	417	65	67	119	50	95	20	833
Wo Che	375	78	167	144	61	82	42	949

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wo Lok	251	25	41	50	17	28	4	416
Wu King	192	28	59	121	34	76	13	523
Yan On	153	16	59	122	14	65	23	452
Yat Tung	570	94	235	530	306	341	36	2 112
Yau Lai	943	31	156	406	109	136	38	1 819
Yau Oi	748	85	139	227	85	176	36	1 496
Yau Tong	519	43	105	112	80	75	7	941
Yiu On	176	30	78	55	10	23	15	387
Yiu Tung	522	65	86	73	38	57	8	849
Yue Kwong Chuen	44	6	7	3	2	13	1	76
Yue Wan	208	37	32	89	13	30	4	413
Yung Shing Court	233	29	45	37	41	56	1	442
Total	88 545	8 499	15 913	22 588	8 245	14 541	2 780	161 111

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)683

Question Serial No.

5437

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out the current number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in each District Council district by category of CSSA.

Geographical district	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Total								

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The breakdowns of CSSA cases by case nature and by geographical district as at the end of December 2012 are provided as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 155	230	308	196	89	219	56	3 253
Eastern	8 390	1 219	983	1 327	470	790	266	13 445
Islands	1 748	207	395	751	378	546	180	4 205
Kowloon City	7 906	903	1 096	1 137	375	1 091	258	12 766
Kwai Tsing	14 938	2 241	2 263	2 899	1 244	2 136	498	26 219
Kwun Tong	22 180	1 598	3 008	4 469	1 600	2 769	722	36 346
North	7 803	954	1 325	1 914	454	1 131	478	14 059
Sai Kung	4 285	873	946	1 108	468	662	376	8 718
Sha Tin	8 978	1 432	1 975	2 257	640	1 230	644	17 156

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sham Shui Po	13 809	1 109	2 531	2 492	865	3 066	633	24 505
Southern	4 960	1 163	706	635	311	328	177	8 280
Tai Po	5 799	532	948	968	257	571	264	9 339
Tsuen Wan	4 934	421	591	875	325	507	232	7 885
Tuen Mun	11 305	2 164	2 270	2 184	522	1 812	510	20 767
Wan Chai	1 186	79	122	90	28	226	95	1 826
Wong Tai Sin	12 811	1 110	1 868	2 445	902	1 610	408	21 154
Yau Tsim Mong	5 253	384	1 113	924	253	2 185	391	10 503
Yuen Long	12 585	1 762	2 795	4 220	1 155	3 087	761	26 365
Total ^[Note 2]	151 025	18 381	25 243	30 891	10 336	23 966	6 949	266 791

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)684

Question Serial No.

5438

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide information on the number of recipients under the unemployment and low-earnings case nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme with a breakdown by their gender, age group, duration of stay on CSSA, occupation, employment earnings as well as geographical district in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: (a) (i) Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by gender

Gender	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Male	25 731	23 199
Female	20 401	18 258
Total	46 132	41 457

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by age group

Age group	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Under 15	10 356	9 333
15 – 19	5 188	4 260
20 – 29	2 535	2 122
30 – 39	4 505	3 992
40 – 49	8 526	7 635
50 – 59	12 815	12 037
60 and over	2 207	2 078
Total	46 132	41 457

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by duration of stay
[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	5 641	5 194
More than 1 - 2	4 690	3 848
More than 2 - 3	4 950	3 586
More than 3 - 4	4 047	4 379
More than 4 - 5	2 619	2 778
More than 5	24 185	21 672
Total	46 132	41 457

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by geographical
district

District <small>[Note 2]</small>	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Central & Western	332	249
Eastern	1 470	1 313
Islands	1 474	1 417
Kowloon City	1 810	1 666
Kwai Tsing	4 686	4 168
Kwun Tong	5 915	5 459
North	2 443	2 108
Sai Kung	1 668	1 327
Sha Tin	2 718	2 409
Sham Shui Po	4 644	4 327
Southern	574	518
Tai Po	1 095	985
Tsuen Wan	924	853
Tuen Mun	3 432	2 911
Wan Chai	244	207
Wong Tai Sin	3 114	2 930
Yau Tsim Mong	2 661	2 435
Yuen Long	6 928	6 175
Total	46 132	41 457

- (a) (ii) Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 5: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by occupation

Occupation	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	545	513
Clerk	103	82
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	233	222
Delivery worker	424	423
Domestic helper/baby sitter	218	210
Driver	173	173
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 410	1 329
Salesperson	289	241
Waiter/waitress	324	283
Watchman/guard	190	151
Others	1 280	1 208
Total	5 189	4 835

Table.6: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	838	757
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 381	1 342
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	960	861
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	794	745
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	408	410
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	230	215
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	201	182

		2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Employment earnings	2011-12	
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	166	139
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	126	91
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	43	50
\$10,000 and above	42	43
Total	5 189	4 835

- (b) (i) Statistics on CSSA low-earnings recipients in CSSA with breakdown by selected profiles in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by gender

		2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Gender	2011-12	
Male	19 321	16 460
Female	19 738	16 801
Total	39 059	33 261

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by age group

		2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Age group	2011-12	
Under 15	11 718	10 175
15 – 19	5 915	4 594
20 – 29	2 148	1 649
30 – 39	3 807	3 345
40 – 49	6 931	5 942
50 – 59	4 634	4 080
60 and above	3 906	3 476
Total	39 059	33 261

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by duration of stay
^[Note 1] on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
1 and less than 1	2 345	1 967
More than 1 - 2	2 858	2 292
More than 2 - 3	3 140	2 400
More than 3 - 4	3 096	2 821
More than 4 - 5	2 433	2 198
More than 5	25 187	21 583
Total	39 059	33 261

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA low-earnings cases by geographical district –

District ^[Note 2]	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Central & Western	317	297
Eastern	1 848	1 568
Islands	1 521	1 338
Kowloon City	1 332	1 196
Kwai Tsing	4 946	4 127
Kwun Tong	5 951	5 108
North	1 651	1 384
Sai Kung	1 967	1 595
Sha Tin	2 456	2 055
Sham Shui Po	3 006	2 643
Southern	1 005	925
Tai Po	968	819
Tsuen Wan	1 148	1 001
Tuen Mun	1 884	1 631
Wan Chai	118	108
Wong Tai Sin	3 387	2 714
Yau Tsim Mong	855	780
Yuen Long	4 699	3 972
Total	39 059	33 261

- (b) (ii) Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Table 5: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by occupation

Occupation	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Cleaner	1 441	1 216
Clerk	401	336
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	448	370
Delivery worker	659	552
Domestic helper/baby sitter	179	174
Driver	696	597
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	2 452	2 125
Salesperson	695	593
Waiter/waitress	596	515
Watchman/guard	1 003	848
Others	2 363	2 034
Total	10 933	9 360

Table 6: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low-earnings cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2011-12	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
Less than \$1,000	206	162
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	340	312
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	481	398
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	1 995	1 632
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	1 808	1 608
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	1 281	1 084
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	1 717	1 357
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 251	1 120
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	921	828
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	554	474
\$10,000 and above	379	385
Total	10 933	9 360

- [Note 1] It refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.
- [Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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

LWB(WW)685

Question Serial No.

5439

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the average monthly disregarded earnings (DE) of the unemployment and low-earnings case nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the DE arrangement in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The average monthly DE of CSSA recipients under the unemployment and low-earnings case nature and benefiting from DE arrangement from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipients benefiting from DE arrangement	
	Unemployment cases (\$)	Low-earnings cases (\$)
2010-11	1,608	2,238
2011-12	1,597	2,317
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	1,598	2,321

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)686

Question Serial No.

5440

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide a breakdown of the number of cases that have been stopped from receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by nature of cases in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively and the reasons. Please also provide the number of cases that have reapplied CSSA by month and by nature of cases in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The breakdowns of CSSA cases closed from 2010-11 to 2012-13 by case nature and by closure reason are provided as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2010-11 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	81	11 268	281	233	2 090	156	14 109
Permanent disability	4	268	86	89	687	77	1 211
Ill health	10	500	94	300	1 458	186	2 548
Single parent	9	11	97	447	3 122	73	3 759
Low-earnings	3	6	81	256	2 591	29	2 966
Unemployment	20	134	253	1 807	4 085	420	6 719
Others	1	11	24	315	891	156	1 398
Total	128	12 198	916	3 447	14 924	1 097	32 710

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2011-12 ^[Note]						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	57	10 757	265	208	2 545	187	14 019
Permanent disability	2	232	72	77	771	84	1 238
Ill health	6	466	80	255	1 567	164	2 538
Single parent	6	11	99	340	3 253	64	3 773
Low-earnings	2	8	85	164	2 821	47	3 127
Unemployment	19	135	241	1 478	3 872	341	6 086
Others	2	13	20	325	919	163	1 442
Total	94	11 622	862	2 847	15 748	1 050	32 223

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2012-13 ^[Note] (up to the end of December 2012)						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	47	8 520	200	183	2 057	123	11 130
Permanent disability	1	182	59	71	623	52	988
Ill health	2	338	48	229	1 148	125	1 890
Single parent	3	10	84	250	2 787	51	3 185
Low-earnings	1	0	49	123	1 881	23	2 077
Unemployment	14	88	127	1 014	2 573	220	4 036
Others	2	9	16	289	784	106	1 206
Total	70	9 147	583	2 159	11 853	700	24 512

The number of CSSA re-application cases from 2010-11 to 2012-13 by case nature is as follows –

Month-Year	Number of CSSA re-application cases in 2010-11 ^[Note]							
	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Apr-2010	483	97	224	175	163	498	88	1 728
May-2010	397	102	215	156	143	488	70	1 571
Jun-2010	469	81	233	195	164	554	107	1 803
Jul-2010	457	96	228	185	151	493	100	1 710
Aug-2010	459	91	214	193	158	489	94	1 698
Sep-2010	414	81	214	173	142	502	102	1 628
Oct-2010	367	90	173	139	141	460	93	1 463
Nov-2010	419	100	204	151	128	440	68	1 510
Dec-2010	396	84	198	149	116	402	71	1 416
Jan-2011	420	86	192	136	114	375	78	1 401
Feb-2011	343	73	210	104	131	379	73	1 313
Mar-2011	509	111	240	176	152	525	89	1 802

Month-Year	Number of CSSA re-application cases in 2011-12 ^[Note]							
	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Apr-2011	376	81	186	135	130	401	73	1 382
May-2011	390	84	217	140	121	465	88	1 505
Jun-2011	376	90	202	137	107	467	86	1 465
Jul-2011	412	98	173	155	104	396	97	1 435
Aug-2011	442	88	196	139	114	406	112	1 497
Sep-2011	386	99	190	145	126	367	92	1 405
Oct-2011	388	87	213	144	127	415	69	1 443
Nov-2011	342	60	200	143	111	362	78	1 296
Dec-2011	371	77	205	108	105	368	65	1 299
Jan-2012	327	61	158	100	89	325	48	1 108
Feb-2012	417	77	225	158	126	445	92	1 540
Mar-2012	556	90	279	162	139	439	81	1 746

Month-Year	Number of CSSA re-application cases in 2012-13 ^[Note] (up to the end of December 2012)							
	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Apr-2012	455	85	187	143	117	348	82	1 417
May-2012	504	95	249	177	138	459	96	1 718
Jun-2012	447	88	190	140	101	406	79	1 451
Jul-2012	376	84	209	146	116	365	70	1 366
Aug-2012	416	99	213	157	96	372	88	1 441
Sep-2012	373	81	189	160	118	336	75	1 332
Oct-2012	434	94	180	155	114	367	85	1 429
Nov-2012	435	89	205	161	114	381	107	1 492
Dec-2012	352	96	176	111	87	308	83	1 213

^[Note] Cases which have been on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once.

