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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1264)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 36):

Under this programme, it is stated that the Administration would prepare for the hearing of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's third report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). In this connection, would the Government:

- (1) tabulate the number and post of staff and amount of expenditure involved in preparing the third report on CEDAW?
- (2) tabulate the estimated number and post of staff and amount of expenditure involved in the HKSAR delegation attending the hearing on CEDAW in 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

- (1) The manpower and resources required for preparing the HKSAR's third report on the implementation of CEDAW were absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.
- (2) The hearing of the HKSAR's third report on the implementation of CEDAW will be held in October/November 2014. The Administration will plan for the delegation attending the hearing nearer the time.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1941)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 77):

Regarding the Shine Skills Centres under the above Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Their number of intake, the number of graduates and the waiting time for course enrolment in the past year;
- (b) The employment rate of trainees after graduation, the number of employers hiring them and their average salaries in the past year;
- (c) The reasons why the actual number of part-time trainees enrolled in 2012-13 was 478, while the estimated number of trainees remains at only 400, as stated under the performance indicators of the Department;
- (d) How will the Administration enhance training and job-matching in the coming year so that more trainees can secure sustained employment? Will the Administration consider providing more support and grants in order to encourage employers to hire graduates from the Centres; if yes, what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The number of intake and graduates and the waiting time for course enrolment for the academic year 2013-14 are not available as the academic year is yet to be completed. For the academic year 2012-13, there were 570 full-time trainees (including both those undergoing the first and second years of training in respect of two-year full-time training courses) and 478 part-time trainees enrolled to the Shine Skills Centres; and 244 full-time and 419 part-time graduates. The waiting time ranged from two to five months for full-time training courses while there was no waiting list for part-time training course.
- (b) The placement rate for the academic year 2013-14 is not available as the academic year is yet to be completed. For the academic year 2012-13, the placement rate of the economically-active graduates was 87% (provisional figure) and there were 99 employers hiring the graduates. The average monthly salary of graduates was about \$5,000.
- (c) As a result of the one-off training needs of the service users of rehabilitation organisations for catering service training courses, there was an increase in the number of part-time trainees enrolled to the Shine Skills Centres in the academic year 2012-13. The number of part-time trainees to be enrolled in the academic year 2014-15 is expected to be broadly similar to that in the academic year 2013-14.
- (d) To ensure that the training provided meets the needs of the trainees and market demands, the Shine 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 Vocational Training Council which comprises representatives from relevant Government departments and various sectors of the community.

The Shine 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.

To enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities in the open market, the Labour Department (LD) has implemented a “Work Orientation and Placement Scheme” (WOPS) which encourages employers to provide more openings and employment support for persons with disabilities through the provision of an allowance. Since June 2013, LD has increased the allowance payable to employers. An eligible employer who employs a person with disabilities having employment difficulties may apply for an allowance equivalent to the amount of actual salary paid to the employee with disabilities less \$500 per month during the first two months of employment, subject to a monthly ceiling of \$5,500. After the first two months, the employer may apply for an allowance equivalent to two-thirds of the actual salary paid to the employee concerned, subject to a ceiling of \$4,000 per month, and for a maximum payment period up to six months. In 2014-15, LD will continue to encourage employers to employ persons with disabilities and promote WOPS to them. An annual recurrent expenditure of \$12.8 million is earmarked for implementing the enhanced WOPS.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0003****(Question Serial No. 2532)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 75):

Regarding the financial provision for the coming year under the above programme, please advise on the following:

- (1) Why is the revised estimate for 2013-14 13.8% lower than the original estimate for 2013-14?
- (2) Why is the estimate for the coming year 26.4% higher than the revised estimate for 2013-14 and over \$100 million higher than the actual expenditure for 2012-13?
- (3) To what services will the new provision be allocated? Please provide a breakdown of the items and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows :

- (1) The revised estimate for 2013-14 is 13.8% (or \$47.6 million) lower than the original estimate. This is mainly due to the less-than-expected expenditure in 2013-14 and deferred requirements of some expenditure items. Details are listed in the table below.

Description	Amount reduced (\$ million)
Departmental expenses for various projects/programmes and recurrent subvention under social welfare	22.7
Other charges including the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients and the "financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others"	16.2
Non-recurrent items including reduced cash flow requirement for Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (which is partly offset by increase in provision for the Child Development Fund)	6.9
Personal emoluments	1.8
Total :	47.6

(2) and (3) The provision for 2014-15 is 26.4% (or \$78.2 million) higher than the revised estimate for 2013-14 and \$105 million higher than the actual expenditure of 2012-13. A breakdown of the increase in provision is provided below.

Description	Increase in provision for 2014-15	
	as against revised estimate for 2013-14 (\$ million)	as against actual expenditure for 2012-13 (\$ million)
Increase in cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, including the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	28.6	45.6
Increase in departmental expenses for various projects/programmes and recurrent subvention under social welfare	27.4	25.1
Increase in provision for other charges, including the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients and the “financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others”	11.4	21.8
Increase in personal emoluments	10.8	12.5
Total :	78.2	105.0

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2533)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 76):

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Bureau will “continue to oversee the implementation of the retrofitting programme to upgrade barrier-free facilities in government and Housing Authority premises”. Would the Administration please advise on the following:

1. What is the latest progress of the retrofitting programme to upgrade barrier-free facilities in government buildings? How many government buildings have not yet upgraded their barrier-free facilities? When will the retrofitting programme be completed?
2. What is the latest progress of the retrofitting programme to upgrade barrier-free facilities in Housing Authority premises? Have all public housing estates been provided with barrier-free facilities?
3. Regarding the provision of barrier-free facilities in public walkways, what is the latest progress of the Universal Accessibility Programme? What is the estimated expenditure involved for the programme for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. To speed up the process of improving the accessibility of government and Housing Authority (HA) premises, public housing and connecting road facilities, the Administration has 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 HA premises 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 2014-15, we will continue to press ahead with the remaining works with a view to completing them by end-June 2014 as scheduled, while a small proportion of the improvement works at HA premises will be completed by 2016-17 to tie in with the lift modernisation programme for public housing estates. It is the established policy of the Government and HA to comply with the prevailing requirements in Design Manual (DM), and where practicable, achieve standards beyond the statutory requirements in the provision of barrier-free facilities. Hence, all new buildings as well as alterations and additions to existing buildings will have to comply with the latest barrier-free design standards as set out in the current version of Building (Planning) Regulation and DM. As an ongoing practice, the management departments concerned will continue to work with the Architectural Services Department or their works agents to upgrade the barrier-free facilities to the latest design standard where practicable whenever renovation works are carried out.

3. It has been the established practice of the Government to provide barrier-free access facilities at public walkways where technically feasible (i.e. the “Original Programme”). Currently, there are 158 technically feasible items under the “Original Programme”. As at end-February 2014, investigation work of these items has been completed, with retrofitting works of two items being completed, 62 under construction and 94 under design. The works of these items will be completed by phases from 2014 to 2018.

In August 2012, the Government launched the new policy on Universal Accessibility which aims at further enhancing the barrier-free facilities for existing public walkways and lift installations at about 250 public walkways were proposed. The Government had consulted the district councils in the first quarter of 2013 on the priority for implementing these public’s suggestions for retrofitting of lifts. Technical feasibility studies for the three priority projects identified by each district council have largely been completed and the Government is consulting various district councils on the study findings and will proceed with detailed design for the feasible items. After implementation of the priority items, the Government will review the implementation schedule for the remaining items taking into account the progress of works, views of the district councils, construction market capacity, resources of the departments and response from the public, etc.

The estimated expenditure for implementation of the Universal Accessibility Programme in 2014-15 is \$639 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0005****(Question Serial No. 1794)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board and Environmental Advisory Service

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 182):

1. Please provide the number of cases handled by the Guardianship Board in the past 5 years, and a breakdown by type of case.
2. Please provide the number of cases in which the Guardianship Board refused to accept the guardianship applications, and the reasons for doing so.
3. Is there any plan to initiate a review on the purview of the Guardianship Board? If yes, what is the timetable?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of cases handled by the Guardianship Board (GB) in the past 5 years, broken down by type of cases, is tabulated below –

Nature	Year				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Review	279	303	306	256	304
Finance	199	182	172	192	155
Financial Abuse	15	11	6	6	9
Conflict	5	11	7	13	9
Welfare / Protection	10	9	10	6	3
Consent to Treatment	29	12	13	23	11
Residence	7	5	20	12	12
Psy-rehabilitation	0	2	1	0	1
Discharge	3	6	4	8	11
Other Abuse	0	2	3	2	1
Adjourned Cases	9	10	17	19	8
Emergency Guardianship	3	12	9	10	14
Others / Unclassified	0	7	8	3	6
Total Number of Cases	559	572	576	550	544

2. The number of cases in which GB refused to accept the guardianship applications in the past 5 years is 11 in 2009, 12 in 2010, 18 in 2011, 13 in 2012 and 6 in 2013. Under Section 59O (3) of the Mental Health Ordinance (“the Ordinance”), in considering whether or not to make a guardianship order, GB must be satisfied that the subject of the application is in fact a mentally incapacitated person, and that the particular needs and welfare of the subject may only be met or attended by his/her being received into guardianship under the Ordinance with no other less restrictive or intrusive means. The reasons for refusing to accept the guardian applications included absence of evidence supporting allegations over neglect of care and treatment, availability of other avenues for meeting the financial, medical and welfare needs of the subject etc.
3. The Department of Justice will conduct a public consultation in 2014 on a draft Bill to implement the recommendations stated in the report "Enduring Powers of Attorney: Personal Care", published by the Law Reform Commission (LRC) in July 2011. One of the LRC's recommendations is to extend the powers of the GB in relation to enduring power of attorney (EPA), for example, to give directions to an EPA attorney and to remove a power from an EPA attorney. Subject to the result of the public consultation, it is planned that the Bill will be introduced into the Legislative Council in the 2014-15 legislative session.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1810)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 5):

The Chief Executive proposed in his Manifesto that people with loss of one limb would be allowed to apply for Disability Allowance (DA). In this connection, the Labour and Welfare Bureau has established an inter-departmental working group to conduct a review. Would the Government clarify the following:

1. The work progress and overview of the working group, such as the number of meetings held, whether views of various stakeholders have been sought, and the expected completion timetable.
2. Apart from people with loss of one limb, many people with visceral disabilities or "invisible disabilities", who are also in grave need, are ineligible to apply under the existing regime. The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health has already been adopted internationally for assessing the needs of people with disabilities. Would the Government consider adopting the relevant international requirements and reforming the DA scheme?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau set up an inter-departmental working group to review the eligibility criteria for Disability Allowance in 2013. The working group has since held six meetings.

The review is complex involving, among others, the criteria for assessing the disability levels as well as the projection of the number of beneficiaries and relevant financial implications. The working group has appointed a consultant to conduct a study on the experiences of other places and will take into account the findings of a new round of survey being conducted by the Census and Statistics Department on persons with disabilities etc. The working group aims to complete the review by the end of 2014. The working group will continue to engage stakeholders and other interested parties in the process.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1906)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 3):

The Chief Executive has mentioned in the past 2 years that the rank of the Commissioner for Rehabilitation would be upgraded for better co-ordination of government policies, without making known any specific plan or timetable. Would the Government provide the details and the financial commitment involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The current post of Commissioner for Rehabilitation (C for R) is established under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB). The post is ranked at Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) and the post-holder is responsible for the formulation of rehabilitation policy for persons with disabilities, and co-ordinating and facilitating all government departments, public organisations and non-governmental organisations in the development and provision of rehabilitation services including acting as the focal point within the Government for matters relating to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention).

To cope with the substantial growth in terms of both policy content and workload in C for R's responsibilities, we propose to upgrade the C for R post to Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (AOSGB) at D3 rank, and to strengthen the establishment of the Commissioner's team by creating a Principal Executive Officer (PEO) post at D1 rank and four non-directorate civil service posts. We consulted, and received support from, the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Welfare Services at its meeting held on 10 March 2014 and plan to submit the proposal to LegCo's Establishment Subcommittee at its meeting on 30 April 2014 and then to LegCo's Finance Committee on 16 May 2014. The net additional notional annual salary cost at mid-point of the proposed creation of the new AOSGB (D3) and PEO (D1) posts offset by the deletion of the existing SPEO (D2) post is \$1,744,800. The full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff-on-cost, is \$2,550,400. For the four non-directorate posts, the notional annual salary cost at mid-point is \$1,653,600 and the full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff-on-cost, is \$2,358,700, to be offset by savings of \$1,162,800 by reduction of two Non Civil Service Contract positions.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0008****(Question Serial No. 1907)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 4):

1. Please advise on the number of beneficiaries per year (with the respective numbers of the elderly and persons with disabilities) since the implementation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), the financial resources allocated so far and the Government's assessment on the effectiveness of the Scheme.
2. Currently, "eligible persons with disabilities" are defined as "recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme (CSSA) aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities or recipients of Disability Allowance (DA) in the same age group". As the current disability allowance system is outdated, many disabled persons ineligible for DA and CSSA cannot benefit from the Scheme. As such, does the Government have any plans to amend the existing eligibility criteria of the Scheme so as to benefit more persons with disabilities?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

1. 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.