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

LWB(WW)687

Question Serial No.

5441

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: A number of cases involving mental patients committing suicide or homicide were reported in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. In this regard, would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) In 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, how many adult probationers were in need of residential service?
- (b) In 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, what type of residential home/hostel were the adult probationers admitted to and the reasons for such arrangements?
- (c) In 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, whether the adult probationers had to wait for admission to residential home/hostel? If yes, how long did they have to wait and what were the arrangements during their waiting period?
- (d) Whether any probationers had been found missing while awaiting admission? If yes, how many such missing cases were there? and
- (e) What were the nature of these missing cases and the proportion of male to female among them? What follow-up actions had been taken?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Probation service is a community-based rehabilitation programme. The Social Welfare Department does not provide residential service for adult probationers.

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Date: 7 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)688

Question Serial No.

5442

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Despite the prevalence of youth problems such as drug abuse, suicide and juvenile crime in recent years, there is no increase in the estimated number of cases served and clients served in the Indicators of school social work service under this Programme. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The number of cases served by school social workers is estimated to increase from 23 740 in 2011-12 to 25 262 in 2012-13, but drop slightly to 25 110 in 2013-14 as a result of closure of secondary schools in 2012.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)689

Question Serial No.

5443

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What plans and measures will the Administration introduce in the coming year to address youth problems and how much will be spent?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The Social Welfare Department, in cooperation with non-governmental organisations, provides a wide spectrum of preventive, developmental and remedial services to help and develop young people to become mature, responsible and contributing members of the society. During 2013-14, special attention will be paid to monitor the performance of the three additional youth outreaching teams in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung; continue to monitor the implementation of the pilot cyber youth outreaching projects; and continue to assist in the implementation of Child Development Fund (CDF) projects and consider enhancement measures to CDF projects as appropriate. The financial provision in respect of services for young people in the 2013-14 estimate is \$1,838.9 million.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)690

Question Serial No.

3873

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):
700 General Non-recurrent

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: With regard to the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD), the Administration has proposed to inject \$200 million into PFD. What is the Administration's overall plan for using the \$200 million?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: PFD was set up in 2005 with \$200 million to promote tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support non-governmental organisations to run welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In May 2010, \$200 million was injected into PFD to further encourage cross-sectoral collaboration in helping the disadvantaged. The Administration will continue to monitor the operation of PFD.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 6 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)691

Question Serial No.

3875

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On mental health, the Administration has extended the service model adopted in the “Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness” (ICCMW) in Tin Shui Wai to all 18 districts in Hong Kong. How much funding will be allocated to the ICCMW in Tin Shui Wai for service provision?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration allocated \$135 million to set up ICCMWs at 24 service points across the territory in October 2010. Additional recurrent funding totalling \$48 million for 2011-12 and 2012-13 was made available to ICCMWs to strengthen their manpower in dovetailing with the implementation of the Case Management Programme (CMP) of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness and providing services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to further strengthen the manpower of existing ICCMWs to tie in with the extension of the CMP to three more districts. The total recurrent funding for ICCMWs will be increased to over \$190 million in 2013-14.

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Director of Social Welfare

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)692

Question Serial No.

3876

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will strengthen residential care services for the elderly and provide around 600 additional places. Please provide the completion timetable of the service programme.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration will increase recurrent funding by \$73 million for the provision of some 600 additional subsidised residential care places. Together with those subsidised residential care places with funding earmarked earlier, more than 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places will be provided from 2012-13 to 2015-16, with details as follows –

Means	Year				Total
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
(a) Set up new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), provide additional nursing home places in existing contract RCHEs	307	201	235	131	874
(b) Set up new contract RCHEs, provide additional care-and-attention (C&A) places in existing contract RCHEs	13	13	21	15	62
(c) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide places with a continuum of care	136	105	0	0	241
(d) Through Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme	64	165	0	0	229
(e) Purchase C&A places under Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	605	300	0	0	905
Total	1 125	784	256	146	2 311

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)693

Question Serial No.

3886

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On elderly services, the Administration will allocate \$380 million from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme).

How long will the Pilot Scheme last?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Pilot Scheme will last for four years and the first phase (of two years) will start from September 2013.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)694

Question Serial No.

3887

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On elderly services, the Administration will allocate \$380 million from the Lotteries Fund to launch the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme).

Will the Pilot Scheme be regularised if it is proved to be successful?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Pilot Scheme adopts a new funding mode, namely the “money-follows-the-user” approach, whereby the Administration provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers. The Pilot Scheme will last for four years and an overall review of the Pilot Scheme will be conducted before its completion to assess the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme and examine the way forward.

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Date: 6 April 2013

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)695

Question Serial No.

3888

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):
000 Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: On elderly services, the Administration will increase funding by \$73 million to provide 600 additional subsidised residential care places. Please provide in details the timetable for the provision of the additional 600 subsidised residential care places.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The estimated time of service commencement of the additional 600 subsidised residential care places is as follows –

Means	Number of subsidised places	Estimated time of service commencement
(1) Set up three new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	236	2014-15 to 2015-16
(2) Make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs	52	2013-14
(3) Purchase additional places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	300	2013-14
Total	588	

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)696

Question Serial No.

4508

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding parents/relatives resource centres as part of the community support services under this Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many existing parents resource centres are there in various districts and how many registered members are there in various centres?
- (b) What are the details of the services provided for parents/relatives of persons with disabilities by the centres? How many related services and activities were provided in the past year?
- (c) How does the Administration step up the efforts to promote the centres to parents/relatives of persons with disabilities so as to facilitate mutual support and assistance among themselves? What are the relevant work and resources in the coming year?
- (d) Will the Administration consider increasing the number of parents/relatives resource centres, service places and types of services, such as setting up additional centres specifically for assisting the families of demented elders, etc?
- (e) To relieve the burden of the carers of persons with disabilities, will the Administration provide allowance, public transport concessions, etc. for the carers identified through member registration of the centres? If yes, what is the estimated schedule? If not, please list the reasons and explain whether existing measures are in place to provide assistance to the carers?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) to (d) Parents/Relatives Resource Centres (PRCs) provide a focal point for parents/relatives of persons with disabilities/mental illness in similar circumstances to share experience and obtain mutual support with assistance from the centre staff. PRCs also provide training and support to enhance their caring capabilities and relieve their stress in taking care of family members/relatives with disabilities/mental illness. At present, there are six subvented PRCs for parents/relatives of persons with disabilities/mental illness in different districts. As at the end of December 2012, 4 970 persons were registered as members at the six PRCs. Statistics on the services provided for parents/relatives of persons with disabilities by these centres are as follows –

District	Number of subvented PRCs	Number of individual-based support activities	Number of group meetings or support activities	Number of community education activities
Hong Kong	1	1 186	815	47
East Kowloon	2	3 457	1 585	92
West Kowloon	1	1 204	1 252	71
New Territories East	1	2 855	1 398	30
New Territories West	1	904	909	36

To strengthen support for parents/relatives of persons with disabilities/mental illness, various rehabilitation service units including pre-school rehabilitation service units, District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities and Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness also provide carer support service for them. We will regularly review the needs of persons with disabilities/mental illness and their parents/relatives and continue to provide them with diversified community support services as appropriate.

- (e) The various types of support services provided by the Administration for home carers aim at helping them discharge their family responsibilities and alleviating their stress, rather than substituting for family functions. While persons with severe disabilities may apply for Disability Allowance to help meet their special needs arising from the disabilities, those with financial difficulties may apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Allowance to meet their basic needs, including the cost of hiring a carer subject to medical certification and social workers' recommendation. To relieve the burden of carers of persons with disabilities, a special care subsidy is also provided under a Community Care Fund programme for persons with severe disabilities who are living in the community and whose families are with limited means.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)697

Question Serial No.

4510

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title) :
700 General Non-recurrent

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards “Enhancing employment of people with disabilities through small enterprise” (3E’s Project) in Item 521 under Subhead 700 –

- (a) How many small enterprises/businesses run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were funded by the 3E’s Project over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)? What were the three most commonly run business operated by NGOs?
- (b) How many jobs were created for people with disabilities under the 3E’s Project over the past three years?
- (c) How many businesses were closed upon the end of funding support over the past three years? How many jobs were involved?
- (d) How would the Administration enhance the sustainability of the 3E’s Project so that the businesses can continue operation? What will be the measures for promoting the 3E’s Project and publicising the businesses funded by the 3E’s Project? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) to (c) From 2010-11 to 2012-13, the 3E’s Project provided funding support for NGOs to set up 16 small businesses, thereby creating a total of 98 job opportunities for persons with disabilities. The nature of these funded businesses includes retail and food and beverage services. All of these 16 funded businesses are still in operation.
- (d) To enhance the support for the funded businesses, the maximum funding period for individual business projects has been extended from two years to three years starting from 2012-13 with a view to allowing the funded business projects more time to gain operating experience and become self-sustainable. Furthermore, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has put in place a host of complementary measures to enhance the sustainability of the funded businesses. The Marketing Consultancy Office (Rehabilitation) (MCO(R)) of SWD provides advisory services and organises various activities for the development and promotion of the products and services of the funded businesses in collaboration with the “Support the Employment of People with Disabilities” Alliance, of which the funded businesses are members. These activities include annual promotional sale gala and design competitions; networking with the commercial sector to lobby for their support for the procurement of the products/services of the funded businesses and the use of

their premises for promotional activities; publication of quarterly newsletters; promotion through mass media and coordination of their participation in major events such as the Hong Kong Brands & Products Expo, etc. MCO(R) also monitors the position of individual funded businesses against the milestones pledged by the operating NGOs and provides due advice where necessary. As the expenditure of the promotional activities is subsumed under the overall expenditure of the MCO(R), a separate breakdown is not available.

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

LWB(WW)698

Question Serial No.

4511

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

700 General Non-recurrent

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards the “Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged” (PFD) in Item 470 under Subhead 700 –

- (a) How many business corporations participated in PFD over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)? What is the amount of donations involved?
- (b) Please provide the numbers of projects approved by PFD in each of the past three years by type of service programme and target beneficiaries.
- (c) How will the Administration promote the active participation of the business sector in PFD? How many business corporations are expected to participate in PFD in the coming year?
- (d) How will the Administration promote active participation in poverty alleviation? Will some measures be introduced to encourage donations to the Community Care Fund (CCF) to achieve the original goal of reaching the fund-raising target of \$5 billion? If yes, what will be the goal for the donations for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of business corporations involved in projects approved by the PFD in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is 272, 317 and 260 respectively and the amount of donations involved is \$61.6 million, \$59 million and \$63.5 million respectively.
- (b) The numbers of approved PFD projects by service programme from 2010-11 to 2012-13 are as follows –

Service nature/ target beneficiaries	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
	(No. of approved projects)		
Family & child welfare services	54	47	50
Elderly services	23	20	21
Youth & corrections service	20	17	18
Rehabilitation & medical social services	18	16	17
Services for other disadvantaged groups (e.g. ex-offenders and drug abusers)	27	23	25
Total	142	123	131

- (c) To encourage more business corporations to participate in PFD projects, the Social Welfare Department has promoted PFD through the mass media, and enlisted the support of various chambers of commerce, previous and potential business partners, and local businesses through sharing sessions, programmes, as well as various district platforms. It is expected that over 300 business partners will participate in the future rounds of PFD applications.

- (d) In December 2012, the Administration appointed the Commission on Poverty (CoP) to review the effectiveness of existing poverty alleviation policies, formulate new policies to prevent and alleviate both poverty and social exclusion, as well as promote upward social mobility. One of its terms of reference is to engage stakeholders and advise on ways to promote tripartite partnership among the Government, the business sector and community organisations in poverty alleviation. The Societal Engagement Task Force of CoP will follow up in this regard.

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

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

LWB(WW)699

Question Serial No.

3496

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the places of various residential care homes for persons with disabilities, please set out in table form (a) the numbers of service places, (b) the numbers of people on the waiting lists; and (c) the funding allocations for these places respectively for the past three years and the coming year (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The numbers of places for different types of residential care services for persons with disabilities from 2010-11 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Type of service	Number of places			
	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Plan)
HWH	1 509	1 509	1 509	1 534
LSCH	1 507	1 507	1 507	1 582
IVTC(Res)	170	170	170	170
HMMH	2 269	2 287	2 292	2 382
HSMH	3 193	3 218	3 382	3 648
HSPH	573	573	573	573
C&A/SD	908	908	959	989
C&A/AB	825	825	825	825
SGH(MMHC)	64	64	64	80
SHOS	554	554	596	616
RSCCC	110	110	110	110

The numbers of persons on the waiting lists for different types of residential care services for persons with disabilities from 2010-11 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list		
	2010-11 (as at the end of March 2011)	2011-12 (as at the end of March 2012)	2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)
HWH	784	735	669
LSCH	1 116	1 222	1 300
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 1]	Not available	Not available	Not available
HMMH	1 386	1 369	1 477
HSMH	1 995	2 082	2 173
HSPH	386	398	433
C&A/SD	361	389	428
C&A/AB	103	90	113
SGH(MMHC)	51	73	73
SHOS	1 001	1 012	1 153
RSCCC	66	58	44

The funding allocations for different types of residential care services for persons with disabilities from 2010-11 and 2013-14 are as follows –

Type of service	Expenditure (\$ million)			
	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2013-14 (Estimate)
HWH	151.7	145.9 ^[Note 2]	154.6	159.2
LSCH	152.8	171.0	183.8	193.9
IVTC(Res)	7.7	8.2	8.6	8.7
HMMH	153.3	153.0	177.7	201.2
HSMH	415.2	469.4	504.3	611.2
HSPH	78.5	88.2	94.5	102.2
C&A/SD	139.2	155.6	166.6	200.9
C&A/AB	99.0	110.0	118.1	119.4
SGH(MMHC)	4.5	5.8	6.1	7.9
SHOS	28.2	40.2	43.9	49.9
RSCCC	19.6	19.2	20.3	20.3

[Note 1] IVTC(Res) admits service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics in this respect.

[Note 2] Two types of mental health community support services (i.e. Aftercare Service for Dischargees of HWH and Community Mental Health Link) originally attached to HWH have been revamped and taken over by the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) since October 2010. In this regard, the financial provisions for these services were re-allocated to ICCMWs, resulting in a slight decrease in expenditure for HWH in 2011-12.

Legend:

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons

C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind

SGH(MMHC) – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/ integrated small group home

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)700

Question Serial No.

3497

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: With regard to the implementation of the Child Development Fund (CDF) projects, what are the numbers of children and mentors participating in the projects respectively at present? What are the annual financial provisions of CDF over the past three financial years (up to 2012-13)? As the Administration has indicated that it will consider enhancement measures as appropriate, what are the details of the relevant assessment and enhancement measures? What is the estimated provision in the 2013-14 Estimate?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: Since the establishment of the CDF in December 2008, three batches involving 40 projects, operated by 18 non-governmental organisations (NGOs), were rolled out in April 2009, October 2010 and January 2012 respectively. More than 4 000 children have benefited from the projects.

The actual expenditure for the CDF in 2010-11 and 2011-12 was \$15.1 million and \$21.1 million respectively. The provision for the CDF in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is \$25.0 million and \$25.4 million respectively.

A consultant has been commissioned to conduct a longitudinal study to evaluate the effectiveness of the first batch pioneer CDF projects. According to the final report submitted by the consultancy team, the pioneer projects have achieved the aims of CDF in providing favourable conditions for the participating children to overcome inter-generational poverty. Taking into account the results and recommendations of the study and the practical experience in implementing the first three batches of CDF projects, enhancement measures for the future batches are being contemplated and the Administration will brief the Legislative Council members in due course.

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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)701

Question Serial No.

3500

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please set out in table form the average waiting time for the places in various types of residential care homes for persons with disabilities. How much waiting time will be shortened after the increase in various types of residential care places in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The average waiting time for various types of residential care services for persons with disabilities in 2011-12 was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time in 2011-12 (in months)
HWH	8.4
LSCH	33.6
IVTC(Res) ^[Note]	N.A.
HMMH	84.4
HSMH	81.6
HSPH	37.4
C&A/SD	31.2
C&A/AB	6.0
SGH(MMHC)	7.2
SHOS	31.5
RSCCC	15.6

^[Note]IVTC(Res) admits service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not capture the statistics in this respect.

Legend:

HWH – halfway house
LSCH – long stay care home
IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
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small group home
SHOS – supported hostel
RSCCC – residential special child care centre

The Administration has identified suitable premises/sites for provision of 522 additional residential care places for persons with disabilities in 2013-14. As the waiting time is affected by a number of factors such as the location preference of applicants, the turnover rate of service places in individual homes, etc., it is difficult to estimate the extent to which the waiting time may be shortened by the provision of additional places.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)702

Question Serial No.

3501

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Estimates of last year, 301 additional places in hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) were originally planned to be provided in year 2012-13. However, there is only an increase of 164 places in the revised estimate. What are the reasons? In year 2013-14, there would be a planned increase of 266 additional places to 3 648 places. In which districts will these additional places be located? What is the estimated funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding to provide 301 additional places for severely mentally handicapped persons in 2012-13. Among these 301 places, 164 places (i.e. 160 places plus four extra places provided by a non-governmental organisation without incurring additional subvention) have been provided. The remaining planned provision has not yet been provided due to the longer than expected preparation time required for conducting local consultation, securing the premises and carrying out refurbishment or fitting-out works, etc.

Including the places rolled over from 2012-13, a total of 266 additional HSMHs places will come on stream in 2013-14. Of these places, 50 will be provided in Sham Shui Po and another 50 in Yuen Long. Since the provision of the remaining places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up the layout for the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this juncture. The estimated expenditure for HSMHs service in 2013-14 is \$611.2 million.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)703

Question Serial No.

3502

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the estimated number of places or cases to be served for various types of services provided by the 24 Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) in 2013-14 respectively? What is the funding allocation involved in this regard?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In October 2010, the Social Welfare Department revamped community mental health support services and set up ICCMWs across the territory, with a view to providing comprehensive, district-based and one-stop community support services for discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers, as well as residents living in the community. From October 2010 to December 2012, ICCMWs served about 27 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, with nearly 27 100 referrals handled and over 142 300 outreaching visits made. During the same period, ICCMWs also organised over 5 700 public education activities to enhance public awareness of mental health and around 295 000 persons participated in these activities. The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million in 2013-14 to strengthen the manpower of the existing ICCMWs to dovetail with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness to three more districts and to provide services for around 2 000 additional persons with mental health problems. The total recurrent funding for ICCMWs will be increased to over \$190 million in 2013-14.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)704

Question Serial No.

3504

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the current number of cases under the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (the Pilot Scheme)? How many service places are expected to be provided in 2013-14? What is the estimated funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: As at the end of February 2013, the Pilot Scheme has served a total of 459 persons with severe disabilities. The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the Pilot Scheme in March 2014 and to extend it to persons with severe disabilities in all districts regardless of whether they are on the waiting list for subsidised residential care services. We estimate that each year about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities over the territory will benefit from this service initiative.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)705

Question Serial No.

5037

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the details of the pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOPs)? How much is allocated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to fund the projects? How effective are the projects? Please provide the number of service users reached, the number of users referred and the number of new posts created under the projects last year.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: SWD has commissioned three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to each launch a pilot cyber youth outreaching project with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Each PCYOP has been allocated a grant of \$5.2 million for the implementation of the project for three years with effect from August 2011. The NGOs are given the flexibility to deploy the funding to meet the project objectives and deliverables. The PCYOPs adopt a multi-level intervention strategy and use a variety of popular cyber means to reach out to the needy young people for timely intervention. As at 31 December 2012, the total number of youth engaged through internet was 3 575, among whom 464 received counselling service. The total number of cases referred to mainstream youth services was 43. SWD has commissioned the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the three PCYOPs, and to make recommendations on the way forward. The study will be completed by the end of 2014.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)706

Question Serial No.

5038

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned under this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will monitor the performance of enhanced school social work (SSW) service. What are the details? How will SWD assess its effectiveness? The key performance measures showed that while the number of school social workers will drop from 574 in 2011-12 to the estimated 568 in 2013-14, the number of cases served will increase from 23 740 in 2011-12 to 25 110 in the 2013-14 Estimate. Given the shrinking manpower, how can the frontline staff cope with the workload arising from the service enhancement? Does SWD have other measures to address the issue of reduction in resources? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: To ensure service quality, SWD monitors the service performance of subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through the Service Performance Monitoring System whereby the performance standards of subvented NGOs are assessed and monitored through their regular reports and SWD's scheduled and surprise visits to their subvented service units.

With effect from September 2011, the Administration has enhanced SSW service to help prevent and tackle the student drug abuse and other related problems. The number of school social workers then increased from 482 in 2010-11 to 574 in 2011-12, but decreased to 568 due to closure of some secondary schools. The number of cases served by school social workers is estimated to increase from

23 740 in 2011-12 to 25 262 in 2012-13, reflecting the full-year effect of manpower enhancement in 2011, but is estimated to decrease to 25 110 in 2013-14 due to the closure of some secondary schools.