We expect that over 1.02 million elderly people and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities may benefit from the Scheme. Up to end-January 2014, the average daily passenger trips taken by elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities under the Scheme were around 614 400 and 84 000 respectively. Up to 19 March 2014, we have reimbursed the following amounts of revenue forgone to the public transport operators concerned –

Public transport operators	Reimbursement made as at 19 March 2014 (\$'000)	
	Elderly persons aged 65 and above	Eligible persons with disabilities
MTR Corporation Limited	191,266	43,106
Franchised bus operators	347,376	131,859
Ferry operators	15,643	1,518

The administration will conduct a comprehensive review of the Scheme three years after it has been fully implemented.

2. When determining the coverage of persons with disabilities under the Scheme, which are recipients under CSSA Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of DA in the same age group, consideration was 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 were most in need of assistance and encouragement for social integration. The MTR Corporation Limited has also launched a fare concession scheme for the same group of persons with disabilities since 2009.

As stated in the Policy Address, the Administration will extend the Scheme to eligible children with disabilities aged below 12^(Note). The Administration is working proactively with the public transport operators concerned and Octopus Cards Limited with a view to rolling it out around May/June 2014.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau set up an “Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance”, 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 study is expected to be completed before the end of 2014. Depending on the results of the study, we may then consider the implications to the Scheme.

^(Note) 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

(Question Serial No. 2109)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 663):

It is noted that the Low-income Working Family Allowance will be administered by the Efficiency Unit (EU). What are the estimated administrative costs per annum and staffing establishment for administering the scheme? Given that the EU does not have any experience in asset tests, why is it assigned the task? Will the Government consider disbursing the allowance to eligible persons by cheque through the Inland Revenue Department based on the particulars provided in tax returns, in order to save administrative costs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, the proposed Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) would involve a substantial amount of public funds and provide an extensive coverage. Although the Government has set the policy direction, careful deliberation is still required to work out the implementation and operational details. We are now in the process of working out the detailed arrangements.

The annual amount of allowance to be paid out is estimated to be around \$3 billion. We are currently working on the estimated expenditure required for operating the LIFA scheme, including manpower and administrative costs for planning and implementing the scheme. We will in due course seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to implement the scheme in 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2110)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 6):

The current service arrangement and classification for persons with disabilities involve many different definitions and tools, such as the registration card for people with disabilities, disability allowance, and accommodation assessment mechanism for persons with disabilities, which are very much disorganised and unable to holistically meet their needs. Will the Government consider developing an integrated assessment mechanism or tool for a comprehensive analysis and arrangement of the support services required by persons with disabilities in terms of financial assistance, long-term care, employment and education?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Government bureaux and departments generally make reference to the definition of disabilities under the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan, which is in line with article 1 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in formulating policies and services relating to persons with disabilities. Given that service needs vary among persons with different category and severity of disabilities, it is necessary for various bureaux and departments to use appropriate assessment tools and adopt different demarcation of target service users in formulating policies and service programmes in order to provide tailor-made and suitable support for persons in need. We will continue to keep in view the international trends and developments on this aspect and consider further refinements to existing arrangements where applicable and appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2111)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 7):

“Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008” was formulated 6 years back and some parts of it are already out of date. Does the Government have any plan for a comprehensive review to update the Design Manual in line with the advancement of society and promotion of barrier-free accessibility?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In response to the advancement in building technology and social development, the Administration had conducted reviews on the Design Manual at regular intervals with a view to continuously enhancing the barrier-free design standards. The Buildings Department (BD) is in the process of setting up a Technical Committee on the Design Manual to collect and listen to views from the building sector and relevant organisations having regard to their experience in the use of the Design Manual, advancement in building designs, technologies and construction methods, and latest relevant overseas regulatory control and standards. Having regard to the progress and outcome of the technical assessment by BD and the advice of the Technical Committee, the Administration will conduct a new round of review on the Design Manual at an appropriate juncture. As in previous reviews, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will take the lead to follow up with BD on the review of the Design Manual, including consultation with the Legislative Council, persons with disabilities, the building sector and other stakeholders.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2112)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 8):

The latest Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) was drawn up in 2007. As a result, there exists a large discrepancy between the policy directions of the RPP and the real life situations of persons with disabilities. As a policy-guiding document, the RPP should have covered a five-year planning. However, as the RPP has not been further reviewed for more than six years, there is now an urgent need to make planning for the future. In fact, according to the concluding observations of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Committee) released in September 2012, formulating a policy on the basis of medical and rehabilitation models is an outdated practice. As recommended by the Committee, a human rights model should be adopted for policy formulation and implementation. From this we can see that the RPP is in outright contradiction to the provisions and spirit of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. As such, does the Government have any plan for a comprehensive review? If yes, please advise on such plan and its implementation timetable. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The development direction of our rehabilitation policy as mapped out in the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) is to help persons with disabilities develop their potential and build a barrier-free environment with a view to enabling them to participate in full and enjoy equal opportunities both in their social life and personal growth. These objectives are consistent with the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention).

The scope covered by the RPP is not confined to healthcare and welfare. It covers various aspects of life, such as education, employment, access and transport, application of information and communications technologies, recreation and sports, cultural and arts activities, public education etc., with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to enjoy equal opportunities and rights, participate in full in social life and integrate into the community through a holistic strategy.

To ensure that our services keep pace with social development and meet the needs of the users, we have, since 2012, implemented the enhanced mechanism proposed by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee. 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 committee level on a regular basis. We will continue to plan the priorities for rehabilitation services and implement various specific measures every year through the said planning mechanism according to the policy objectives and development direction set out in the RPP, having regard to the changing circumstances and service demand and taking into account also the views of the stakeholders.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2499)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 184):

The Government has launched the Talent-Wise Employment Charter to engage employers of all trades and sectors in providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

- (1) Please provide the current number of signatories to the Charter with a breakdown of public and private organisations.
- (2) How will the Government measure the effectiveness of the Charter? What is its present outcome?
- (3) Has the Government put in place any mechanism to oversee the implementation of the Charter by the participating organisations?
- (4) Will the Government set specific indicators and timetables requiring all government departments and public bodies to achieve the 2% target rate of employing persons with disabilities in a specified period?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In September 2013, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) launched the Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme (“the Scheme”) to mobilise the Government, public and private sectors to make collective efforts to further promote the employment of persons with disabilities through participation in the Scheme. As at 10 March 2014, a total of 172 organisations had joined the Scheme, of which 64 were Government bureaux, departments and public organisations while the remaining 108 were private organisations and non-governmental organisations. The list of participating organisations is available at the websites of LWB and relevant Government departments for public reference.
- (2) & (3) We have been actively promoting the Scheme to various sectors of society through different channels. Having regard to the organisation’s nature and business needs, a signatory to the Charter is expected to devise a host of sustainable measures commensurate with its mode of operation and strive for their effective implementation to promote employment of persons with disabilities. Examples of these measures include introducing policies and measures to ensure equal opportunities for persons with disabilities; employing more persons with disabilities; publishing periodically in corporate publications/publicity materials on the number of employee with disabilities and on measures or indicators pertaining to the employment of persons with disabilities; participating in various on-the-job training and support programmes organised by the Social Welfare Department and the Labour Department; using products or services provided by rehabilitation social enterprises and workshops; and setting aside shops or stalls for social enterprises or self-employed persons with disabilities to run business or sell their products, etc. An Inclusive Organisation logo will be awarded to all Employer Organisations of the Scheme which have implemented one or more measures to promote the employment of persons with disabilities, and to Supporting Organisations which have helped promote the Scheme through their networks. The participating organisations are also advised to review the effectiveness of its measures, report progress to LWB on an annual basis and introduce additional measures as and

when appropriate.

By mid-2014, LWB will review progress of the implementation of measures pledged by participating organisations. A television variety show under the theme of promoting the employment of persons with disabilities will be organised in September 2014. In this event, participating employers and employees will share their experience in promoting employment of persons with disabilities and various awards will be presented to participating organisations to give due recognition to their efforts and achievements.

- (4) We will continue to encourage the participating organisations of the Scheme, including Government bureaux, departments and public bodies, to implement a host of sustainable measures commensurate with its mode of operation, including publishing the number of employees with disabilities and measures or indicators pertaining to the employment of persons with disabilities where applicable. We will keep in view implementation of the Scheme and introduce improvement measures in the light of operating experience and feedback of the participating organisations and stakeholders as and when appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2719)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 14):

It is mentioned in the Policy Address that a Low-income Working Family Allowance will be introduced with a view to providing an additional flat-rate allowance to the needy children. However, no additional allowances will be provided for persons with chronic diseases and persons with disabilities.

1. Will the Government consider revising the policy so that additional allowances can be provided for these persons who also need to pay additional medical and rehabilitation expenses?
2. To be eligible for the Low-income Working Family Allowance, a working member of the family has to meet the 144 or 208 working hours requirement. This requirement presents great difficulty for persons with chronic diseases and persons with disabilities given their physical limitations. The carers of these persons also have much difficulty in meeting the working hour requirement due to their duty to care. As such, will the Government consider relaxing the eligibility criteria for persons with chronic diseases and persons with disabilities?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The proposed Low-income Working Families Allowance (LIFA) aims to encourage self-reliance through active employment among low-income working families, while support will also be given to promote upward mobility of children and youths of these families to help break the vicious cycle of inter-generational poverty.

We are currently providing various kinds of assistance, including financial support, to people with disabilities. We will continue to keep our situation under review. In this regard, an Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance has been set up and is reviewing the eligibility criteria for the Disability Allowance.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 2721)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 16):

The Government has proposed to introduce “a carer allowance for the elderly” under the Community Care Fund (CCF), but this policy has much room for improvement. For instance, with a spending of \$120 million, the scheme can only benefit 2 000 recipients, falling far short of the current demand for care services. Moreover, the disabled, the chronically ill, and dementia patients aged below 65 also have care needs comparable to the elderly, but they are ineligible for the allowance. The Government has also proposed a “hedging” mechanism which excludes Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients from the scheme, permits less use of community care services and disallows the use of day centres. This is however contrary to the principle and spirit of long-term care.

- (1) Will the Government examine the possibility of incorporating the disabled, the chronically ill, and dementia patients aged below 65 into the scheme and rename the scheme as “allowance for carers”? If so, what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (2) Will the Government consider abolishing the “hedging” mechanism against the OALA and other care services?
- (3) Will the Government re-design a holistic carer support policy based on international experiences? If so, what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

- (1) The Government is proposing to conduct a two-year pilot scheme funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF) to provide eligible carers of elderly persons with a living allowance to alleviate their financial pressure. We briefed the Welfare Services Panel of the Legislative Council on our proposal at its meeting held on 10 February 2014. Subsequently, we submitted the proposal and the comments made at the abovementioned meeting to the CCF Task Force of the Commission on Poverty (CoP) and CoP respectively on 10 March 2014 and 24 March 2014. An evaluation will be conducted during the pilot period to assess the effectiveness and implications, as well as to review the parameters of the pilot scheme. We shall deliberate on the way forward in the light of the findings.
- (2) The proposed living allowance for eligible carers of elderly persons under the pilot scheme aims to provide cash-based living allowance to carers from low-income families to reduce their financial pressure. OALA aims to supplement the living expenses of elderly persons aged 65 and above who are in need of financial support. We propose that an OALA recipient should not be entitled to the proposed living allowance for carers and vice-versa.

We propose that for the elderly persons who are being taken care of by carers under the pilot scheme, they may apply or continue to apply for subsidised community care services (CCS). Service providers of subsidised CCS would make professional assessment on the service mix applicable to such elderly persons, taking into account the care-giving provided by the carers and having regard to the circumstances of individual cases.

- (3) The Government, mainly through funding provided to non-governmental organisations (NGOs), has been providing a number of support services to empower the carers of elderly persons and help relieve their stress. These include the provision of information, training, counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual-support groups, establishment of resource centres, demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. Respite residential and day care services for the elderly persons are also available which will enable carers to take a short break when needed. We will continue to provide such practical and psychological support to carers. In devising the parameters of the pilot scheme for providing living allowance for eligible carers of elderly persons, we have taken into account the experience of other economies, local circumstances and views expressed by local NGOs and interested parties. As referred to in (1) above, an evaluation will be conducted during the pilot period to assess the implications of the scheme. It will include, among others, the long-term impact of such an allowance on the carers and the family support structure. We will consider the way forward in the light of the review findings.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0016****(Question Serial No. 1061)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 7):

Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and its departments for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information in the following format.