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Date: 11 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)707

Question Serial No.

5049

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme for people with disabilities, would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) What is the age distribution of the current DA recipients? Please set out the figures by age group, e.g. above 65, under 12, etc.;
- (b) How many DA recipients re-applied for DA again after payment suspension for half a year or more over the past three years (2010-11 to 2012-13)? What were the categories of disabilities of such recipients?
- (c) How many current DA recipients are also holders of a Registration Card for People with Disabilities?
- (d) What currently are the numbers of recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme with disabilities or in ill-health; and how many of them are concurrently holders of a Registration Card for People with Disabilities?
- (e) How many DA recipients have had their payments suspended upon being hospitalised for 30 days or more over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)? How much money has been involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of DA recipients by age group as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Age group	Number of DA recipients
0-11	6 855
12-64	78 036
65 and above	61 930
Total	146 821

- (b) The total number of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) re-application cases from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	HDA	NDA	Total
2010-11	203	4 330	4 533
2011-12	211	4 614	4 825
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	160	3 843	4 003

There are no available breakdown figures on the number of cases whereby the payment has been suspended for half a year or more.

- (c) We do not have record on the number of DA recipients who are also holders of a Registration Card for People with Disabilities.
- (d) The numbers of CSSA recipients in permanent disability and ill health cases as at the end of December 2012 were as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA recipients
Permanent disability	25 460
Ill health	40 703

We do not have record on the number of CSSA recipients with disabilities or in ill-health who are concurrently holders of a Registration Card for People with Disabilities.

- (e) The number of cases where HDA was replaced by NDA because the recipients had been hospitalised for 30 days or more from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Year	Number HDA cases involved
2010-11	195
2011-12	380
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	544

We do not keep record of the expenditure involved.

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 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)708

Question Serial No.

5050

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards the Old Age Allowance (OAA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Administration please provide the following for the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13) –

- (a) the number of elderly persons with their OAA being withheld due to absence from Hong Kong exceeding the permissible limit broken down by days of absence from Hong Kong in a multiple of five (i.e. 1 to 5 days, 6 to 10 days, 11 to 15 days, 16 to 20 days ...); and
- (b) the number of elderly persons with their OAA being withheld due to absence from Hong Kong exceeding the permissible limit and the amount involved by a multiple of \$1,000.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: There are no available breakdown figures on the number of OAA recipients with absence from Hong Kong exceeding the permissible limit and the amount involved.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)709

Question Serial No.

5051

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What was the number of original CSSA unemployed recipients who became CSSA low-earnings recipients upon finding a job? How long did it take for them to change to CSSA low-earnings recipients? Please provide a breakdown by six months or below, 12 months, 18 months, two years or above; and
- (b) What was the number of original CSSA unemployed recipients who became CSSA single-parent recipients upon finding a job? How long did it take for them to change to CSSA single-parent recipients? Please provide a breakdown by six months or below, 12 months, 18 months, two years or above.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of CSSA low-earnings cases from 2010-11 to 2012-13 which were originally classified as “unemployment” a year earlier ^[Note] was as follows –

Year	Number of low-earnings cases changed from unemployment case nature a year earlier
As at the end of December 2010	1 312
As at the end of December 2011	899
As at the end of December 2012	705

- (b) The number of CSSA single parent cases from 2010-11 to 2012-13 which were originally classified as “unemployment” a year earlier ^[Note] was as follows –

Year	Number of single parent cases changed from unemployment case nature a year earlier
As at the end of December 2010	434
As at the end of December 2011	395
As at the end of December 2012	399

^[Note] Further analyses on duration on CSSA before and after change of case nature are not readily available.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)710

Question Serial No.

5052

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the integrated home care services (IHCS) as well as enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) mentioned under the Indicators, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please set out the waiting time for IHCS and EHCCS by the 18 districts last year (i.e. 2012-13);
- (b) The duration of service for service users;
- (c) The age distribution of service users;
- (d) The number of users who are currently recipients of 100% disabilities of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or Disability Allowance;
- (e) The number of users diagnosed with dementia;
- (f) The ratio of users who are elderly singletons or elderly doubletons.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) As at the end of January 2013, the average waiting time for EHCCS and/or IHCS (Frail Cases) was about two months. The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services does not capture the waiting time for non-frailly tested IHCS (Ordinary Cases).
- (b) - (f) We do not have the statistics.

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Date: 10 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)711

Question Serial No.

5053

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the district elderly community centres (DECCs) mentioned under the Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please set out the number of cases handled or followed-up by social workers in DECCs by district last year (i.e. 2012-13);
- (b) How many members of DECCs were suspected of having or diagnosed with dementia last year?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of active counselling cases for DECCs broken by district as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

District	No. of active counselling cases (as at the end of December 2012)
Central & Western	359
Southern	407
Islands	413
Eastern	834
Wan Chai	377
Kwun Tong	1 743
Wong Tai Sin	1 283
Sai Kung	1 227
Kowloon City	738
Yau Tsim Mong	415
Sham Shui Po	796
Sha Tin	1 073
Tai Po	273
North	306

District	No. of active counselling cases (as at the end of December 2012)
Yuen Long	480
Tsuen Wan	271
Kwai Tsing	746
Tuen Mun	580
Total	12 321

- (b) As at the end of December 2012, the number of members of DECC was around 71 000, we do not have information on how many of them were suspected of having or diagnosed with dementia.

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

LWB(WW)712

Question Serial No.

5054

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question:
- (a) Regarding the increase in financial provision under Programme (3) by 11.5% in the coming year, the Social Welfare Department stated that it will mainly be used for enhancing residential care services and programmes for the elderly. Why does the Administration not increase the resources for achieving ageing in place in the first place?
 - (b) What is the total expenditure for ageing in place under Programme (3) in the coming year and whether it has increased compared with the estimate for last year? Please set out the estimate for programmes and initiatives on ageing in place by item.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: To promote ageing in place, the Administration has been enhancing community care and support services. An addition of 182 day care (DC) places and one new Neighbourhood Elderly Centre, with funding secured in previous years, are expected to commence service in 2013-14. Another 100 DC new places, with funding from the new allocation in 2013-14, are expected to commence service from 2014-15 onwards.

Three service teams under the three-year Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders, providing a new package of home care services for elderly persons waiting for nursing home places so as to better serve their special needs and help relieve the pressure of their carers, have commenced service since March 2011. In addition, the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (of two years) will also start from September 2013. This Pilot Scheme adopts a new funding mode, namely the “money-follows-the-user” approach, whereby the Administration provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers. These two pilot projects are funded by the Lotteries Fund.

The funding allocations for community care and support services for the elderly in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as follows –

Financial year / Service	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Estimate) (\$ million)
Community care and support services	1,526.0	1,615.5

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

LWB(WW)713

Question Serial No.

5055

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding emergency placement for the elderly in need to be provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under residential care of the Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the number of homes providing temporary accommodation for the elderly in need and the number of places by district in Hong Kong?
- (b) What was the application and waiting situation for such services in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)? and
- (c) Please set out the follow-up actions taken by SWD for these elderly persons by category, such as hospitalisation or admission to homes.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Emergency placement is provided in some subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to offer temporary or short-term residential care services for the elderly. The geographical distribution of the emergency placements provided as at 31 January 2013 was as follows –

District	Number of emergency placements
Eastern	4
Wan Chai	4
Southern	4
Kwun Tong	6
Wong Tai Sin	6
Sai Kung	3
Kowloon City	4
Sham Shui Po	2
Sha Tin	5
Tai Po	4
North	3

District	Number of emergency placements
Yuen Long	6
Tsuen Wan	2
Kwai Tsing	6
Tuen Mun	6
Total	65

- (b) Referrals for admission to emergency placement are made by social workers. The referring social worker will contact the RCHE direct for checking the availability of emergency placement and making arrangement for admission of elderly persons. There is no waiting list for the service. Average utilisation rate of the emergency placement in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to December 2012) was 55%, 50% and 46% respectively.
- (c) The referring social workers will follow up the discharge arrangement of the elderly persons who have used the emergency placement, which includes home restoration, admission to subsidised or private residential care places, etc., as appropriate.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)714

Question Serial No.

5056

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the pre-school services under this Programme, would the Administration please provide the following information by geographical district –

- (a) the distribution of occasional child care service (OCCS) places last year and in the coming year (i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14);
- (b) the distribution of places of early education and training centres (EETCs) last year and in the coming year (i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14); and
- (c) the distribution of places of integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IPs) last year and in the coming year (i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The distribution of places for different types of pre-school rehabilitation services by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department as at the end of December 2012 was as follows –

Type of service District	OCCS for children with disabilities	EETCs	IPs
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	4	205	132
Eastern / Wan Chai	8	341	174
Kwun Tong	4	166	204
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	13	416	234
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	2	201	192
Sham Shui Po	10	274	84
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	6	277	192
Sha Tin	7	191	156
Tai Po / North	8	205	168
Yuen Long	8	172	186
Tuen Mun	7	165	138
Total	77	2 613	1 860

The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding to provide 607 additional places for pre-school rehabilitation services for children with disabilities in 2013-14. The provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage which may involve local consultation, application for change of land use, drawing up the layout for the premises, etc. We are unable to provide detailed information on the distribution of these additional places at this stage.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)715

Question Serial No.

5057

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) under this Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please list the number of cases served by each IFSC in the past year (i.e. 2012-13);
- (b) Of the above cases, how many have involved public rental housing problem (e.g. compassionate rehousing, transfer of units and household splitting)?
- (c) What are the current number of social workers in IFSCs and the original staffing establishment in the IFSCs?
- (d) Please list the average length of service of the social workers in each IFSC; and
- (e) Please provide the number of complaints against IFSCs received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) over the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) On average, each IFSC had served 1 139 cases for the period April – December 2012.
 - (b) On average, each IFSC had served 178 cases concerning housing problem for the period April – December 2012.
 - (c) The manpower provision of each IFSC, including supervisor, frontline social workers and support staff, will be arranged with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality. For IFSCs operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the NGOs concerned have the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. As at the end of February 2013, there were altogether 1 105 frontline social workers in 65 IFSCs.
- (d) & (e) We do not have the statistical information on the data required.

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Date: 7 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)716

Question Serial No.

5058

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the Budget Speech: “to regularise the home care service for persons with severe disabilities”, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the total numbers of applicants and service users of the pilot scheme on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (the pilot Programme) since its implementation?
- (b) Please set out the number of users under the Scheme in Tuen Mun, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin by category of residential care homes for which the users are waiting for.
- (c) What are the estimated numbers of service districts and places by district to be additionally provided with the estimated funding of \$203 million upon regularisation of service?
- (d) Do existing applicants have to wait for the “full package of service” or “individual service” under the Scheme? If yes, will the waiting time be shortened with the additional service?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The pilot Programme was first launched in Tuen Mun and Kwun Tong districts in March 2011 and extended to Kwai Tsing and Wong Tai Sin districts in September 2011. As at the end of February 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has referred 459 persons with severe disabilities for intake by the two non-governmental organisations operating the pilot Programme and home care service has been arranged for all these 459 cases.

- (b) The numbers of service users in the four pilot districts by the category of residential care homes for which they are waitlisted are as follows –

Type of service	Number of cases served			
	Kwun Tong	Wong Tai Sin	Tuen Mun	Kwai Tsing
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons	32	23	27	20
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	85	56	71	75
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	18	20	21	11

- (c) The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$203 million to regularise the pilot Programme in March 2014 and to extend it to persons with severe disabilities in all districts, irrespective of whether they are on the waiting list for subsidised residential care service or not. We estimate that each year about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities over the territory will benefit from this service initiative. SWD is working on the logistics and details for implementing the service upon regularisation.
- (d) There is no waiting list for the services under the pilot Programme.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)717

Question Serial No.

5059

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description of the Programme that the Department operates the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme and the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme. Regarding the two Schemes, would the Department please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the percentages of application, assistance payments and numbers of beneficiaries of the two Schemes in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)?
- (b) How long does it take on average for assistance payments to be made from submission of applications under the two Schemes?
- (c) Has the Administration assessed whether the existing amounts of assistance under the two Schemes are adequate to meet the needs of applicants? If yes, what are the findings; if no, will such assessments be made in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. TANG ka-piu

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The percentage of application, amount of assistance payments and number of beneficiaries of the TAVA in the past three years were as follows –

Year	Percentage of application ^[Note 1] (%)	Amount of assistance payments (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries
2010-11	45.6	187.2	13 888
2011-12	43.3	170.3	12 643
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	42.3	145.9	10 015

^[Note 1] Percentage of application for TAVA is calculated based on the number of reported traffic casualties provided by the Commissioner of Police.

The percentage of application, amount of assistance payments and number of beneficiaries of CLEIC in the past three years were as follows –

Year	Percentage of application ^[Note 2] (%)	Amount of assistance payments (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries
2010-11	4.4	5.86	426
2011-12	4.5	5.32	394
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	4.0	3.64	293

^[Note 2] No applications for law enforcement injuries compensation had been received in the past three years. Percentage of application for criminal injury compensation is calculated based on the number of reported criminal injury cases provided by the Commissioner of Police.

- (b) The time span for processing a case under the two Schemes depends on the complexity of the case, the availability of evidence, the time needed for medical authorities to assess the degree of the victim's injury and disability, the readiness of the victim's employer and related parties to respond to enquiries, and the volume of applications received.
- (c) TAVA and CLEIC provide financial assistance to victims and/or their dependants of road traffic accidents and crimes of violence or use of weapon by law enforcement officers respectively. The amounts of assistance under the two Schemes are revised annually to reflect changes in prices and wages. For those who cannot support themselves financially, the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme is also in place to provide financial assistance as last resort.

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 Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)718

Question Serial No.

5061

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in paragraph 114 of the Budget Speech that the Administration will enhance vocational rehabilitation services and employment support by increasing the job attachment allowance and wage subsidy under the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and the Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway). What are the details of OJT and Sunnyway? What are the current numbers of participants of these programmes respectively? What are the principles for calculating the amounts of the job attachment allowance and wage subsidy? By how many years will they be reviewed once? What are the rates of continuous employment of trainees under the programmes?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: OJT and Sunnyway provide proactive training for persons with disabilities to enhance their employability and work opportunities as well as encourage the participation of employers. OJT targets persons with disabilities aged 15 or above, while Sunnyway targets young persons aged between 15 and 25 with disabilities or early signs of mental illness.

Under OJT and Sunnyway, the employability of persons with disabilities is enhanced through training and job attachment. Participants on job attachment are given an allowance of \$1,250 per month for a maximum of three months. To encourage employers to try out the work abilities of persons with disabilities, a job trial wage subsidy amounting to half of the salary given to each employee with disabilities or \$3,000, whichever is the lower, is provided for the employers for a maximum period of three months. In 2013-14, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$4.8 million to enhance OJT and Sunnyway. The job attachment allowance will be raised from \$1,250 to \$2,000 per month for a maximum period of three months whereas the cap for the job trial wage subsidy will be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month with the maximum subsidy period extended from three months to six months.

As at the end of December 2012, there were 432 places of OJT and 311 places of Sunnyway. From 2009-10 to 2011-12, 757 service users under these two programmes had secured employment for six months or above. As compared with the required level of 650 service users securing employment for six months or above in the period concerned, the achievement rate was 116%. The performance and effectiveness of the programmes are considered satisfactory.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)719

Question Serial No.

5063

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up a medical social services unit (MSSU) in the newly opened North Lantau Hospital. What are the details of the services? What is the expenditure involved? What is the estimated number of places for counselling services to be provided each year?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$2.25 million in 2013-14 for the operation of the MSSU of the North Lantau Hospital. The MSSU will provide psychosocial intervention for patients and their families and help them cope with or handle problems arising from illness, trauma or disability. A range of services such as counselling service and referrals for welfare benefits, community resources and rehabilitation services will be provided by medical social workers (MSWs) as appropriate through the medical team's referral or direct approach by patients and their families.

It is estimated that in 2013-14, each MSW of the MSSU in the North Lantau Hospital will have an average caseload of around 65 cases per month.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)720

Question Serial No.

5064

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description that the Administration was making “preparations for the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities”. What are the details of the Programme? Will there be a ceiling for the amount of subsidy received in each case? How many employees with disabilities are estimated to be eligible for applications? How much expenditure is being committed? If the number of applicants turns out to be more than expected and the expenditure exceeds the estimated amount, would the Administration provide additional resources?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: Under the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (the Programme), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide subsidy for employers to procure assistive devices and carry out workplace modification works for the purpose of facilitating their employees with disabilities to better adjust to the work setting and enhance their work efficiency. The subsidy for each employee with disabilities is \$20,000 at the maximum. An annual recurrent allocation of \$8 million will be provided for implementing this initiative. We estimate that around 400 employees with disabilities will benefit from this Programme each year. SWD will closely monitor the implementation progress and effectiveness of the Programme.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)721

Question Serial No.

5065

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated under this Programme that the Administration “continued to support projects funded under the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project” (3E’s Project). What are the details of the 3E’s Project? Since its introduction, how many projects have received funding and how many employment opportunities have been created in total for persons with disabilities? What was the estimated expenditure last year and its details? Is the estimated expenditure of \$5 million for this year less than the previous year? What are the differences in the expenses made as compared with those of last year?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: Under the 3E’s Project, the Social Welfare Department provides non-governmental organisations with a maximum funding support of \$2 million per business to meet the set-up capital cost for equipment, fitting-out works, etc. and operating expenses incurred in the initial three years of business operation. To achieve the ultimate goal of promoting employment for persons with disabilities, a funded business needs to fulfill the requirement that the number of employees with disabilities should not be less than 50% of the total number of persons on the payroll of the business. Through the funding support for setting up these businesses, persons with disabilities may take up gainful employment in a friendly and open working environment.

As at the end of December 2012, a total of 76 businesses has been funded since the introduction of the 3E’s Project in 2001, involving a total grant of over \$54 million and creating about 820 job opportunities which include over 580 job opportunities for persons with disabilities.

The expenditure of the 3E’s Project in 2011-12 (actual) and 2012-13 (revised estimate) is \$5.5 million and \$5 million respectively. The expenditure of the 3E’s Project may vary in individual years and is estimated on the basis of the amount of capital and operating grants required in the year for the approved businesses during their funding periods.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 11 April 2013

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

LWB(WW)722

Question Serial No.

5067

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in this Programme that the Administration has launched the scheme of providing financial incentive for mentors of employees with disabilities. What are the details of the scheme? What will be the expenditure incurred? How many mentors of employees with disabilities will be eligible to apply for the financial incentive? How will the Administration assess the effectiveness of the scheme in facilitating employees with disabilities to adapt to work smoothly? If the scheme is found to be effective, will the Administration allocate additional resources to the scheme? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: Under the scheme, financial incentive is provided for workplace mentors of employees with disabilities for the purpose of facilitating the employees with disabilities to adapt to work smoothly. A mentor rendering workplace assistance to an employee with disabilities for a period of not less than one month will receive a one off incentive pay of \$500. The assistance provided by the mentors may include work-related guidance, timely compliments to the mentees for their good performance, and encouraging the mentees to participate in social activities, etc. This initiative was launched in December 2012. It is estimated that around 2 700 employees with disabilities will benefit from the scheme each year. To further strengthen the support for employees with disabilities, the Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of \$1.35 million in 2013-14 to provide the mentors with an additional month of incentive pay (i.e. two months in total).

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 9 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)723

Question Serial No.

5068

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding various types of education and vocational training services for persons with disabilities, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Please provide the numbers of service providers and service places for the following services by 18 districts in Hong Kong –
- (i) Early education and training centres, special child care centres, integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres and occasional child care services;
 - (ii) Small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated small group homes;
 - (iii) Day activity centres, sheltered workshops, supported employment, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, integrated vocational training centres, On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities, Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities and the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project.
- (b) How many applicants are on the waiting list for each of the above services in 2012-13? What is the expenditure involved in each of these services?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: (a) The requested information in respect of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is provided as follows –

District	Number of service units (as at the end of December 2012)				
	EETCs	SCCCs	IPs	OCCSs	SGH(MMHC)/ ISGHs
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	5	15	2	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	3	18	3	8
Kwun Tong	2	1	20	2	3
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	6	7	27	4	10
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	1	23	1	0
Sham Shui Po	4	4	11	4	0
Sha Tin	3	3	17	3	1
Tai Po / North	3	4	19	4	1
Yuen Long	3	3	15	3	0
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	6	4	26	3	3
Tuen Mun	2	2	17	3	0
Total	40	37	208	32	26

District	Number of places (as at the end of December 2012)				
	EETCs	SCCCs	IPs	OCCSs	SGH(MMHC)/ ISGHs
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	199	132	4	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	204	174	8	8
Kwun Tong	166	66	204	4	3
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	416	333	234	13	17
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	201	24	192	2	0
Sham Shui Po	274	205	84	10	0
Sha Tin	191	138	156	7	1
Tai Po/North	205	192	168	8	32
Yuen Long	172	108	186	8	0
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	168	192	6	3
Tuen Mun	165	120	138	7	0
Total	2 613	1 757	1 860	77	64

District	Number of service units (as at the end of December 2012)							
	DACs	SWs	SEs	IVRSCs	OJT [Note 1]	Sunnyway [Note 1]	IVTCs (Day)	3E's Project
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	14	2	3	3	N.A.	N.A.	0	10
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	4	7	1	N.A.	N.A.	0	6
Kwun Tong	8	4	4	1	N.A.	N.A.	0	3
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	9	2	8	4	N.A.	N.A.	0	3
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	6	4	3	2	N.A.	N.A.	1	8
Sham Shui Po	5	3	4	1	N.A.	N.A.	0	6
Sha Tin	6	2	1	5	N.A.	N.A.	0	6
Tai Po/North	4	2	2	0	N.A.	N.A.	1	3
Yuen Long	2	2	1	3	N.A.	N.A.	0	2
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	10	5	5	3	N.A.	N.A.	0	3
Tuen Mun	9	4	2	3	N.A.	N.A.	0	5
Total	80	34	40	26	14	15	2	55

District	Number of places (as at the end of December 2012)							
	DACs	SWs	SEs	IVRSCs	OJT [Note 1]	Sunnyway [Note 1]	IVTCs (Day)	3E's Project [Note 2]
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	702	315	115	545	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Eastern/Wan Chai	345	523	378	200	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Kwun Tong	451	665	185	170	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	453	305	370	653	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	337	590	95	302	N.A.	N.A.	220	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	256	520	120	210	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Sha Tin	545	261	20	749	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Tai Po/North	229	291	65	0	N.A.	N.A.	233	N.A.
Yuen Long	110	232	70	441	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	617	746	180	450	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Tuen Mun	592	603	35	537	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.
Total	4 637	5 051	1 633	4 257	432	311	453	N.A.