- Using the table below, please provide information about studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated in the past three financial years (from 2011-12 to 2013-14):

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy studies this year (2014-15)? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- What are the criteria for awarding consultancy projects to the research institutions concerned?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

1. The consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and its departments on public policy and strategic public policy with funds allocated in 2011-12 and thereafter were as follows –

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Total Consultant 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?
LWB							
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Tender	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund (CDF) Pioneer Projects	3,500	2008	Completed	The findings and recommendations have been 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	1,398	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 launched a pilot scheme in September 2013.	The study and its findings were presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 July 2011. The study report was uploaded onto the website of EC for public information.
The City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)	1,209	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.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Total Consultant 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?
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Household Survey for the Manpower Projection to 2022 (MP2022)	1,200	2013	Completed	Taking into account the survey results, the Government will complete MP2022.	The Government is compiling the findings of MP2022, which will be published.
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	Survey on time use pattern and women employment	1,890	2013	In progress	Not applicable (N/A)	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	A study on the practice outside Hong Kong on financial assistance for persons with disabilities	1,100	2013	In progress	N/A	N/A
PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	Invitation of quotations	Survey Study on Ageing of Service Users with Intellectual Disabilities	130	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
Social Welfare Department							
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	735	2010	Completed	The recommendations of the consultancy studies were taken forward in the subsequent rounds of PFD application from 2012-13 onwards.	The study report was made public through the website of PFD.
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	789	2011	In progress	N/A	N/A

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Total Consultant 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?
		recommend the way forward					
Sau Po Centre on Ageing, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Case Mix Study on the Community Care Services for the Elderly	1,430	2013	In progress	The result of the Study would assist the Administration in determining the suitable level of different voucher values for the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.	N/A
Labour Department							
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Study on the knock-on effect of Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW) on pay hierarchies in the retail and restaurant 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.
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Study on the impact of the revised SMW rate on pay hierarchies in the retail and restaurant sectors	610	2013	In progress	N/A	N/A

2. In 2014-15, funds have been reserved for those projects “in progress” in the table above. In addition, the following projects are planned to be conducted –

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Total Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
LWB						
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on the feasibility of a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly	N/A	2014-15	Under planning	N/A
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on issues related to the formulation of an Elderly Services Programme Plan	N/A	2014-15	Under planning	N/A
Labour Department						
See Network Limited	Tender	Standard Working Hours Committee (SWHC)'s public engagement campaign on working hours	2,988	2014	In progress	N/A
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	SWHC's study on the working hours situation in Hong Kong	5,680	2014	In progress	N/A

3. The criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects include assessment of the technical proposals (such as the knowledge and experience of the research institutions/consulting firms in the subject area, the proposed approach, methodology and work programme in conducting the studies and the past performance of the institutions/consulting firms) and the fee proposals.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2066)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 2):

Under the existing legislation, guide dogs under training (guide dog puppies) are not allowed to enter indoor public venues or take any means of public transport, and therefore they are unable to receive comprehensive localised training. Would the authorities provide information on the followings:

- (a) what are the details of the plan to take forward the use of guide dogs in 2014-15, its estimated related expenditure and the staffing arrangement?
- (b) given the stipulation in the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487) that it is unlawful for a person to discriminate against another person with a disability by refusing to allow that other person access to, or the use of, any premises that the public may enter or use, or by refusing to allow that other person the use of any facilities in such premises, whether the authorities will consider extending the relevant provisions to cover people with guide dog puppies in company, in order to facilitate the provision of localised training to guide dog puppies?
- (c) whether the authorities have plans to subsidise more local organisations to train qualified local trainers, instructors and dog handlers through the Community Care Fund or other means of subsidy to take forward the "localisation of guide dogs" and to breed and train guide dogs in Hong Kong, with a view to enabling them to learn and get familiar with the Hong Kong streets and surroundings to assist the local visually impaired persons in going outdoor?

Asked by: Hon. CHIANG Lai-wan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) and (c) The objective of the Government's rehabilitation policy is to offer necessary support for persons with disabilities, including persons with visual impairment, to enhance their capacity to lead an independent life, thereby improving their quality of life and facilitating their integration into the community. To this end, the Government has been making proactive efforts in developing the rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities and creating a barrier-free living environment.

With the support of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), a rehabilitation organisation obtained a grant from a charitable fund in 2011 to launch a pilot training scheme for guide dog users. The pilot scheme has been completed by end-2013, and the final report of the scheme is under preparation. LWB will keep in view the operational experience and outcome of the pilot scheme and further assess the development of guide dog services in Hong Kong in consultation with relevant government bureaux and departments and stakeholders, with a view to facilitating further improvement of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities. The work involved in 2014-15 will be undertaken by the existing staff in LWB and the expenditure involved will be absorbed by LWB.

- (b) Under the existing Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487) (the Ordinance), refusal to allow a person with visual impairment accompanied by a guide dog (including a guide dog undergoing road-leading training with a person with visual impairment) to enter any premises that the public is allowed to enter, or refusal to provide that person with services or facilities, may be construed as a contravention of the Ordinance.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0748)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 20):

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Bureau will continue to implement the Guangdong (GD) Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme to provide Old Age Allowance for eligible Hong Kong elderly persons who choose to reside in GD. In this regard, would the Administration inform this Committee of: whether the Administration will consider reviewing the option of further extending the GD Scheme to neighbouring provinces; if yes, the proposed scope, timetable and expected completion time of the review?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

Against a unique background, the Government has chosen to implement the Guangdong (GD) Scheme in the GD Province to allow eligible Hong Kong (HK) elderly people who reside therein to receive the Old Age Allowance (OAA) without having to return to HK. First, GD is the preferred destination of HK residents who choose to retire on the Mainland. Moreover, there are unique and close ties between GD and HK in geographical, economic and social terms. With a number of major transport infrastructural projects coming on stream, travelling between the two places will be more convenient and elderly people who have moved to GD can still maintain close contact with their relatives and friends in HK and obtain support more easily. The close ties and unique relationship between the two places have also been enshrined in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation signed in April 2010. We are of the view that at present only GD carries the characteristics in question.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0019****(Question Serial No. 0771)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 44):

Regarding the studies undertaken by the Administration on relevant welfare policies, would the Administration advise this Committee on the studies undertaken in the past two years, the expenditure incurred in each study and the organisation engaged, as well as the studies to be conducted in the next two years 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) on welfare policies in the past two years and the expenditure involved were as follows –

Study	Commencement and Completion Date of Study	Name of Consultant	Expenditure from 2012-13 to 2013-14 (\$'000)
Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	Commenced in 2008 and completed in 2012	Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1,575 (Total expenditure: \$3.50 million)
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	354 (Total expenditure: \$1.209 million)
Survey on the time use pattern and women employment	Commenced in May 2013 and to be completed in end 2014	MOV Data Collection Center Limited	690 (Estimated total expenditure: \$1.89 million)
A study on the practice outside Hong Kong on financial assistance for persons with disabilities	Commenced in September 2013 and to be completed in early 2014	The University of Hong Kong	550 (Estimated total expenditure: \$1.10 million)
Survey Study on Ageing of Service Users with Intellectual Disabilities	Commenced in March 2014 and to be completed in July 2014	PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	91 (Estimated total expenditure: \$0.13 million)

LWB plans to conduct two other studies in the next two years: (1) study on the feasibility of a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly; and (2) study on issues related to the formulation of an Elderly Services Programme Plan. The Elderly Commission will advise on the study scope for each of these studies later this year, after which LWB will work out the estimated expenditure involved.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2626)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 33):

Please explain in detail why there is a significant increase in the provision for 2014-15, which is 47% higher than the revised estimate for 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

Provision earmarked for filling the positions of Under Secretary and Political Assistant was included in the original estimate for 2013-14. Since the former has not yet been filled and the latter was filled in November 2013, the unused provision was not included in the revised estimate for 2013-14. The estimate for 2014-15 is 47% higher than the revised estimate for 2013-14, mainly owing to the full-year provision reserved for filling the positions of Under Secretary and Political Assistant in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0021

(Question Serial No. 2627)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 38):

It is mentioned under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15* that the Administration will work out the details of providing allowance to low-income working families who are not receiving assistance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme. Please advise me of the estimated expenditure and establishment required for this initiative in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, the proposed Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) would involve a substantial amount of public funds and provide an extensive coverage. Although the government has set the policy direction, careful deliberation is still required to work out the implementation and operational details. We are now in the process of working out the detailed arrangements.

The annual amount of allowance is estimated to be around \$3 billion. We are currently working on the estimated expenditure required for operating the LIFA scheme, including manpower and administrative costs for planning and implementing the scheme. We will in due course seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to implement the scheme in 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2628)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 39):

The Administration 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 this Committee of the details of the planning mechanism, as well as the actual expenditure involved and manpower required last year (2013-14) and the estimated expenditure and follow-up actions to be taken next year (2014-15).

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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0023****(Question Serial No. 2729)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 70):

On disability discrimination, will the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In the past 3 years, how did the Administration handle the cases of disability discrimination received?
- (b) In the past 3 years, what kinds of publicity and educational work were conducted against disability discrimination and what were the expenditures involved?
- (c) What is the estimated expenditure on the publicity and educational work to be conducted in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) received 426 new complaints under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance in 2011-12, 338 in 2012-13 and 329 in 2013-14 (up to the end of February). 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 position of the complaints received in the past 3 years was as follows:

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-February)
Investigation discontinued due to lacking in substance or other reasons	313	246	171
Conciliation attempted	113	126	57
In progress	0	16	101

- (b) 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 was around \$1.9 million in 2011-12, \$2.71 million in 2012-13 and \$1.3 million in 2013-14.

The public education and publicity programmes in the past 3 years included weekly radio programmes; television (TV) docudrama; outdoor advertisements; roving exhibitions; various programmes organised by non-profit-making organisations subsidised by the Community Participation Funding Programme

on Equal Opportunities; TV and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs); youth mentorship programme; school drama performances; seminars and training courses for employers, employees, educational institutions, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and community groups; production of mobile phone apps; and publicity on the internet.

In addition, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) allocated about \$13 million in each of the past 3 financial years 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, 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 variety show, TV documentary, docudrama and programmes, outdoor advertisements, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. LWB has also increased funding for subsidising the District Councils (DCs), NGOs, public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities for organising public education activities in the local communities.

- (c) In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure of EOC on conducting publicity and educational programmes on the elimination of disability discrimination is \$1.87 million. The major publicity programmes to be implemented include Community Participation Funding Programme on Equal Opportunities; 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 ongoing public education initiative, LWB will continue to earmark \$13.5 million in 2014-15 for organising territory-wide public education activities, including a TV variety show under the theme of promoting employment of persons with disabilities, TV documentary and programme, outdoor advertisements, 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1637)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare, (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 8):

- (a) On the implementation of the two United Nations human rights treaties under the purview of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, i.e. the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), please advise on the specific measures and the manpower and expenditure involved in soliciting the concluding observations of the respective committees on the implementation of the two conventions in the 2013-14 financial year.
- (b) Please advise on the specific work plans and resources earmarked for the 2014-15 financial year to follow up the concluding observations of the respective committees on implementation of the two United Nations human rights treaties as mentioned above.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

It has all along been our policy objective to help persons with disabilities develop their capabilities as well as to build a barrier-free living environment with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to participate in full both in social life and personal growth, and enjoy equal opportunities. This is the spirit and core value enshrined in UNCPRD as well as the direction of further development of rehabilitation services in Hong Kong.

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. Since the application of UNCPRD to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in August 2008, the overall recurrent expenditure of rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities has increased from \$16.6 billion to \$24 billion in 2013-14. It is estimated that the recurrent expenditure will continue to rise to \$26.6 billion in 2014-15.

Meanwhile, to promote public awareness of the spirit and core values enshrined in UNCPRD, the Administration has from 2009 onwards substantially increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from \$2 million to \$13 million. The territory-wide public education activities include TV documentary and programme, 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, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) subsidised various non-governmental organisations, public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities in organising 52 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 access 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.

As for CEDAW, the Administration is committed to the advancement of the interests and well-being of women in Hong Kong, and to discharging its obligations under the Convention. LWB, together with relevant bureaux and departments, have put in place various policies and measures to fulfill the objectives under CEDAW. Ongoing efforts have been made to enhance public understanding and awareness of CEDAW. These include organising conferences, seminars and roving exhibitions in public libraries, district community centres and government premises, distributing bilingual booklets on the text of CEDAW and on HKSAR's reports submitted under CEDAW, etc. LWB has also supported a series of community activities organised by women's groups to enhance public understanding of CEDAW and to empower women at the district and regional levels.

As an ongoing measure, we will continue to monitor the demand and effectiveness of our rehabilitation services, and support for persons with disabilities and women. For UNCRPD, subsequent to the hearing on HKSAR's initial report held in September 2012, we have been actively following up the recommendations set out in the concluding observations of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities where feasible and practicable. We will report our progress of implementation in the next report to be submitted under UNCRPD. The hearing by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the HKSAR's third report on the implementation of CEDAW will be held in October/November 2014. After the hearing, relevant bureaux and departments will follow up on the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination's recommendations to be set out in the concluding observations as appropriate.

The manpower and resources required for implementing UNCRPD and CEDAW are absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments. In 2014-15, taking into account the recommendation of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, we propose to upgrade the post of Commissioner for Rehabilitation (C for R), the focal point within the Government for matters relating to the implementation of UNCRPD, from the existing Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) rank to Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3) rank, and strengthen the establishment of the Commissioner's team by creating a Principal Executive Officer (D1) post and four non-directorate posts to enhance coordination in implementing UNCRPD and cope with the substantial growth in terms of both policy content and workload in C for R's responsibilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0025****(Question Serial No. 2580)****Head:** (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified**Programme:** (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Social Welfare, (3) Women's Interests, (4) Manpower Development, (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres, (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board and Environmental Advisory Service, (7) Subvention: Vocational Training Council (Vocational Training)**Controlling Officer:** Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Labour and Welfare**Question (Member Question No. 35):**

Regarding the records management work of the Bureau and its departments over the past 3 years:

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

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

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

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

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

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear meters 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 in respect of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Social Welfare Department (SWD) and Labour Department (LD) is provided at Annex 1, Annex 2 and Annex 3 respectively.

Records Management in LWB

- (1) In LWB, one Departmental Records Manager (DRM) (at Chief Management Services Officer rank) and one Assistant DRM (at Senior Executive Officer rank) are designated to perform records management related duties in addition to their bureau administration duties in the Administrative and Resource Management Unit. In addition, staff in different divisions, teams, units and registries are also involved in records management, among other duties. Since records management is part of the work of LWB's staff, the number of officers and the hours of work involved cannot be separately accounted for.
- (2) Records which have been closed pending transfer to the GRS for appraisal from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres (LM) of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative Records	1962 to 2007	616 (33.4 LM)	2 to 5 years	Most of them are open records
Programme Records	-	-	-	-

- (3) From 2011-12 to 2013-14, LWB had not transferred any records to GRS for retention.
- (4) The information of records approved for destruction by GRS from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is tabulated below –

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and LM of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative records	1964 to 2009	2 938 (147.1 LM)	Not applicable (N/A) (Records concerned were destroyed by the bureau upon approval by GRS)	2 to 7 years	Most of them are open records
Programme Records	1980 to 2005	121 (6 LM)	N/A (Records concerned were destroyed by the bureau upon approval by GRS)	7 years	No

Records Management in SWD

- (1) In SWD, one DRM (at Chief Executive Officer rank), 11 Assistant DRMs (at Senior Executive Officer rank or equivalent) are designated to perform records management related duties in addition to their own spheres of work in their respective offices. In addition, staff in different offices are also involved in records management, among other duties. Since records management is part of the work of SWD's staff, the number of officers and the hours of work involved cannot be separately accounted for.
- (2) Records which have been closed pending transfer to the GRS for appraisal from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres (LM) of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative Records	1962 to 2014	20 181 (614.3 LM)	6 months to 7 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	Most of them are open records
Programme Records	1952 to 2014	73 291 (1 035.9 LM)	3 months to 7 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	Most of them are open records

- (3) Records which have been transferred to GRS for retention from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and LM of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative Records	1972 to 2012	3 755 (234.5 LM)	2011 to 2014	6 months to 7 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	No
Programme Records	1964 to 2014	27 330 (598.8 LM)	2011 to 2014	2 to 7 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	Most of them are open records

(4) The information of records approved for destruction by GRS from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is tabulated below –

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and LM of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative Records	1959 to 2013	46 473 (806.2 LM)	N/A (Records concerned were destroyed by the Department upon GRS' approval given)	3 months to 7 years	Most of them are open records
Programme Records	1960 to 2014	483 365 (3 859.1 LM)	Some in 2009 to 2014, while others were destroyed by the Department upon GRS' approval given	1 month to 18 years	Most of them are open records

Records Management in LD

- (1) In LD, one DRM (at Chief Executive Officer rank) and two Assistant DRMs (at Senior Executive Officer and Executive Officer I rank) are designated to perform records management related duties in addition to their own spheres of work in their respective offices. In addition, staff in different divisions, offices, sections, units and registries are also involved in records management, among other duties. Since records management is part of the work of LD's staff, the number of officers and the hours of work involved cannot be separately accounted for.
- (2) Records which have been closed pending transfer to the GRS for appraisal from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres (LM) of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative Records	1987 to 2014	213 (10 LM)	3 to 5 years	Most of them are open records
Programme Records	1993 to 2014	1 236 (82 LM)	5 to 25 years	Most of them are open records

- (3) Records which have been transferred to GRS for retention from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and LM of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative Records	1970 to 2008	3 (1 LM)	2012 to 2013	2 years	No
Programme Records	-	-	-	-	-

- (4) The information of records approved for destruction by GRS from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is tabulated below –

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and 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	3 161 (143 LM)	N/A	2 to 5 years	Most of them are open records
Programme Records	1946 to 2012	305 493 (2 817 LM)	N/A	1 to 10 years	Most of them are open records

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0026

(Question Serial No. 2024)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

People receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or other allowances may secure employment again or change jobs and work in other occupations with higher earnings as a result of the immediate policy to introduce the Low-income Working Family Allowance, and their increase in income may stop them from receiving CSSA or other allowances. Please provide the estimated amount of reduced expenditure as a result of the initiative and give an account of the projection method.

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

Reply:

Different government assistance schemes have their own policy objectives and hence have adopted different eligible criteria. The proposed Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) aims to encourage self-reliance through active employment among low-income working families, while support will also be given to promote upward mobility of children and youths of these families to help break the vicious cycle of inter-generational poverty. We hope that LIFA will help keep these families from falling into or remaining in the net of CSSA or some other allowance schemes. We are targeting to implement the LIFA Scheme in 2015 and will monitor the situation closely upon the implementation of LIFA including its impact on CSSA and other allowance schemes.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2123)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 10):

- (1) Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2013-14, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2014-15.
- (2) Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2013-14, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2014-15.
- (3) Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2013-14, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The information sought in (1), (2) and (3) is provided as follows:

The expenditure on salaries for the Secretary and the Political Assistant (the position of which was vacant from 25 August to 30 October 2013) in the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in 2013-14 is \$3.38 million and \$0.96 million respectively. The position of Under Secretary has not yet been filled. For budgetary purpose, the salary provision earmarked for the positions of Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant in LWB for 2014-15 is \$3.38 million, \$2.54 million and \$1.18 million respectively.

We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the above officials in 2013-14 and no provision for such has been reserved in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1955)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 37):

On Disability Discrimination, will the Administration advise this Committee of:

- (a) the numbers of cases relating to disability discrimination received over the past 3 years (as at 2013-14);
- (b) how the above cases are handled;
- (c) publicity and education programmes conducted over the past 3 years (as at 2013-14), the expenditure involved and details of the programmes;
- (d) the estimated expenditure for and details of publicity and education programmes to be conducted in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (a) The number of new complaints received by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance in the past 3 years is as follows:

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-February)
426	388	329

- (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 position of the complaints received in past 3 years was as follows:

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end February)
Investigation discontinued due to lacking in substance or other reasons	313	246	171
Conciliation attempted	113	126	57
In progress	0	16	101

- (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 was around \$1.9 million in 2011-12, \$2.71 million in 2012-13 and \$1.3 million in 2013-14.

The public education and publicity programmes in the past 3 years included weekly radio programmes; television (TV) docudrama; outdoor advertisements; roving exhibitions; various programmes organised by non-profit making organisations subsidised by the Community Participation Funding Programme on Equal Opportunities; TV and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs); youth mentorship programme; school drama performances, seminars and training courses for employers, employees, educational institutions, non-governmental organisations (NGOs); and community groups; production of mobile phone apps; and publicity on the internet.

In addition, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) allocated about \$13 million in each of the past 3 financial years 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, 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 variety show, TV documentary, docudrama and programmes, outdoor advertisements, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. LWB has also increased funding for subsidising the District Councils (DCs), NGOs, public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities for organising public education activities in the local communities.

- (d) In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure of EOC on conducting publicity and educational programmes on elimination of disability discrimination is \$1.87 million. The major publicity programmes to be implemented include Community Participation Funding Programme on Equal Opportunities, 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 ongoing public education initiative, LWB will continue to earmark \$13.5 million in 2014-15 for organising territory-wide public education activities, including a TV variety show under the theme of promoting employment of persons with disabilities, TV documentary and programme, outdoor advertisements, 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1956)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 38):

The Administration states that it will continue to promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Convention) in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC), the rehabilitation sector and the community at large. Please give an account of the details and expenditure on the promotion of the Convention in 2013-14; whether a review on the implementation of the Convention in Hong Kong has been conducted; and the estimated expenditure and details of the promotional efforts in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2013-14, 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 persons with disabilities 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.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) earmarked about \$13.5 million in 2013-14 for organising territory-wide and local public education activities, in collaboration with RAC, to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society and the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention. The territory-wide public education activities launched in 2013-14 included TV documentary and programme, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. In tandem, apart from provision of subsidies to 18 Districts Councils (DCs) for holding relevant public education activities in local communities, LWB subsidised various non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities in organising 52 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. 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 involved was absorbed under the respective expenditure heads.

In 2013-14, 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.

As an ongoing initiative, LWB will continue to earmark about \$13.5 million in 2014-15 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 to be launched in 2014-15 include a TV variety show under the theme of promoting employment of persons with disabilities, TV documentary and programme, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. In tandem, LWB will continue to subsidise the 18 DCs, NGOs, public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities in organising relevant public education activities in local communities in order to spread the message of barrier-free and inclusiveness to the community at large.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1957)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 39):

It is mentioned under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15* that the Bureau will monitor measures designed to promote barrier-free facilities and services and continue to oversee the implementation of the retrofitting programme to upgrade barrier-free facilities in government and Housing Authority premises. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How much expenditure had been allocated for improving barrier-free facilities and services over the past 3 years?
- (b) What were the details and contents of the efforts on promoting barrier-free facilities in 2013-14?
- (c) What is the estimated expenditure for this initiative in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) & (b) To speed up the process of improving the accessibility of government and Housing Authority (HA) premises, public housing and connecting road facilities, the Administration has, since 2011, been taking 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 HA premises 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.

It has also been the established practice of the Government to provide barrier-free access facilities at public walkways where technically feasible (i.e. the Original Programme). Currently, there are 158 technically feasible items under the Original Programme. As at end-February 2014, investigation work of these items has been completed, with retrofitting works of two items being completed, 62 under construction and 94 under design. The works of these items will be completed by phases from 2014 to 2018.

In August 2012, the Government launched the new policy on Universal Accessibility which aims at further enhancing the barrier-free facilities for existing public walkways and lift installations at about 250 public walkways were proposed. The Government had consulted the district councils in the first quarter of 2013 on the priority for implementing these public suggestions for retrofitting of lifts. Technical feasibility studies for the three priority projects identified by each district council are largely completed and the Government is consulting various district councils on the study findings and will proceed with detailed design for the feasible items. After implementation of the priority items in the Expanded Programme, the Government will review the implementation schedule for the remaining items taking into account the progress of works, views of the district councils, construction market capacity, resources of the departments and response from the public, etc.

In addition, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has allocated about \$13 million in each of the past three years 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.

- (c) In 2014-15, we will continue to press ahead with the remaining works under the retrofitting programme with a view to completing them by end-June 2014 as scheduled, while a small proportion of the improvement works at HA premises will be completed by 2016-17 to tie in with the lift modernisation programme for public housing estates. As an ongoing public education initiative, LWB has earmarked \$13.5 million in 2014-15 for organising territory-wide and local public education activities to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1958)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 41):

The Administration states that it will facilitate and encourage the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community. What are the details of the scheme? And what is the estimated expenditure for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

We propose to allocate an additional annual recurrent expenditure of about \$360 million for the continued enhancement of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, thereby facilitating and encouraging the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community. This covers –

- (a) some \$152 million for regularising three Community Care Fund programmes, including provision of a training subsidy for children with disabilities from low-income families to pay for self-financing services while waitlisting for subvented pre-school services; and provision of subsidies for persons with severe physical disabilities living in the community to cover their expenses for renting medical equipment and purchase of medical consumables, and provide one-stop integrated support services co-ordinated by case managers in accordance with their needs;
- (b) some \$93 million for increasing the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities to strengthen the care and support for ageing service users;
- (c) some \$40 million for regularising the Pilot Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities, with the cap of subsidised places in each home raised from 55% to 70% and the number of places to be bought increased from 300 to 450;
- (d) some \$42 million for strengthening community support for persons with disabilities including: to provide 442 additional places of short-term day and residential care services for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above; strengthen the manpower of the District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities and introduce a case management service approach; enhance sign language interpretation services for persons with hearing impairment; and enhance the support for the operation and development of self-help groups;
- (e) some \$22 million for providing 331 additional rehabilitation services places for persons with disabilities;
- (f) some \$9 million for enhancing the services of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness with a view to dovetailing with the Hospital Authority's "Case Management Programme" and providing service to more people in need; and

- (g) some \$2 million for upgrading the Commissioner for Rehabilitation post and strengthening the establishment of the Commissioner's team to enhance co-ordination among various bureaux and departments in implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Moreover, the Government will allocate an additional funding of \$17 million consisting of \$13 million for capital expenditure and \$4 million for recurrent expenditure in 2014-15 for procuring six new buses, replacing seven existing ones of high vehicle age, and employing additional drivers and management staff to further enhance the Rehabus service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0455)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 21):

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 Pilot Scheme was launched in June 2010 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 for the first three years (i.e. from June 2010 to June 2013). To allow us time to conduct a comprehensive review on the Pilot Scheme, we have earmarked an additional \$1.4 million for extending the existing Pilot Scheme for one year (i.e. until July 2014) as a tide-over arrangement during the review period. About 7 450 residents of RCHEs have hitherto benefited from the Pilot Scheme.
- (b) As at end-February 2014, the visiting pharmacists had paid 5 851 visits to a total of 79 RCHEs, provided 21 286 service hours, completed 8 595 medication reconciliations and 6 762 medication reviews, and answered 182 calls via a telephone hotline.
- (c) We are conducting a review on the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme, and will, in the light of the review findings, consider the way forward.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0459)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 25):

Regarding the Elderly Commission's work to explore the feasibility of introducing residential care service vouchers for the elderly, what is the progress so far? Has the Administration set any specific timetable? What are the manpower and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The Chief Executive announced in his 2014 Policy Address that the Elderly Commission (EC) would be tasked to conduct a study on the feasibility of introducing a residential care services (RCS) voucher scheme and report to the Government in a year's time and also to prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan within two years. At its meeting held on 10 March 2014, the Legislative Council (LegCo) Welfare Services Panel supported the government's proposal to create, within the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), a small dedicated team, to be led by a directorate officer at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) rank and supported by one Senior Administrative Officer and one Personal Secretary I, for a period of two years to assist EC with these tasks. LWB plans to submit the proposal to LegCo's Establishment Subcommittee at its meeting on 30 April 2014 and then to LegCo's Finance Committee on 16 May 2014. The additional notional annual salary cost of the proposed time-limited AOSGC post at mid-point is about \$1.7 million and the full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff on-cost, is about \$2.5 million. As for the two non-directorate posts, the additional notional annual salary cost at mid-point is about \$1.5 million and the full annual average staff cost of these two posts is about \$2.3 million.