N.A. The information is not available.

[Note 1] Since OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have the distribution of service units and places by district.

[Note 2] "Number of places" is not applicable to the businesses funded under the 3E's Project.

- (b) The numbers of persons on the waiting list and the expenditure involved for the services in 2012-13 are as follows –

Types of service	Number of persons on the waiting list in 2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	Expenditure in 2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 507	149.8
SCCC	1 240	234.7
IP	1 401	94.8
OCCS	N.A. ^[Note 3]	2.8
Residential services		
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	73	6.1
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	1 231	394.8
SW	2 418	242.7
SE	105	47.9
IVRSC	N.A. ^[Note 4]	160.9
OJT	N.A. ^[Note 3]	8.2
Sunnyway	N.A. ^[Note 3]	10.5
IVTC(Day)	N.A. ^[Note 3]	24.1
3E's Project	N.A. ^[Note 5]	5.0

N.A. The information is not available.

^[Note 3] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics in this respect.

^[Note 4] Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for sheltered workshop and supported employment.

^[Note 5] "Number of applicants" is not applicable to the businesses funded under the 3E's Project.

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre

OCCS – occasional child care service for disabled children

SGH(MMHC)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/ integrated small group home

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

OJT – on the job training programme for people with disabilities

Sunnyway – sunnyway - on the job training programme for young people with disabilities

IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

3E's Project – "Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise" Project

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)724

Question Serial No.

5110

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Given that the number of persons suffering from dementia is continually rising, what social services and community support are being given to these people and their families? What is the expenditure involved in each of the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply: The funding allocation for community care and support services for elderly persons in 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Financial year	2010-11 (Actual) (\$ million)	2011-12 (Actual) (\$ million)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
Service			
Community care and support services	1,299.7	1,384.2	1,526.0

The Administration supports frail elderly persons, including demented elderly persons, living in the community and their families through 64 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 24 enhanced home and community care services teams, and 60 integrated home care services teams. Support services to elderly persons and their families are also provided by 159 elderly centres. Services provided include training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resources centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc.

To further enhance the support for demented elderly residing in the community, Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to subsidised DEs/DCUs since 2011-12. In 2013-14, the allocation of DS will be \$14.7 million. With the allocation of DS, DEs/DCUs can employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc. or purchase relevant professional services to enhance training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as support services for their carers as necessary.

Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes to enhance carers' capability in taking care of elderly persons, including demented elderly persons. 119 elderly centres have participated in the Scheme and over 10 000 carers have been trained.

Three service teams under the three-year Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders, providing a new package of home care services for elderly persons (including demented elderly persons) waiting for nursing home places so as to better serve their special needs and help relieve the pressure of their carers, have commenced service since March 2011. In addition, the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (of two years) will also start in September 2013. This Pilot Scheme adopts a new funding mode, namely the “money-follows-the-user” approach, whereby the Administration provides subsidy directly to the service users (instead of service providers) in the form of service vouchers. These two pilot projects are funded by the Lotteries Fund.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)725

Question Serial No.

4250

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

180 Social Security Allowance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the payment of Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, please provide the following information –

- (a) According to the Administration's Registration Cards for People with Disabilities and other medical records, what is the current number of persons with "the loss of one limb (i.e. a hand or a foot)" under the category of physically disabled persons in Hong Kong?
- (b) The existing criterion for the payment of DA is 100 percent loss of earning capacity in accordance with the Schedule of the Employees' Compensation Ordinance. In the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), what were the numbers of applications and renewals for DA being turned down for not meeting the "100 percent loss of earning capacity" each year, and among these cases, how many were related to physically disabled persons?
- (c) As for the disabled whose applications and renewals for DA were turned down, has the Administration offered any financial support to them? If yes, please give the details and the expenditure involved over the past years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).
- (d) In his election manifesto, the Chief Executive proposed that he would "allow people with loss of one limb" to apply for DA, and the Administration is conducting a comprehensive review on DA. Would the Administration please inform this Committee whether there is any additional funding earmarked for the possible new DA payments after review in the estimates for next year (i.e. 2013-14). If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Central Registry for Rehabilitation (CRR) issues the Registration Card for People with Disabilities (the Registration Card) to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities which affect their life activities and participation in economic and social activities, so that they will be able to produce it as a documentary proof of his/her disability status and type of disabilities if necessary. While applicants for the Registration Card are required to provide disability proof on their type of disabilities (e.g. physical disability), they are not required to provide details of their impairment (e.g. loss of one limb or tetraplegic, etc.). CRR does not maintain records on the number of cardholders with "loss of one limb". Meanwhile, the Hospital Authority (HA) and Department of Health (DH) maintain and record patients' data mainly based on the patients' diseases (for example, cancer, heart and renal diseases) or medical procedure received (for example, surgical procedure such as hip

replacement for medical care and related purposes). As loss of one limb is neither a disease nor a medical procedure on its own, both HA and DH do not maintain records on number of patients with “loss of one limb”. Under the DA and the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, we also do not keep record of the number of recipients with “loss of one limb”.

- (b) We also do not keep record of the numbers of applications and renewals for DA being turned down for not meeting the “100 percent loss of earning capacity”.
- (c) Persons with disabilities who cannot support themselves financially may apply for the means-tested CSSA to meet their basic needs. The CSSA Scheme takes into account the special needs of persons with disabilities, and sets higher payment rates for them. Subject to medical and financial assessment, those people who are not eligible for DA may apply for financial assistance to cover the medical expenses including (i) waiver of medical fee charges for non-CSSA recipients who cannot afford medical expenses in the public sector; (ii) Samaritan Fund (SF) under the administration of the HA which provides financial assistance for needy patients to meet expenses for designated Privately Purchased Medical Items or new technologies required in the course of medical treatment which are not covered by the standard fees and charges in public hospitals and clinics; (iii) Medical Assistance Programme under Community Care Fund (CCF) under the administration of HA to provide financial assistance for HA patients to purchase 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; and (iv) Charitable Funds to provide immediate and short-term financial assistance to purchase necessary rehabilitative and medical appliances.

We do not keep record of the expenditure involved.

- (d) The Labour and Welfare Bureau has recently set up an “Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance (DA)” (the Working Group), having regard to the Chief Executive’s proposal in his Manifesto to “allow people with loss of one limb to apply for Disability Allowance”. The Working Group comprises representatives from the relevant bureaux and departments and HA. The Working Group is in the process of deliberations.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)726

Question Serial No.

4265

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding domestic violence under this Programme, would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) The number of male batterers needed to participate in the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) and its percentage share of the whole Programme last year;
- (b) The number of male victims and the percentage share in the domestic violence cases handled and followed-up by the Administration in the past two years (2011-12, 2012-13);
- (c) For the hotline services provided by the Administration and the subvented organisations, how many cases involved men taking the initiative to call for help last year?
- (d) The number of male victims who needed temporary accommodation and time-out service provided through the follow-ups and referrals by family services such as the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) last year.
- (e) The details and the estimated expenditure of the Administration in family services for supporting men in the coming year (2013-14).
- (f) Would the Administration conduct a research on the needs for support of men in family service in order to provide a more comprehensive support for the needs of men in family services?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2012-13, 71 batterers participated in the BIP. Among them, 66 participants, i.e. 93%, were male.
- (b) There is no breakdown of the number and ratio between male victims and female victims among the spouse/cohabitant battering cases served by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2011-12 and 2012-13. SWD plans to enhance the Client Information System to capture the relevant statistics in 2013-14.
- (c) From April to December 2012, 65 900 calls were received by social workers of the hotlines operated by SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations. There was no statistical information on the callers' gender.
- (d) From April to December 2012, 134 men received short-term accommodation service of FCSC. There was no statistical information on whether they were victims of family violence. For the same period, FCSC has referred 52 short-term accommodation service users to other welfare services, of which the gender breakdown was not available. There were a total of 24 men having received short-term accommodation service of MCISC for the period from April to December 2012. There was no statistical information on whether they were victims of domestic violence. All users of the short-term accommodation service of MCISC are followed up by social workers who will make welfare referrals when necessary.
- (e) SWD provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service, service of family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children, day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support individuals irrespective of their gender and families in need.

The total provision for family and child welfare services in the 2013-14 estimate is \$2,218.7 million. There is no breakdown of the funding specifically allocated for men's service.

- (f) As recommended by the "Review on the Implementation of the Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) Service Mode" completed in 2010, the IFSC service mode should continue to be adopted for publicly-funded family services in Hong Kong. The existing practice of IFSCs in identifying special target groups in the communities they serve and providing appropriate services for such groups should continue to be encouraged and supported. At present, SWD does not have a plan to commission a study specifically on men's service.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)727

Question Serial No.

4312

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Fund, would the Administration please advise this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many drivers, passengers and third parties had their applications for the TAVA Fund approved over the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? What were the numbers of cases? How much were the approved payments and refunds?
- (b) How many accidents occurred in the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) system in which passengers were injured or lost their lives over the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? How many people were involved? Has the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) or its commissioned insurance company compensated the persons injured in the accidents? If yes, what amounts of compensation payments were made?
- (c) Will the Administration consider extending the coverage of the TAVA Scheme, or will the MTRCL set up a similar fund on its own fill up any gaps not covered by the TAVA Scheme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what measures will be taken by the Administration to protect passengers injured in railway accidents from failing to be indemnified or compensated in one form or another?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The breakdown of figures by type of victims applying for TAVA is not available. Other information requested is as follows –

Year	Number of cases approved	Amount of payments (\$ million)	Amount of assistance refunds (\$ million)
2010-11	13 888	187.2	58.2
2011-12	12 643	170.3	53.1
2012-13 (as at the end of December 2012)	10 015	145.9	44.7

- (b) Information on accidents involving injuries or fatalities of passengers as provided by MTRCL in the past three years is as follows –

Railway equipment involved in the accident	2010			2011			2012		
	No. of accidents	No. of injuries	No. of fatalities	No. of accidents	No. of injuries	No. of fatalities	No. of accidents	No. of injuries	No. of fatalities
Escalator/Travelator	725	785	0	773	861	0	822	923	0
Train door	259	272	0	286	291	0	229	234	0
Platform gap	159	159	0	194	194	0	185	185	0
Platform screen door/ Automatic platform gate	44	46	0	37	37	0	30	32	0
Lift	12	12	0	15	15	0	8	8	0
Miscellaneous	92	115	1	111	141	1	131	191	0
Total	1 291	1 389	1	1 416	1 539	1	1 405	1 573	0

The above figures exclude cases of suicide / attempted suicide, accidents due to passengers' own sickness and trespassing. "Miscellaneous" refers to those cases involving passengers or members of the public tripping or falling as a result of losing balance, and Light Rail accidents involving pedestrians or vehicles on the road.