EC will mainly take forward its study on the RCS voucher scheme through its existing Working Group on Long-term Care Model, and will commission consultants to assist it with the task. The expenditure for commissioning the consultants, which is yet to be ascertained, will be absorbed by LWB. If it is considered feasible to run a RCS voucher pilot scheme, the Government will provide the necessary resources. In this connection, the Government has earmarked about \$800 million to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 RCS vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1283)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 1):

In paragraph 154 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary mentions: "Besides the major new initiatives mentioned earlier, Government will enhance services for persons with disabilities, involving an additional expenditure of about \$360 million per year." In this regard, will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the major new initiatives and the enhanced services that involve additional expenditure?
- (b) whether manpower and resources have been strengthened to cater for the enhanced services that involve additional expenditure? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

We propose to allocate an additional annual recurrent expenditure of about \$360 million for the continued enhancement of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, thereby facilitating the development of the potential of persons with disabilities and their full integration into the community. This covers –

- (a) some \$152 million for regularising relevant Community Care Fund programmes, including provision of a training subsidy for children with disabilities from low-income families to pay for self-financing services while waitlisting for subvented pre-school services; and provision of subsidies for persons with severe physical disabilities living in the community to cover their expenses for renting medical equipment and purchase of medical consumables, and provide one-stop integrated support services co-ordinated by case managers in accordance with their needs;
- (b) some \$93 million for increasing the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities to strengthen the care and support for ageing service users;
- (c) some \$40 million for regularising the Pilot Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities, with the cap of subsidised places in each home raised from 55% to 70% and the number of places to be bought increased from 300 to 450;
- (d) some \$42 million for strengthening community support for persons with disabilities including: to provide 442 additional places of short-term day and residential care services for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above; strengthen the manpower of the District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities and introduce a case management service approach; enhance sign language interpretation services for persons with hearing impairment; and enhance the support for the operation and development of self-help groups;

- (e) some \$22 million for providing 331 additional rehabilitation services places for persons with disabilities;
- (f) some \$9 million for enhancing the services of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness with a view to dovetailing with the Hospital Authority's "Case Management Programme" and providing service to more people in need; and
- (g) some \$2 million for upgrading the Commissioner for Rehabilitation post and strengthening the establishment of the Commissioner's team to enhance co-ordination among various bureaux and departments in implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0035

(Question Serial No. 1297)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 10):

Regarding vocational training, would the Administration please advise the following:

- (a) Please set out by subject the number of training places of courses relating to elderly care services or services for persons with disabilities and the respective enrolment, completion, employment and wastage rates in the past three years;
- (b) Given the long-term shortage of manpower in elderly care services or services for persons with disabilities, has the Administration estimated the number of shortfall in these sectors? How will manpower training help improve such shortage problem? Are there any targets and timetable in place for addressing the shortage problem?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) With the support of the University Grants Committee (UGC), the student intakes of Bachelor of Science (Hons) Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Science (Hons) Physiotherapy 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 respectively in the 2012-15 triennium. The first-year first-degree places in nursing have also been increased by 40. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the enrolment, graduation and employment of the students of these programmes.

To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University has launched a two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and a two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme since January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage graduates from these two programmes to join the welfare sector, SWD has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in 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. 58 students have completed the programmes in February 2014. The second cohort of the programmes, with a total intake of 60 students, has started in January 2014.

SWD has collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise a two-year Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme since 2006. So far, 14 classes covering 1 800 training places have been offered. This EN Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Government. Trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. The numbers of enrolment in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 were 220, 320 and 320 respectively. Among the six classes conducted in these three years, only one class commenced in 2011-12 with 150 training places has been completed. 130 have graduated from this class and SWD is following up the employment

position of the graduates. The other five classes are still ongoing, so the related information on graduation and employment is not yet available. Another eight classes will be organised in the coming four years.

Training courses for Health Workers (HWs) are offered by different training bodies including NGOs, self-financed institutes and tertiary institutions. As at end-January 2014, there were 34 training bodies, organising 61 approved training courses for HWs for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly. In the past three years, about 1 500 persons registered as HWs each year after taking these approved training courses. Since the HW training courses are organised by the training bodies themselves, they are not required to report statistics on enrolment, graduation, employment and wastage rates to the Administration.

To cope with the demand for frontline care staff and provide the younger generation with more employment options, a “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme was launched in 2013, funded by the Lotteries Fund, to provide 200 training places for young people to work in residential care homes for the elderly. Apart from receiving on-the-job training, these young people are also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue studies which equip them for moving up the career ladder in the welfare sector. Since this pilot scheme has been well received, the Administration has earmarked funding to provide an additional 1 000 places in the coming few years and extend its coverage to the rehabilitation services.

- (b) The Administration will continue to closely monitor the manpower situation in the elderly care and rehabilitation services sectors and put in place appropriate measures accordingly. Apart from the training programmes mentioned in (a) 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.

Separately, the Elderly Commission will formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan. In this connection, the Administration is separately implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Users (Special Scheme) whereby NGOs owning land are encouraged to provide more diversified services, particularly for the elderly and person with disabilities, through redevelopment or expansion on their sites. This Special Scheme will provide a basis for longer-term planning for premises and manpower for elderly and rehabilitation services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0036****(Question Serial No. 1544)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

In paragraph 154 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary has mentioned "the extension of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to eligible children with disabilities under the age of 12, and the phased extension of the Scheme to green minibuses (GMBs), involving an additional expenditure of \$176 million per year". In this regard, would the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the detailed expenditure of the Scheme and the amount of administration costs involved?
- (b) the details of the phased extension to GMBs?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The Scheme, whereby elderly persons aged 65 or above and eligible persons with disabilities^(Note) aged between 12 and 64 may travel on specific public transport modes any time at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip, was rolled out onto the general Mass Transit Railway (MTR) lines, franchised buses and major ferries routes by three phases between June 2012 and March 2013. The Scheme will be extended to eligible children with disabilities^(Note) aged below 12 in May/June 2014. The estimated expenditure for the Scheme in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is as follows –

	2013-14 (Revised Estimate) \$ '000	2014-15 (Estimate) \$ '000
(i) Estimated reimbursement of revenue forgone to MTR Corporation Limited, franchised bus and ferry operators	506,137	594,187
(ii) Operational expenses	13,438	18,860
(iii) One-off cost for setting up a centralised settlement platform and related system enhancement for the Scheme	3,202	2,740
Total	522,777	615,787

- (b) There are at present over 150 GMB operators involving more than 480 routes and 3 000 vehicles. Many of these operators are small in business scale with different financial positions and accounting arrangements. The Transport Department is exploring with the GMB trade and Octopus Cards Limited to resolve the technical, operational, accounting and auditing issues involved in our proposed extension of the Scheme to GMBs in phases starting from the first quarter of 2015.

^(Note) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0037****(Question Serial No. 2455)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 857):

What is the existing establishment of the Office of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare? What is the estimated salary provision for each officer under such an establishment (including the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant, if any) for this year (i.e. 2014-15)?

Post/Rank	No.	Estimated salary provision per officer	Remarks

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Apart from the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant, the establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office (the Office) under Programme (1) in Labour and Welfare Bureau includes 7 civil servants (1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Personal Assistant, 1 Senior Personal Secretary, 1 Personal Secretary I, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Personal Chauffeur) for providing administrative support to the Office.

For budgetary purpose, the salary provision earmarked for the positions of Secretary, Under Secretary, Political Assistant and the 7 civil servants in the Office for 2014-15 is \$3.38 million, \$2.54 million, \$1.18 million and \$4.54 million respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 3256)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 597):

- (1) What was the actual staff establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office in 2012-13? What were the actual salaries, allowances, job-related allowances and contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) or the Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) of all the posts/ranks respectively?
- (2) What is the revised staff establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office in 2013-14? What are the revised salaries, allowances, job-related allowances and contributions to the MPF or the CSPF of all the posts/ranks respectively?
- (3) What is the estimated staff establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office in 2014-15? What are the estimated salaries, allowances, job-related allowances and contributions to the MPF or the CSPF of all the posts/ranks respectively?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought in (1), (2) and (3) is provided as follows:

Apart from the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant, the establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office (the Office) under Programme (1) in Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) includes 7 civil servants (1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Personal Assistant, 1 Senior Personal Secretary, 1 Personal Secretary I, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Personal Chauffeur) for providing administrative support to the Office.

The actual expenditure on salaries for the Office in 2012-13 and 2013-14 and the provision earmarked for 2014-15 are listed in the table below¹:

Year	Secretary	Under Secretary	Political Assistant ²	Civil Servants
2012-13	\$3.40 million	Unfilled	\$0.84 million	\$4.19 million
2013-14	\$3.40 million	Unfilled	\$0.97 million	\$4.18 million
2014-15	\$3.40 million	\$2.55 million	\$1.20 million	\$4.71 million

¹ The figures on Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant include salary and contributions to the MPF, whereas those on civil servants include salary and allowances.

² The position was vacant from 1 July to 12 November 2012, and from 25 August to 30 October 2013.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0912)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 2):

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Administration will "conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies, and participate in key international and regional fora on women matters". In this regard, how many large-scale activities has the Administration organised or co-organised in the past two years? Please provide an overview of the activities, as well as details of the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

In 2012-13 and 2013-14, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) assisted the Women's Commission in organising six large-scale activities including forums, conference, cocktail receptions and meeting, as listed below –

2012-13

- A public consultation forum on whether to implement the "parental responsibility model" by legislative means.
- Forum on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Universities jointly organised with the Equal Opportunities Commission.
- A cocktail reception in celebration of the International Women's Day (IWD) 2013 cum exhibition on gender mainstreaming.
- A large-scale conference 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.

2013-14

- Meeting with women lawyers from the Mainland and Southeast Asia to exchange views on women issues in Hong Kong.
- A cocktail reception in celebration of IWD 2014 cum exhibition on the Capacity Building Mileage Programme and support services to facilitate women employment.

The resources involved were absorbed by LWB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0913)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 3):

In recent years, abuse cases of foreign domestic helpers by employers have attracted considerable public attention. It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Administration will "continue to oversee measures to combat domestic violence". Will the measures formulated by the Administration cover and focus on cases of violence encountered by foreign domestic helpers living with the family of their employers? If so, please set out the details of the measures and the estimated expenditure involved; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

The Government attaches great importance to protecting the rights of foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) in Hong Kong. We do not tolerate any form of abuse of them, be it physical or otherwise. As a matter of fact, FDHs enjoy equal statutory rights and benefits under the local labour laws as local employees. FDHs are further protected by a Standard Employment Contract prescribed by the Government particularly for them. Employers are required to provide FDHs free medical treatment, food and accommodation during the employment.

To enhance FDHs' awareness of safeguarding themselves and reporting abuses by employers, the Labour Department will continue and strengthen its publicity and educational efforts through different channels, such as placing newspaper advertisements in Hong Kong's Indonesian and Filipino newspapers and increasing the frequency of staging information kiosks at the locations that FDHs usually gather. Announcements in the Public Interest on television will also be made to remind employers of the importance of proper treatment of their FDHs. About \$2 million is earmarked for such publicity and educational activities in 2014-15. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to provide people in need including, among others, FDHs abused by their employers with support services including emotional support, temporary accommodation and referral through Integrated Family Service Centres and the Family Crisis Support Centre in 2014-15. The resources involved will be absorbed by SWD and cannot be separately identified.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0041****(Question Serial No. 1952)**

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 (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 1):

The Government will provide the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) to support disadvantaged children. Please provide the numbers of children below the age of 18 in the territory, whose household income are 50%, 60%, 70% and 80% of the median income, and the numbers of beneficiaries of the LIFA.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

Eligible families under the proposed Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) must not be on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance. They are required to pass the relevant income test and asset test as well as meet the working hour requirement. Under our proposal, LIFA will have a two-tier income test under which eligible families with income equivalent to or below 50% of the median monthly domestic household income (MMDHI) may receive full allowance, while eligible families with income above 50% but not higher than 60% of MMDHI may receive half-rate allowance. Eligible families may also receive a child allowance for each child in the family who is aged below 15 or aged 15-21 receiving full time education (but not post-secondary education). According to our initial estimate, over 180 000 eligible children may benefit from the LIFA.

According to the 2012 General Household Survey conducted by the Census and Statistics Department, the number of children aged below 18 in the territory with breakdown purely by household income range is as follows—

Household Income Range	Number of Children Aged below 18
<=50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI)	246 300
>50% - 60% of MMDHI	89 800
>60% - 70% of MMDHI	88 500
>70% - 80% of MMDHI	64 100

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 3092)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 117):

On improving the elderly's quality of life, please advise this Committee on the followings:

(a) The number of Hong Kong elderly persons settled in Guangdong (GD) in the past 5 years, with the respective numbers of those living alone and those living in elderly homes; the number of Hong Kong elderly persons who had settled in GD but finally returned to Hong Kong in the past 5 years, with the number of those subsequently applied for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance; and the data based on which the Administration assessed the demand of Hong Kong elderly persons for retiring to the Mainland;

(b) It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Administration will "oversee the implementation of a Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in GD". Please give a brief account of the contents of scheme and the expenditure involved; and

(c) The Administration will launch a pilot scheme to purchase residential care places from elderly homes run by Hong Kong non-governmental organisations in the Mainland. Please advise on the expenditure involved and number of places to be purchased, and what the Administration's projections are based on.

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

(a) According to a survey conducted by the Census and Statistics Department in 2011, around 46 000 Hong Kong residents who were aged 65 or above at that time resided in GD or stayed there substantially (i.e. staying for a period of at least one month in the past six months before the time of enumeration). Under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme, recipients residing in GD or Fujian may receive CSSA therein. As at the end of December 2013, there were 1 879 PCSSA cases in GD. The number of cases of PCSSA recipients in GD who chose to return to Hong Kong for resettlement and continued to receive CSSA after return to Hong Kong in the past 5 years is as follows:

<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14 (as at end of December 2013)</u>
109	107	112	109	80

(b) and (c) We will launch a pilot scheme to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights, an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong non-governmental organisation (NGO)) to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to choose to live therein. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO. Actual expenditure will depend on the number of intake of eligible elderly persons which is dictated by the wish and choice of the elderly persons concerned. The Social Welfare Department will start inviting eligible elderly persons to consider joining the pilot scheme in the second quarter of 2014 and start arranging placements at the Shenzhen Home starting from the third quarter of 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0043

(Question Serial No. 1650)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 69):

It is mentioned under this Programme that 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”. Would the Administration please advise on the following:

1. How many activities related to women affairs were organised by the Women Commission (WoC) stream and the District Council (DC) stream respectively under the Funding Scheme in the past three years? How many groups or organisations were engaged? How many participants were there in these activities?
2. Please list the types of activities organised by the WoC stream in the past year; and
3. Has the Administration reviewed regularly the effectiveness and resource requirements of the Funding Scheme? If yes, what are the details of the review? Will additional provision be required in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In 2012-13 and 2013-14, an amount of \$2 million was set aside by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) each year for the Women’s Commission (WoC) to implement the Funding Scheme. Around \$1 million was allocated to women’s groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in organising activities to support the theme set by WoC for that particular year (WoC Stream), while the remaining \$1 million was allocated for the 18 District Councils to organise district activities in collaboration with local women’s groups as appropriate (DC Stream). The number of projects approved under the Funding Scheme as well as the numbers of organisers and participants therein are provided in the table below –

	WoC Stream		DC Stream	
	2012-13	2013-14	2012-13	2013-14
Number of projects	20	22	22	25
Number of organisers	22	22	22	25
Number of participants	20 000	27 000	15 000	25 000

2. Projects approved under the WoC stream in 2013-14 included a wide range of activities under the theme of “Women Wellness” to enhance the participants’ awareness of their physical and mental health. The activities included workshops, seminars, health checks, sharing sessions, training programmes, physical exercises, exhibitions, carnivals, competitions, surveys, day camps, visiting elderly, interest classes and voluntary services.

3. Evaluation surveys were conducted on the projects implemented under the Funding Scheme. According to evaluation surveys completed by participants of the programmes, most of the participants found the projects satisfactory and useful. The participants also expressed their interest in joining similar projects in the future. LWB will continue to allocate \$2 million for implementation of the Funding Scheme in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0044****(Question Serial No. 1651)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 70):

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Bureau will work with relevant parties to enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Would the Administration please advise on the following:

1. the respective numbers and proportions of male and female non-official members of all government ASBs in the past 5 years;
2. among the non-official members appointed by the Government to serve on 3 ASBs or more, the respective numbers and proportions of male and female members in the past 5 years;
3. the list of ASBs with no female non-official members at present;
4. whether the Administration will consider raising the 30% gender benchmark for non-official members of ASBs and implementing measures to attract more capable women to participate in community and public service.

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The numbers and proportions of male and female non-official members of all Government ASBs in the past 5 years are set out below:

	Number of non-official appointments (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2009	4 168 (72.7%)	1 567 (27.3%)
2010	4 051 (70.9%)	1 663 (29.1%)
2011	3 966 (68.7%)	1 805 (31.3%)
2012	3 871 (67.5%)	1 866 (32.5%)
2013	4 038 (67.6%)	1 936 (32.4%)

- (2) The numbers and proportions of male and female non-official members appointed by the Government to serve on 3 ASBs or more in the past 5 years are set out below:

	Number of non-official members serving 3 ASBs or more (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2009	334 (69.0%)	150 (31.0%)
2010	346 (69.2%)	154 (30.8%)
2011	343 (67.7%)	164 (32.3%)
2012	308 (61.7%)	191 (38.3%)
2013	323 (61.1%)	206 (38.9%)

- (3) For ASBs with Government appointed non-official members, those without female non-official member appointed by the Government are set out at [Annex](#).
- (4) Taking into account the advice of the Women's Commission, the Administration set in 2004 a gender benchmark of 25% as a working target for appointment to ASBs. The gender benchmark was subsequently, in June 2010, raised to 30%. As at the end of 2013, 32.4% of the appointments to ASBs were taken up by female members. The Administration will closely monitor the developments before deciding whether; and if so when, to increase the 30% gender benchmark.

In the meantime, we will continue with our proactive effort to attract capable women to participate in community and public service. We will continue to invite women's associations and professional organisations to nominate female members for inclusion into the Central Personality Index held by the Home Affairs Bureau. We will remind Bureaux / Departments from time to time of the requirement to vigorously consider appointing female members to ASBs under their purviews.

**ASBs without Female Non-official Member Appointed by the Government
(as at 28 February 2014)**

Asbestos Administration Committee
Board of Directors of Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme
Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Arts Centre
Committee on Slot Complaints
Council on Professional Conduct in Education
District Council, Central & Western
District Council, Islands
District Council, Kwun Tong
District Council, Sai Kung
District Council, Sham Shui Po
District Council, Southern
District Council, Tai Po
District Council, Tuen Mun
District Council, Wan Chai
District Council, Wong Tai Sin
District Council, Yuen Long
Expanded Building Committee
Hong Kong Port Development Council
Hong Kong Rotary Club Students' Loan Fund & Sing Tao Charitable Foundation Students' Loan Fund Joint Selection Committee
Investment Committee of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee, Hong Kong
Quality Education Fund Investment Committee
Risk Management Committee of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Road Safety Council
Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund Investment Committee
Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training
Steering Committee for Research Themes under the Research Endowment Fund
Steering Committee on Innovation and Technology
Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles
Tang Shiu Kin & Ho Tim Charitable Fund Management Committee
Technical Committee on the Minor Works Control System
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2999)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 38):

The revised estimate for 2013-14 for the programme of Women's Interests under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) is \$25.3 million, 14.5% lower than the original estimate of \$29.6 million. However, the Administration will allocate to Women's Interests the estimated provision of \$29.6 million in 2014-15, which is \$4.3 million (17%) higher than the revised estimate for 2013-14. In view of the substantial change, please advise on the following:

- (1) Can the Administration explain in detail why the revised estimate for 2013-14 is 14.5% lower than the original estimate and list the items, manpower resources and allocation of actual expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (2) Although the Bureau has given a reason for the additional provision in 2014-15, can the Bureau list the items, manpower resources and financial arrangements involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (3) The estimated provision for the programme in 2014-15 is the same as the original estimate in 2013-14, which amounts to \$29.6 million. It indicates that no progress has been made in the allocation of resources for promoting Women's Interests. Can the Administration explain in detail why no additional provision is allocated? If not, what are the reasons?
- (4) The Bureau states that in 2014-15, it will keep under review policies and services related to women and promote the development of new or improved services, including new models and good practices. Can the Administration provide details on the specific plans and list the items, manpower resources and financial arrangements involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (5) The Bureau states that in 2014-15, it will prepare for the hearing of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's (HKSAR) third report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Can the Administration provide details on the progress and timetable? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The difference between the original estimate of \$29.6 million and revised estimates of \$25.3 million for 2013-14 in Programme (3) under Head 141 was mainly due to the savings achieved in –
 - (a) public education and publicity activities organised by the Women's Commission (WoC);
 - (b) participation in regional and international conferences; and
 - (c) departmental expense and personal emoluments.

- (2) The revised estimate in 2013-14 is \$25.3 million while the estimated provision for 2014-15 is \$29.6 million, representing an increase of \$4.3 million (17%). In 2014-15, in addition to implementing on-going initiatives such as the Funding Scheme for Women's Development and the Capacity Building Mileage Programme, WoC will produce a television series on women issues and compile a report to publicise the work of WoC. We will also continue with our efforts in promoting gender mainstreaming, organising seminars on anti-sexual harassment in secondary schools as well as conducting a survey on the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents and women employment.
- (3) LWB will keep in view the actual expenditure pattern and may consider adjusting the expenditure in the light of changing circumstances.
- (4) LWB has been working with WoC to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. Representatives of bureaux and departments are invited to brief WoC on their policies and programmes, and members provide advice and recommendations to them from the gender perspective. Bureaux and departments follow up on the advice and recommendations as appropriate and update WoC on the progress from time to time. In 2014-15, LWB will continue to work with WoC in providing advice to bureaux and departments on policies and programmes which are of concern to women. The manpower and expenditure involved are absorbed by LWB.
- (5) The hearing by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (the Committee) on the HKSAR's third report on the implementation of CEDAW will be held in October/November 2014. Upon the hearing, relevant bureaux and departments will follow up on the Committee's recommendations to be set out in the concluding observations as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1772)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 61):

With regard to the skills centres operated by the Vocational Training Council, will the Administration inform this Council:

What are the specific operation details (including course information) and expenditures of the skills centres in 2014-15? Will the Administration assess the effects of the project? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? In the past three years, what are the employment rates of persons with disabilities after receiving training in the skills centres?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

The three Shine Skills Centres run by the Vocational Training Council (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, catering and hotel housekeeping practice, health and beauty care, packaging service, programme assistant practice, and design and desktop publishing, etc. The Shine 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 involved is estimated to be \$98.7 million in 2014-15.

To ensure that the training provided meets the needs of the trainees and market demands, the Shine 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.

The placement rate of economically active graduates of the Shine Skills Centres is 87% for 2010-11 and 89% in 2011-12. The provisional placement rate for 2012-13 is 87%.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0047****(Question Serial No. 0571)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 22):

Since the provision for 2014-15 in this Programme is \$78.2 million (26.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2013-14, 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 2014-15 is \$78.2 million or 26.4% higher than the revised estimate for 2013-14. A breakdown of the increase in provision is provided below.

Description	Amount (\$ million)
Increase in cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, including the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	28.6
Increase in departmental expenses for various projects/programmes and recurrent subvention under social welfare	27.4
Increase in provision for other charges, including Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients and "financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others"	11.4
Increase in personal emoluments	10.8
Total :	78.2

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0572)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 23):

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Labour and Welfare Bureau will work out the details of providing allowance to low-income working families which are not receiving assistance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the specific arrangements in this regard and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, the proposed Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) would involve a substantial amount of public funds and provide an extensive coverage. Although the government has set the policy direction, careful deliberation is still required to work out the implementation and operational details. We are now in the process of working out the detailed arrangements.

The annual amount of allowance is estimated to be around \$3 billion. We are currently working on the estimated expenditure required for operating the LIFA scheme, including manpower and administrative costs for planning and implementing the scheme. We will in due course seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to implement the scheme in 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1567)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 4):

In paragraphs 49-56 of the Policy Address, the Chief Executive has proposed introducing a Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA). It is also mentioned in Head 141 that the Labour and Welfare Bureau will work out the details of providing allowance to low-income working families. In this regard, would the Administration inform this Committee of:

- a) the amount of administrative costs in the approximately \$3 billion annual expenditure involved in the low-income allowance as estimated by the Government;
- b) the estimated number of staff to be employed by the Government to work on this project; and
- c) whether there will be an overlap of work with other government departments if the LIFA is administered by the Efficiency Unit, thus incurring redundant administrative costs?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in the 2014 Policy Address, the Government proposes to introduce a Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA), and the annual amount of allowance involved is estimated to be around \$3 billion. While the policy direction for LIFA has been set, careful deliberation is required to work out the implementation and operational details.

We are currently working on the implementation and operational arrangements including the administrative structure, the operational procedures and work process, the manpower requirements and the estimated expenditure required for operating the LIFA scheme.

We will in due course seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to implement the scheme in 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2735)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 3):

In his Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary, the Hon. John C Tsang, stated: "Manpower, land supply and an ageing population are the major constraints to Hong Kong's future development. To overcome them, we must endeavour to nurture a wealth of suitable talent for the future, increase land supply to expand the scale of the economy, and plan well ahead for an ageing society." However, in the whole budget, no policies relating to preparation for an ageing population is found. Despite a surplus of \$12 billion this year, the Government does not use it to enhance the people's quality of life. Instead, it reduces over \$10 billion for relief measures. It makes the people think that the Government is still reluctant to help them to improve their living or to deploy resources for solving the emerging problems in future within a balanced budget.

Would the Administration advise on resources reserved for studying and formulating long-term policies or measures in preparation for an ageing population this year. If there is any, what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If none, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The Administration is conscious of the immense challenges posed by our ageing population on our healthcare and elderly services. To better prepare for the challenges ahead, the Administration has provided new resources for initiatives on these two fronts from 2014-15.

On healthcare services front, the Administration will provide an additional recurrent subvention of \$1.67 billion in 2014-15 to the Hospital Authority for meeting service demands from the increasing and changing population and further enhancing the healthcare services. Initiatives to be undertaken include the provision of additional general beds, improving the treatment of life-threatening diseases, providing additional service sessions at Accident and Emergency Departments and Specialist Outpatient Clinics, strengthening mental health services (including the provision of additional funding for anti-dementia drugs), and increasing General Outpatient Clinic episodic quota.