To protect the interests of both MTRCL and the passengers, MTRCL has taken out the Third Party Liability Insurance covering MTRCL's legal liability and compensation payable to any third parties arising from accidents or incidents related to the operation and business of MTRCL. The amount of such indemnity for each and every occurrence is no less than HK\$100 million. MTRCL has established procedures for passengers to make claims for compensation. The accidents mainly involved falls in railway premises, or related to railway equipment such as platform gap, escalator, travelator, and train door, etc. The amount of compensation paid by MTRCL in relation to accidents occurred in the past three years and the number of accidents concerned were as follows –

Year	Amount of compensation (HK\$)	Number of accidents
2010	121,558	22
2011	11,503	8
2012	11,800	6

- (c) The TAVA Scheme was established under the Traffic Accident Victims (Assistance Fund) Ordinance (the Ordinance), Cap. 229 of the Laws of Hong Kong. The TAVA Scheme aims to provide speedy financial assistance to road traffic accident victims or to their surviving dependants on a non-means-tested basis, regardless of the element of fault leading to the occurrence of the accident.

The Ordinance requires that the traffic accident must involve vehicle(s) (including trams and Light Rail vehicles) and occur on the road (including tramway tracks and railway of the Light Rail) or a private road, and cause death or injury to any person. Road or private road, as interpreted under the Ordinance, does not include railways other than the Light Rail.

Railways other than the Light Rail do not connect with roads and are not affected by other road-based transport. The public is also prohibited from trespassing onto the tracks of railways. Since the operation of and chance of accidents involving railways (excluding the Light Rail) are different from those of road-based transport in general, the Administration has no plan to extend the TAVA Scheme to cover railways other than the Light Rail.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)728

Question Serial No.

5373

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & Title):
000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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	()
Length of contract for each employment agency	()
Number of agency workers	()
Breakdown of 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	()
• ten to 15 years	()
• five to ten years	()
• three to five years	()
• one to three years	()
• under one year	()
Percentage of agency workers against the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of amount paid to employment agencies against total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()
Number of workers working five days per week	()
Number of workers working six days per week	()

() denotes the change in percentage as compared with 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: For the period in question, the Social Welfare Department has not engaged any agency worker.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)729

Question Serial No.

5374

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):
000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the engagement of outsourced workers, please provide the following information –

	2012-13 (the latest position)
Number of outsourced service contracts	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()
Length of 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 Social Welfare Department (SWD)	()
Percentage of amount paid 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	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease as compared with 2011-12

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : Information on engaging outsourced workers by SWD for 2012-13 is as follows –

	2012-13 (up to 15 March 2013)
Number of outsourced service contracts	98 ^[Note 1] (+6.5%)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	\$129.4 million ^[Note 2] (+389.2%)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	One to three years
Number of outsourced workers engaged through outsourced service providers	Not available
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)	Not available
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	Not available
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	Not available
Percentage of outsourced workers against the total number of staff in SWD	Not available
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total staff costs of SWD	5.5% (+358.3%)
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	Not available
Number of workers working 5 days per week Number of workers working 6 days per week	Not available

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease as compared with 2011-12

[Note 1] These refer to outsourced service contracts (cleansing, security guard, telecommunications and information technology, training, horticulture and catering) with contract value over \$50,000 awarded during the year, including services provided to the service centres operated by SWD, and also the procurement of services of employment agencies for information technology services under the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer's bulk contract.

[Note 2] Payments made in 2012-13 include some project payments made at the end of the contracts.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)730

Question Serial No.

5375

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & Title):
000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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	()
Breakdown of positions held by NCSC staff	
Salary expenditure for 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	()
• ten to 15 years	()
• five to ten years	()
• three to five years	()
• one to three years	()
• under one year	()
Number of NCSC staff appointed as civil servants	()
Number of NCSC staff not appointed as civil servants	()
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in the Social Welfare Department (SWD)	()
Percentage of staff costs for NCSC staff against the total staff costs of SWD	()
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	()
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	()
Number of NCSC staff working five days per week	()
Number of NCSC staff working six 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 full-time NCSC staff ^[Note] employed in SWD in 2012-13 is as follows –

	2012-13 (as at 31 December 2012)	
Number of NCSC staff	208	(-29%)
Breakdown of positions held by NCSC staff		
• Executive support and project management	30	(+11%)
• General and clerical support services	85	(-38%)
• IT support services	4	(0%)
• Customer services and marketing work	82	(-15%)
• Health care and welfare services	7	(-77%)
Salary expenditure for NCSC staff (in \$ million)	31	(-11%)
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff		
• \$30,001 or above	7	(-30%)
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	36	(+24%)
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	122	(-33%)
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	43	(-41%)
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	0	(Not applicable)
• below \$6,240	0	(Not applicable)
Length of service of NCSC staff		
• over 15 years	0	(0%)
• ten to 15 years	32	(+28%)
• five to ten years	80	(-31%)
• three to five years	39	(-29%)
• one to three years	34	(-21%)
• under one year	23	(-58%)
Number of NCSC staff appointed as civil servants	SWD has not collected any information on NCSC staff's applications for various civil service posts. The requested figures are not available.	
Number of NCSC staff not appointed as civil servants		
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in SWD	4%	(-20%)
Percentage of staff costs for NCSC staff against the total staff costs of SWD	1.8%	(-14%)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	205	(-21%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	3	(-57%)
Number of NCSC staff working five days per week Number of NCSC staff working six days per week	Currently, the majority of NCSC staff normally work five days per week depending on service nature and needs.	
Number of NCSC staff applying for paternity leave	0	(0%)
Number of NCSC staff granted approval for paternity leave	0	(0%)

Figures in () denote changes in percentage as compared with 2011-12 (position as at 31 December 2011).

^[Note] "Full-time" employment refers to "continuous contract" as defined under the Employment Ordinance. According to the Employment Ordinance, an employee who works continuously for the same employer for four weeks or more, with at least 18 hours in each week, is regarded as working under a continuous contract.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)731

Question Serial No.

3903

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How can the Administration substantially increase the supply of subsidised nursing home places and care-and-attention places, or further extend the scope of Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) for providing sufficient nursing care to more elderly people in their daily life? If no, will the Administration consider increasing the subsidy to the elderly staying at the private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and regularising the subsidy apart from implementing the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme)?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply: The Administration will increase the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly through a multi-pronged approach. In the short run, the Social Welfare Department will purchase places from private RCHEs through EBPS and make better use of space in subvented homes for the provision of more subsidised places. In the medium-term, we will build new contract RCHEs to increase the number of subsidised places, particularly places providing a higher level of nursing care. In the long run, we will identify sites for new contract homes. From 2012-13 to 2015-16, more than 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places will be provided.

We will also offer elderly applicants for subsidised long-term care services with more diversified choices through introducing the Pilot Scheme. The Pilot Scheme will adopt a new and flexible mode of funding and service delivery. We will review the Pilot Scheme and explore the feasibility of adopting this voucher subsidy mode for residential care services.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
Post Title: Director of Social Welfare
Date: 11 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)732

Question Serial No.

3916

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Given the soaring inflation, does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) plan to enhance the short-term food assistance service? Will SWD consider increasing the subvention to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing “food bank” service? Will SWD consider proactively contacting the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households or the so-called “N have-nots” so that more needy people can benefit from such service?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply: SWD has commissioned five NGOs in February 2009 to operate five Projects covering the whole territory to provide short-term food assistance to people who had temporary difficulty coping with basic food expenditure. The beneficiaries include low-income families, unemployed, new arrivals, street sleepers, and persons encountering sudden change or family facing immediate financial hardship. Recipients of CSSA are not the target users under the services as the amount of financial assistance they receive has already taken into account their basic needs on food.

To better meet the needs of service users, enhancement measures have been implemented since October 2011, including the provision of food and hot meal coupons which can be redeemed at designated food stalls, supermarkets and restaurants.

An amount of \$100 million was earmarked in the 2012-13 Budget to continue the services. The Financial Secretary, in his 2013-14 Budget, announced that the Administration will allocate another \$100 million for the services when necessary. SWD is exploring further enhancement measures, including extending the assistance period, etc., to better meet the needs of the service users.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)733

Question Serial No.

3917

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to media reports, it is estimated that there are about 1 500 street sleepers at present in Hong Kong. Please state what specific plans does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have for helping street sleepers in their daily living this year (i.e. 2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply: In 2013-14, SWD will continue to provide subvention for three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate an Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers (IST) each. The three ISTs provide one-stop services for street sleepers including day and late-night outreaching visits, emergency shelter and short-term hostel placement, counselling, employment guidance, personal care (e.g. bathing, haircut and meal), emergency relief to cover various expenses, such as short-term payment of rent and living costs, rental deposit and other removal expenses, aftercare service and service referrals, etc.

To address the emergency and short-term accommodation needs of street sleepers, SWD subvents NGOs to operate five urban hostels and two emergency shelters, providing a total of 202 short-term accommodation places with related counselling services. Apart from these subvented places, there are seven street sleeper hostels operated by NGOs on a self-financing basis, providing a total of 397 places of overnight or temporary accommodation for street sleepers.

As at the end of February 2013, the number of registered street sleepers was 586.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip
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Date: 8 April 2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)734

Question Serial No.

4906

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the numbers of elderly and persons with disabilities beneficiaries since the implementation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme)? Please provide a breakdown by different public transport operators.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

According to the profile of our population, over 980 000 elderly¹ people and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities² may benefit from the Scheme. We have no record as to the actual number of beneficiaries making use of the Scheme. Up to end-January 2013, the average daily passenger trips taken by beneficiaries under the Scheme were as follows –

Public transport operators	Average daily passenger trips (up to end-January 2013 ⁽³⁾)	
	Elderly	Eligible persons with disabilities
MTR Corporation Limited	209 000	34 000
Franchised bus operators	358 000	42 000

1 Elderly people aged 65 or above.

2 Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

3 The figures exclude New Lantao Bus and ferry operators which have only implemented the Scheme on 3 March 2013.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG
Post Title: Commissioner for Transport
Date: 28.3.2013

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

LWB(WW)735

Question Serial No.