The Administration will also provide an additional \$796 million to the Department of Health to, among others, implement measures for meeting the service demand arising from population and demographic changes. Measures include the doubling of the annual Elderly Health Care Voucher (EHV) amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for each eligible elder and converting the EHV Scheme into a recurrent programme, developing a colorectal cancer screening pilot programme for target groups, launching the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly in residential care homes and day care centres for the elderly, and enhancing the services of the Elderly Health Centres by setting up more clinical teams.

On the research side, the Health and Medical Research Fund (HMRF), administered by the Food and Health Bureau, aims to build research capacity and to encourage, facilitate and support health and medical research to inform health policies, improve population health, strengthen the health system, enhance healthcare practices, advance standard and quality of care, and promote clinical excellence, through the generation and

application of evidence-based scientific knowledge in health and medicine. In the past two years, HMRF approved 15 research projects on elderly care, amounting to a total funding support of \$ 8.5 million.

Insofar as community support and services for elderly persons is concerned, we will provide additional subvention to elderly centres for enhancing their service, strengthen the support to elderly persons with dementia and their carers, increase the number of Enhanced Home and Community Care Services places by 1 500, as well as enhance the content of such services. For frail elderly people who need institutional care, we will allocate additional resources to provide another 950 subsidised residential care places through a multi-pronged approach. We will also raise the unit subsidies of all bought places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, and extend the continuum of care arrangement to six subvented Nursing Homes and three new contract homes. The above initiatives would involve an additional annual recurrent funding of some \$660 million.

To further promote active ageing, we plan to extend the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities to green minibuses in phases starting from the first quarter of 2015, allowing the elderly to travel around the territory with more choice of transportation means at a concessionary rate of \$2. At the same time, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has injected \$50 million into the Elder Academy Development Foundation to sustain the development of the Elder Academy Scheme.

To provide more diversified choices for elderly persons and incentivise service providers to enhance the quality of their services, the Administration is also experimenting with the new funding mode of “money-following-the-user” through the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher launched in September 2013. In 2014-15, the Elderly Commission (EC) will commence a feasibility study on introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly, with a view to preparing a report in a year’s time. A funding of about \$800 million has been earmarked to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18, should the study find it feasible to run such a scheme on a pilot basis.

EC will also formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan within two years. In this connection, LWB is separately implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Users (Special Scheme) whereby non-governmental organisations owning land are encouraged to provide more diversified services, particularly for the elderly and person with disabilities, through redevelopment or expansion on their sites. This Special Scheme will also provide a basis for longer-term planning for premises and manpower for elderly services. The Administration has already injected \$10 billion to the Lotteries Fund for the implementation of the Special Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1071)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 79):

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Administration will “oversee the planning for the extension of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to eligible persons with disabilities under the age of 12 and to cover green minibuses (GMBs)”. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) The progress of preparation for these two proposed extensions of the Scheme and their respective schedule of implementation;
- (2) As mentioned in the Policy Address, the Scheme will be “extended in phases to include green minibuses”. In this respect, please advise on the phasing arrangements of the extension, the number of routes with negotiations already completed, and the estimated number of routes that will offer fare concession in the first phase;
- (3) The GMB routes which will offer fare concession in the first phase and their fare levels;
- (4) Whether the Administration has consulted all the 18 District Councils on the phasing arrangements, with a view to identifying the GMB routes with relatively more elderly passengers and the most popular routes in the district for inclusion in the first phase; and
- (5) Whether the Administration will explore the feasibility of extending the Scheme to red minibuses in addition to GMBs. If yes, what progress is expected to be made in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) For the extension of the Scheme to eligible children with disabilities aged below 12^(Note), the Administration is working proactively with the public transport operators concerned and the Octopus Cards Limited (OCL) with a view to rolling it out in May/June 2014.

The Transport Department (TD) is also exploring with the GMB trade and OCL to resolve the technical, operational, accounting and auditing issues with a view to extending the Scheme to GMBs, in phases, starting from the first quarter of 2015.

- (2)&(3) There are currently over 150 GMB operators, involving more than 480 routes and 3 000 vehicles. Many of these operators are small in business scale with different financial positions and accounting arrangements. TD will need to separately discuss and agree with individual operators on the detailed arrangements. TD will announce in due course the details of the arrangements pertaining to the phased extension of the Scheme to GMBs.
- (4) TD has been receiving suggestions on the extension of the Scheme to GMBs from various channels including the District Councils. These will be taken into account in the formulation of the phasing arrangements.
- (5) The mode of operation of red minibuses (RMBs) is different from that of GMBs. The fare levels and day-to-day operations of RMBs are decided by the operators without the Administration's involvement. We have no plan to extend the Scheme to RMBs.

(Note) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 12 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0052

(Question Serial No. 1072)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 80):

Regarding the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong to be implemented in the coming year as mentioned under this Programme, would the Government please advise us on the following:

1. What are the details of the Scheme and the estimated expenditure in the coming year?
2. What is the number of elderly persons on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places who are residing in the Mainland?
3. As many elderly persons are suffering from chronic illnesses and need to receive follow-up consultation and care services in our healthcare system, they may not be willing to live in the residential care homes on the Mainland. How will the Administration improve the arrangements to encourage elderly persons to live in these homes? Will it, for example, designate certain public specialist clinics and hospitals to serve the participating elderly residents, or provide healthcare services to them through Hong Kong-invested hospitals on the Mainland?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows—

1. We respect the wish of those Hong Kong elderly persons who choose to retire on the Mainland, and we seek to facilitate those elderly persons who make such a choice. We will launch a pilot scheme to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights—an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong non-governmental organisation (NGO))—to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to choose to live therein. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO. Actual expenditure will depend on the number of intake of eligible elderly persons which is dictated by the wish and choice of the elderly persons concerned. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will start inviting eligible elderly persons to consider joining the pilot scheme in the second quarter of 2014 and start arranging placements at the Shenzhen Home starting from the third quarter of 2014.
2. SWD does not keep statistics on the number of elderly persons on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places who are residing on the Mainland.
3. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen is required to provide transportation services for its residents under the Pilot Scheme to attend medical follow-up treatment at the North District Hospital when such needs arise, and is also required to provide those residents with in-house medical consultation service by qualified registered medical practitioners.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0831)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

Please give details of the gender-related training provided to civil servants and a breakdown of the actual expenditure involved in 2013-14. Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the training? What are the follow-ups and estimated expenditure involved in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

In 2013-14, more than 800 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 Housing Department, Labour Department, Information Services Department and Buildings Department. Gender-related training was also included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers. In addition, regular gender-related training was arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I. Two sessions of gender-related training were particularly arranged for senior civil servants including directorate officers. To enable all civil servants to receive gender-related training in a more flexible manner, there was an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues, and a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. The workload and expenditure involved in carrying out the above measures were absorbed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB).

In 2014-15, we will continue with the above-mentioned efforts to provide gender-related training for civil servants which have proved to be effective in enhancing civil servants' awareness and sensitivity of gender-related concepts in their daily work. We will also explore with CSTDI and the Bureaux and Departments as to how we can strengthen our effort in this regard. The workload and expenditure involved will continue to be absorbed by LWB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0832)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 46):

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 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 2013-14, LWB assisted WoC in publishing a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013" to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong, and producing a new corporate video to publicise the work of WoC. In addition, we arranged a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its application. Seminars on anti-sexual harassment were also organised in secondary schools to enhance students' awareness.

In 2014-15, LWB will assist WoC in preparing for the production of a television series on women issues and compiling a report to publicise the work of WoC. We will also continue with our efforts in promoting gender mainstreaming and organising seminars on anti-sexual harassment in secondary schools. Other on-going efforts in organising various publicity and public education programmes on gender-related issues will also be continued.

The resources involved will be absorbed by LWB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2809)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 48):

The Administration has stated that it will promote the implementation of the "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" (Checklist) and gender mainstreaming (GM) concept to more policy areas through the "Gender Focal Points (GFP) Network" within the Government. Please inform this Committee of the policy areas where the above plan was implemented last year, and the relevant manpower arrangements, expenditure involved and 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?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

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 50 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and the development of batterer intervention programme, etc. The policy areas to which the Checklist was applied last year were investor education, diseases prevention and promotion of breast feeding.

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 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 give recognition to the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting GM, to showcase their successful application of 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. This has gained the support and participation of GFPs.

In 2014-15, LWB will continue to work with WoC and GFPs to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments. The resources involved will continue to be absorbed by relevant bureaux and departments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2908)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 47):

The Administration states that it will prepare for the hearing of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)'s third report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Please advise this Committee of the preparations made in the past and their effects. What was the expenditure involved last year? What are the specific plans and estimated expenditure for this year?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

The Administration is committed to the advancement of the interests and well-being of women in Hong Kong, and to discharging its obligations under CEDAW. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with relevant bureaux and departments, have put in place various policies and measures to fulfill the objectives under CEDAW. On-going efforts have been made to enhance public understanding and awareness of CEDAW. These include organising conferences, seminars and roving exhibitions in public libraries, district community centres and government premises, distributing bilingual booklets on the text of CEDAW and on HKSAR's reports submitted under CEDAW, etc. LWB has also supported a series of community activities organised by local women's groups to enhance public understanding of CEDAW.

The hearing by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (the Committee) on the HKSAR's third report on the implementation of CEDAW will be held in October/November 2014. After the hearing, relevant bureaux and departments will follow up on the Committee's recommendations to be set out in the concluding observations. The manpower and resources required are absorbed as appropriate within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0155)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 86):

What is the estimate for the pay and allowances for the Political Assistant to Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

For budgetary purpose, the salary provision earmarked for the position of Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau for 2014-15 is \$1.18 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3103)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 7):

Would the Administration advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) the studies on retirement protection undertaken by the Administration, the research units commissioned and the amount of consultancy fee paid over the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) in table form.
- (2) the work progress of the Administration in improving retirement protection in the light of the results of study reports over the past two years (2012-13 to 2013-14).
- (3) the Administration's action plan for studying and improving retirement protection in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. YIU Si-wing

Reply:

As the Chief Executive stated in the 2014 Policy Address, the Commission on Poverty (CoP) has commissioned a consultancy study by a team, with Professor Nelson Chow as the chief consultant, to assess various retirement protection schemes on the basis of the multi-pillar approach advocated by the World Bank and make recommendations on the way forward. The study commenced in May 2013. The consultancy team will submit its report to the Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force of CoP for consideration by mid-2014. The total expenditure is \$1.43 million.

In addition to the above, a Thematic Household Survey on "Retirement Planning and Financial Situation in Old Age" was conducted by the Census and Statistics Department in 2011 at the request of the Central Policy Unit (CPU). The total expenditure was \$1.17 million, which was shared among the CPU, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau. The report was provided to Professor Nelson Chow's team for reference. A copy of the report was also provided to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council in June 2013.

The Government will continue to adopt an open and pragmatic attitude in considering the way forward for retirement protection.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0059****(Question Serial No. 1273)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 44):

For care-and-attention (C&A) places in the past 3 years, please provide the numbers of elderly persons on the waiting list, those who were allocated C&A places, who withdrew their applications and who passed away while on the waiting list.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

As at end-January 2014, there were 23 558 elderly applicants on the waiting list for C&A places. The number of elderly applicants that had been on the waiting list for C&A places in 2011, 2012 and 2013 were 33 067, 34 957 and 35 773 respectively. The numbers of elderly applicants who were allocated C&A places, who withdrew their applications and who passed away while on the waiting list in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively are as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of elderly applicants		
	2011	2012	2013
Allocated with places	4 155	4 420	4 166
Withdrawal	2 303	2 353	1 968
Passed away	3 049	3 184	3 290

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0060****(Question Serial No. 1274)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 38):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is responsible for implementing the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) which provides a range of services including information giving, emotional support and accompanying services for victims of family violence. In this regard, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (1) The number of “domestic violence” cases handled or referred by SWD over the past 3 years in table form, including information such as the type of abuse, gender of victims and their habitual residence, relationship with the batterers, and whether the victims were admitted to shelters specialised for victims of domestic violence.
- (2) Some victims revealed that they were allocated to shelters not specialised for victims of domestic violence, such as the Caritas Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC), because there were insufficient places in shelters. Will the Administration provide additional shelters specialised for victims of domestic violence and increase the number of such places in the coming year? What is the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
- (3) How many transgender persons have been admitted to shelters over the past 3 years? Are there any mechanism and method for the Administration to allocate shelter places for transgender persons to avoid embarrassment to them?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) A breakdown on the domestic violence cases served by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD from 2011 to 2013 is shown below –

Nature of Abuse	2011	2012	2013
Child Abuse ^[Note 1]	2 693	2 553	2 614
Spouse/Cohabitant Battering ^[Note 1]	5 456	5 221	5 196

^[Note 1] If a case has both child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering problems, the case is reported under both categories.

As the information system was only enhanced in April 2013 to capture the profile of the victims served by FCPSUs, there was no relevant statistical information before 2013. A breakdown of the gender of victims in the active cases served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2013 is as follows –

Nature of Abuse	Male	Female	Total
Child Abuse	567	696	1 263
Spouse/Cohabitant Battering	407	2 025	2 432

A breakdown on the habitual residence of the victims served by FCPSUs by district as at end-December 2013 is set out in the Annex. There is no statistical information on the victims' relationship with the abusers and whether the victims had been admitted to refuge centres for victims of domestic violence.