4907

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the respective amounts reimbursed to transport operators under the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (“the Scheme”) in 2012-13? Please provide a breakdown by the transport operators concerned. What is the estimated amount of reimbursement to the transport operators under the Scheme for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the Mass Transit Railway (“MTR”). Phase 2 of the Scheme was launched on 5 August 2012 covering four franchised bus operators (i.e. Kowloon Motor Bus, New World First Bus, CityBus and Long Win Bus). Phase 3 of the Scheme was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and New Lantao Bus.

The estimate for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme for 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as follows –

Public transport operators	2012-13 (Revised Estimate) \$ '000	2013-14 (Estimate) \$ '000
MTR Corporation Limited	86,801	190,163
Franchised bus operators	140,128	393,952
Ferry operators	989	12,876
Total	227,918	596,991

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner for Transport

Date: 28.3.2013

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

LWB(WW)736

Question Serial No.

4908

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the number of orders received for the rebus dial-a-ride (DAR) services, the number of orders entertained and the number of passenger trips carried in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The requested information on the utilisation of rebus DAR services from 2010-11 to 2012-13 is as follows –

	Number of Orders Received	Number of Orders Entertained	Number of Passenger Trips Carried
2010–11	123 275	82 153	408 100
2011–12	126 205	83 342	409 800
2012–13 (up to end-January 2013)	99 127	68 864	364 900

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner for Transport

Date: 27.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)737

Question Serial No.

5266

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (“the Scheme”), please advise:

- (a) the numbers of trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities in respect of the participating public transport operators since the implementation of the Scheme in a table;
- (b) the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities using MTR domestic services and franchised bus services in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13) in a table;
- (c) the amounts of revenue forgone of the participating public transport operators since the implementation of the Scheme; and
- (d) the average costs and marginal costs per passenger trip of the participating public transport operators.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

(1&2) In 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, the average daily passenger trips of elderly and persons with disabilities, who used the Mass Transit Railway (“MTR”)¹ and the franchised bus services, were as follows :

Public transport operators	Financial year	Average daily passenger trips ²	
		Elderly ³	Persons with disabilities ⁴
MTR Corporation Limited	2010-11	204 000	31 000
	2011-12	228 000	37 000
	2012-13	260 000	43 000
	(up to end-January 2013)		
Franchised bus operators	2010-11	351 000	Not available
	2011-12	370 000	Not available
	2012-13	422 000	42 000
	(up to end-January 2013)		

The Scheme was implemented by phases in 2012-13. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the MTR services (excluding the Airport Express, East Rail Line services to and from Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau and Racecourse Stations, and first-class service of East Rail Line). Phase 2 was launched on 5 August 2012 covering the routes of Kowloon Motor Bus, New World First Bus, Citybus and Long Win Bus (excluding “A” routes to and from the airport and racecourse routes). Phase 3 was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and New Lantao Bus (excluding “A” routes to and from the airport and the routes on a pre-booking and group hire basis). The Scheme does not apply to trips at a nominal fare of \$2 or below. According to such service scope, the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly⁵ and eligible persons with disabilities⁶ under the Scheme since the respective launch date of different phases were as follows :

Public transport operators	Average daily passenger trips (up to end-January 2013) ⁷	
	Elderly	Persons with disabilities
MTR Corporation Limited	209 000	34 000
Franchised bus operators	358 000	42 000

¹ MTR services include all heavy rail services (excluding services to Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau and Airport Express Line), Light Rails services and MTR bus.

² The figures are based on passenger trips taken by elderly and persons with disabilities who used Octopus to pay their fares. For trips taken using single journey ticket or cash payment, the public transport operators do not have the breakdown by passenger types.

³ MTR Corporation Limited and all franchised bus operators have been offering elderly fare concessions to persons aged 65 or above, except that Citybus (Franchise for Hong Kong Island and Cross Harbour Routes) offers elderly fare concessions to persons aged 60 or above.

⁴ Before the launch of Phase 2 of the Scheme on 5 August 2012, persons with disabilities, when taking franchised bus services, were paying the same fare applicable to their age as other passengers. Hence, the franchised bus operators do not keep separate passenger trips taken by persons with disabilities before 5 August 2012.

⁵ Elderly people aged 65 or above.

⁶ Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

⁷ The patronage for New Lantao Bus and ferry operators is excluded since they have only implemented the Scheme on 3 March 2013.

- (3) Since the launch of the Scheme till 20 March 2013, we have reimbursed the following amount of revenue forgone to the operators :

Public transport operators	Reimbursement made as at 20 March 2013 \$ '000
MTR Corporation Limited	86,001
Franchised bus operators	139,057
Ferry operators	344
Total	225,402

- (4) According to the relevant public transport operators, they do not have separate figures on the average costs and marginal costs per passenger trip under the Scheme.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)738

Question Serial No.

4522

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In paragraph 114 of the 2013-14 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary mentioned “allocating an additional funding of \$5.9 million to acquire six additional buses, thereby increasing the fleet size of Rehabus to 135, to better meet the special transport needs of persons with disabilities.” In view of this, will the Administration please advise: the number of rehabuses, number of applicants on the waiting list and average waiting time in the past five years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13) respectively (please fill in the following table):

	Number of Rehabuses	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List	Average Waiting Time
Financial Year			
Financial Year			
Financial Year			
Financial Year			
Financial Year			

What will be the Administration's target for the addition of rehabuses for the coming five years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

There are at present 129 rehabuses providing point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rehabus offers scheduled route (SR) services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation, and dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

The requested information on Rehabus services in the past five financial years is as follows:

	Number of rehabuses (Note)		Number of applicants for SR services on the waiting list as at end-March of the financial year	Average waiting time for SR services
	SR services	DAR services		
2008-09	70	30	39	About 1.5 month
2009-10	74	32	41	About 2 months
2010-11	77	33	42	About 2 months
2011-12	80	34	42	About 2 months
2012-13 (as at January 2013)	84	36	28	About 2 months

Note: Excluding rehabuses in the maintenance reserve pool.

DAR services are operated on a first-come-first-served basis and may be booked in advance without time restriction. Demand for DAR services varies considerably on a daily basis. We therefore cannot provide a precise estimate on the number of days required in advance to secure the provision of DAR services.

The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2013-14. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services covering also the feeder service to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital on a trial basis. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods.

With the availability of more accessible public transport services and facilities, persons with disabilities at present have more choices on the mode of transport than before. The Transport Department (TD) will continue to encourage public transport operators to improve the accessibility of public transport services and facilities. Meanwhile, TD reviews annually the fleet size of rehabuses having regard to potential new demand arising from commissioning of new social / community services centres, the number of applicants on the waiting list and the booking orders received for Rehabus services, and improvement on accessible public transport services and facilities, etc.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG
 Post Title: Commissioner for Transport
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)739

Question Serial No.

3640

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare
Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In paragraph 114(e) of the Budget Speech, the Administration has indicated that six additional rehabuses will be procured. Has the Administration made any assessment on whether the procurement of six additional rehabuses will be adequate to cope with service demand? If the demand could not be met, will the Administration have any plan for procurement of additional rehabuses? If yes, what will be the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

There are at present 129 rehabuses providing point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Three out of the six new rehabuses to be procured will be deployed on scheduled route (SR) services and the remaining three on dial-a-ride (DAR) services, covering also the feeder service to and from Princess Margaret Hospital on a trial basis. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed on DAR services during the off-peak periods.

If the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the three additional rehabuses will be able to cater for all applicants currently on the waiting list of SR services. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should help reduce the booking orders currently not entertained by about 30%.

With the availability of more accessible public transport services and facilities, persons with disabilities at present have more choices on the mode of transport than before. The Transport Department will continue to review annually the fleet size of rehabuses having regard to the service demand and to encourage public transport operators to improve the accessibility of public transport services and facilities.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner for Transport

Date: 27.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)740

Question Serial No.

4011

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare
Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many booking orders for the Rehabus dial-a-ride (DAR) services were not entertained in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively? Are there any improvement measures? What are their expected effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The number of booking orders for the Rehabus DAR services that were not entertained in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to January 2013) was 17 405 and 11 849 respectively.

The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2013-14. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on scheduled route (SR) services and the remaining three on DAR services covering also the feeder service to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital on a trial basis. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should help reduce the number of booking orders that cannot be entertained currently by about 30%.

Name in block letters:

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Question Serial No.

4158

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare
Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many additional rehabuses and replacement rehabuses will be procured in 2013-14? What is the waiting time of persons with disabilities and the elderly for rebus services respectively? How will the additional rehabuses improve their waiting time? What will be the passenger number and utilisation rate of services in 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

There are at present 129 rehabuses providing point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities (including elderly with disabilities) who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rebus offers scheduled route (SR) services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation, and dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2013-14. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services covering also the feeder service to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital on a trial basis. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods. No replacement of existing rehabuses will be required in 2013-14.

The average waiting time for SR services was about two months in 2012-13 (up to January 2013). If the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the three additional rehabuses will be able to cater for all applicants currently on the waiting list for SR services.

DAR services are operated on a first-come-first-served basis and may be booked in advance without time restriction. Demand for DAR services varies considerably on a daily basis. We are therefore not in a position to give a precise estimate on the number of days required in advance to secure the provision of DAR services. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should help reduce the number of booking orders that cannot be entertained currently by about 30%.

The total passenger trips for SR and DAR services in 2012-13 (up to January 2013) were about 285 800 and 364 900 respectively.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)742

Question Serial No.

4597

Head: 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Transport Department will procure six additional rehabuses in 2013-14. How will these six rebuses be allocated? The Government estimates that the number of rebus routes will be increased by four to 84 routes. Please list out information of the newly added routes.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

Rebus provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2013-14. Three of them will be deployed on scheduled route (SR) services and the remaining three on dial-a-ride (DAR) services, covering also the feeder service to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital on a trial basis. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods.

The four new routes for SR services to be introduced in 2013 are:

- (i) one route on Hong Kong Island plying between Southern District and Eastern District;
- (ii) two routes in Kowloon and the New Territories, serving passengers in Tseung Kwan O, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Shatin and Tsing Yi; and
- (iii) one cross harbour route plying between Tseung Kwan O, Kwun Tong and Pok Fu Lam.

Name in block letters: MRS INGRID YEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner for Transport

Date: 27.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)743

Question Serial No.

4166

Head: Lotteries Fund

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13), what were the funding allocations approved under the Lotteries Fund (LF) for the installation of air-conditioners at the social centres for the elderly (S/Es), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), district elderly community centres (DECCs), subvented care-and-attention (C&A) homes for the elderly operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and the activity rooms and television rooms of youth centres (YCs)?

	S/Es	NECs	DECCs	Subvented C&A homes of NGOs	YCs
2012					
2011					
2010					

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: LF provides funding support for capital works projects of NGOs which may cover the costs for installation of air-conditioning and related works. Such works typically consist of upgrading works for power supply, electrical works for cables wiring and extending conduits and trunking as well as installation fees for air-conditioners. We have no statistical information on the specific cost for the installation of air-conditioners.

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