- (2) FCSC aims at tackling family crisis at an early stage by providing a package of integrated and easily accessible services to assist individuals or families in crisis or distress. Family members of the victims of domestic violence with no safety threat may be arranged to stay at the FCSC for temporary retreat and other support services. Besides, there are 5 refuge centres for women providing a total of 260 temporary accommodation places to women and their children affected by domestic violence or family crisis. Taking into account the fluctuating service demand, the refuge centres have exercised flexibility on case admission to meet the service demand as far as possible. There is a mutual referral mechanism among the 5 refuge centres to ensure that women and children-in-need will not be denied access to the service owing to the shortage of places in the refuge centre which the victim approaches.
- (3) From 2011 to 2013, 9 transgender persons have been admitted to the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) for temporary accommodation.

SWD has provided training for frontline social workers to enhance their understanding of and sensitivity towards service users of different sexual orientations including transgender persons. MCISC has also exercised flexibility with transgender persons on the accommodation arrangement, such as arranging single units for them as far as possible.

**Habitual Residence of Victims in the Active Cases
Served by FCPSUs by District as at 31 December 2013**

District	Child Abuse	Spouse/Cohabitant Battering
Central & Western	16	57
Eastern	84	112
Islands	21	50
Kowloon City	55	81
Kwai Tsing	94	243
Kwun Tong	120	158
North	50	139
Sai Kung	70	100
Sha Tin	67	182
Sham Shui Po	83	150
Southern	39	63
Tai Po	23	114
Tsuen Wan	30	106
Tuen Mun	112	214
Wan Chai	32	16
Wong Tai Sin	122	233
Yau Tsim Mong	28	87
Yuen Long	199	312
Others / Unknown	18	15
Total	1 263	2 432

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1740)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No 14) :

It is stated in the Brief Description of Programme (2) of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) that LWB formulates and co-ordinates welfare policies and programmes to preserve and strengthen the family. Would the Administration please inform this Committee, in 2013-14 and the new financial year, the measures adopted/to be adopted to preserve and strengthen the family, the specific details of implementation/estimated effectiveness of these measures; and the expenditure and manpower involved? In addition, has the Administration assessed the current "harmonious and pleasurable index" of local families in order to formulate appropriate measures? If not, would the Administration consider conducting relevant studies?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply :

To preserve and strengthen the families from a welfare policy perspective, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service centres, family and child protective service (including services for child abuse, spouse battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care services for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), child care centres for children aged under three, Child Care Centres Advisory Inspectorate, adoption service, and hotline service, etc.

SWD has also made use of various media channels to publicise the messages on prevention of domestic violence and strengthening families; and to promote harmonious family life, love and care among family members as well as encouraging members of the public to seek assistance early when necessary.

The estimated expenditure for family and child welfare services in 2013-14 and 2014-15 Estimate is \$2,226.5 million and \$2,342.8 million respectively.

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.

SWD has no plan to commission any consultancy study relation to the family happiness and harmony in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1741)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 15):

It is stated under Programme (1) that in 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) further enhanced the provision of Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the total number of domestic violence cases in Hong Kong and the measures taken by SWD to support victims of domestic violence over the past 3 years? In addition, how did SWD enhance the provision of the support programme in 2013 and how effective was the work?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply:

According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, there were 3 174, 2 734 and 3 836 newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively. Meanwhile, according to the statistics captured by the Child Protection Registry, there were 877, 894 and 963 newly reported child abuse cases in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively.

In the past 3 years, SWD provided a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services were provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Service 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 (MCISC), VSP, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc.

Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and MCISC, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions. From April to December 2013, 540 service users received support services under VSP.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1757)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 31):

For Programme (2), the Administration has estimated that 308 600 cases under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme will be served in 2014-15, lower than that of 316 361 cases in 2012-13. Meanwhile, the average processing time of new cases by Social Security Field Unit (SSFU) is 28 days and the waiting time before a client is attended to in SSFU is ten days. Earlier the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) ruled that holders of one-way permit residing in Hong Kong for less than seven years are eligible to apply for CSSA. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) The staff establishment details of the Social Security Assistant (SSA) Grade and Social Security Officer (SSO) Grade responsible for processing CSSA cases over the past 3 years;
- (b) The staff establishment details of SSA Grade and SSO Grade responsible for processing CSSA cases in the coming year;
- (c) Are there any proposed measures to improve the efficiency of processing CSSA cases, including the recruitment of more staff and the improvement of workflow for the processing of cases? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

It is stated in the “Brief Description (paragraph 12)” that the average time for processing a new case by SSFU is 28 days and the waiting time before a client is attended to in SSFU is 10 minutes.

- (a)&(b) In 2014-15, the total number of posts in various grades in SSFUs will be about 1 450, including the creation of new posts which will be subject to the actual increase in CSSA caseload.

As SSA and SSO grades staff handle cases under the various social security schemes, including the CSSA and Social Security Allowance Schemes, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have breakdown on the number of staff in SSA and SSO grades deployed for handling CSSA cases.

- (c) SWD has implemented various initiatives to improve the efficiency in handling CSSA cases as follows –
- (i) creating additional posts;
 - (ii) implementing risk management to maximise the use of resource and enhance efficiency;
 - (iii) streamlining work procedures; and
 - (iv) re-engineering resources by setting up centralised units to handle special cases, including cases involving debt recovery/fraud investigation and the Old Age Living Allowance.

SWD will continue to review the workload of social security staff from time to time.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1758)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 32):

It is stated in Programme (2) that in 2013 the Social Welfare Department (SWD) continued to develop a new computer system for the processing of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications so as to replace the existing Computerised Social Security System. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the total estimated expenditure involved and the staffing establishment for the development of the new computer system? What is the estimated completion date for the development of the new computer system and when would it be officially launched for use? What is the progress of the development of the system at present? Has the Administration encountered any difficulties? If yes, what are the details? In addition, would the Administration please explain in detail how the new computer system could enhance the efficiency of processing CSSA applications?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply:

The approved project estimate for "Replacement of Computerised Social Security System" under the Capital Works Reserve Fund is \$386.1 million. In 2014-15, the number of civil service staff involved in managing the project will be 17, and the number of contract staff involved will be 9. Given the need to include additional enhancement items including the Old Age Living Allowance, the Guangdong Scheme and others, the target rollout date of the new system has been revised from August 2013 to end-March 2014. The Contractor is still preparing for full-scale system test at present, and it is unlikely that the end-March 2014 target rollout date can be met. The major reasons for the delay include –

1. the need to include additional enhancement items which were implemented during the development of the new system;
2. the need for the Contractor to spend longer time than expected to understand the highly complex business/system logics; and
3. the difficulties encountered by the Contractor in integrating different modules of the system being developed.

Under the new system, there will be improvement in different aspects, including functional areas and system performance, which will enhance the efficiency in processing CSSA applications.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0163)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 13):

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “continue to develop a new computer system to replace the existing Computerised Social Security System”. Would the Administration please advise the following –

- (1) What is the progress of such work and how much manpower and expenditure will be involved under the project in the coming year?
- (2) It is learnt that the new computer system is expected to make it more convenient for service users to, for example, submit applications and change information online. When will such services be launched?
- (3) Earlier when the Administration introduced the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), a small portion of eligible elders were unable to be auto-converted from the Old Age Allowance (OAA) to OALA because old data before year 2000 were not available in the Computerised Social Security System (CSSS). How will the Administration avoid the reoccurrence of similar incidents when replacing the system with a new one?
- (4) The Chief Secretary for Administration mentioned earlier the hope that in the future there might be a one-stop service for processing welfare benefits currently under the purview of different departments. Would the Administration please advise if the new system being developed is equipped with the relevant function. If not, will such a function be included in developing the system as soon as possible?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

- (1) The project of replacing the existing CSSS is currently undergoing system development. In 2014-15, the number of civil service staff involved in managing the project will be 17, and the number of contract staff involved will be 9. The estimated expenditure under Capital Works Reserve Fund Subhead A012ZG ‘Replacement of Computerised Social Security System’ is \$148.5 million.
- (2) The new system will be able to support e-services, including submission of applications and preliminary checking of eligibility for the social security schemes. These functions will be available when the new system is rolled out.

- (3) A small portion of data involving elderly persons aged 70 or above having received Normal OAA (NOAA) at the age of 65-69 and continuing to receive Higher OAA (HOAA) had not been transferred to CSSS. The reason is that when CSSS started its operation in year 2000, these elderly persons were already receiving HOAA. While their HOAA data had been transferred to CSSS, the old data related to their previous receipt of NOAA, which had been overtaken by event, was not transferred. To ensure accuracy and completeness of the conversion of existing data, a set of computer programmes and also stringent testing and verification procedures will be developed and adopted. All data in the existing CSSS will be fully converted to the new system.
- (4) The new system being developed to replace CSSS is for handling applications and cases of the social security schemes administered by SWD.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0237)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 15):

Regarding short-term food assistance, would the Administration please advise the following –

1. The number of service recipients of short-term food assistance and their distribution by service area over the past 3 years;
2. How many of the service recipients last year were repeated service users? Has the Administration provided other follow-up services for these repeated users?
3. While the Administration formulated service enhancement measures last year, has it also reviewed the long-term food assistance needs of underprivileged groups and grassroots, or the need to have the project regularised?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

1. Regarding the short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) implemented since February 2009, the total numbers of service users served by the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) according to their service areas in the past 3 years were as follows –

Operator	District served	Number of service users served		
		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-January 2014)
St. James' Settlement	Hong Kong, Outlying Islands and Tung Chung, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	4 626	5 080	4 544
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po	11 444	12 495	9 315
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4 796	4 799	4 084
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Sha Tin, Tai Po and North District	2 842	2 901	2 570
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	9 645	8 285	6 872
Total		33 353	33 560	27 385

2. Out of the 27 385 service users served in 2013-14 (up to end-January 2014), 14 756 have used the service more than once since its launch in February 2009. The operating NGOs had made a total of 2 354 referrals to other service units for follow-up services on their long-term welfare needs.
3. To better meet the needs of service users and allow the operating NGOs more flexibility in helping the needy families and offering more varieties and options of food items, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhanced the Projects in October 2013 by extending the service period for each service user from a maximum of six weeks to a maximum of eight weeks and increasing the allocation per meal day by 10%. For families/individuals with long-term financial needs, the operating NGOs will refer them to mainstream welfare services. While there is at present no plan to regularise the Projects, SWD will keep in view the long-term service demand.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0067

(Question Serial No. 0238)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 16):

Regarding combating fraud under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes, would the Administration please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

- (1) How many reported cases on fraud relating to CSSA and SSA Schemes did the Department receive? How many of such cases required in-depth investigation?
- (2) How many CSSA and SSA cases were regularly reviewed by the Department?
- (3) Among cases under in-depth investigation, how many involved information checking with places outside Hong Kong? What was the percentage of such cases to the total number of cases under in-depth investigation? How long, on average, did it take for the investigation?
- (4) How many prosecution cases were involved? How many of such cases were convicted by the court and resulted in imprisonment?
- (5) How many staff were there in the Special Investigation Section (SI Section) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)? Will additional manpower be provided in response to the increasing number of cases in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of suspected CSSA and SSA fraud cases in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013) is provided in the ensuing table –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013)
(a) Number of reports of suspected fraud received	3 761	3 016	2 134
(b) Number of cases requiring in-depth investigation	1 918	1 637	1 124

- (2) To combat fraud, SWD conducts regular case reviews and checking on all CSSA cases, arranges periodic data matching with other government departments and organisations, and conducts in-depth investigation into suspected fraud cases. Regular review and annual random check are also conducted on SSA cases to prevent deception and abuse of public money.

(3) Currently, there is no formal data matching mechanism between SWD and relevant organisations in places outside Hong Kong. SWD will obtain information from relevant organisations on need basis depending on individual case circumstances. SWD does not keep information on the number of such cases.

(4) The number of CSSA and SSA fraud cases in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013) is set out in the following table –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013)
(a) Number of cases referred to the Police	511	772	438
(b) Number of cases found guilty	252	257	268
(c) Number of cases sentenced to imprisonment	184	190	218

(5) There are currently about 120 social security grade posts in the SI Section. In 2014-15, seven social security grade posts will be created in the Section.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0068****(Question Serial No 1098)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 55):

Regarding the rent allowance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please provide information about the following categories of cases over the past 5 years –

	Residing in public housing		Residing in private housing		Residing in institutions & others		Total number of cases receiving rent allowance	Total number of cases not applying for/ineligible for rent allowance
	Actual rent less than or equal to the maximum rent allowance (MRA) & its percentage	Actual rent higher than MRA & its percentage	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA & its percentage	Actual rent higher than MRA & its percentage	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA & its percentage	Actual rent higher than MRA & its percentage		
2009-10								
2010-11								
2011-12								
2012-13								
2013-14								

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and greater than MRA from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (Percentage %)
2009-10	154 686 (98.2%)	2 811 (1.8%)
2010-11	152 184 (97.6%)	3 719 (2.4%)
2011-12	148 942 (98.0%)	2 991 (2.0%)
2012-13	143 721 (97.6%)	3 493 (2.4%)
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note]	139 195 (97.5%)	3 534 (2.5%)

- (b) The number and percentage of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and greater than MRA from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (Percentage %)
2009-10	18 540 (44.3%)	23 292 (55.7%)
2010-11	17 105 (42.6%)	23 035 (57.4%)
2011-12	18 101 (48.6%)	19 151 (51.4%)
2012-13	17 846 (50.9%)	17 196 (49.1%)
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note]	14 281 (43.8%)	18 359 (56.2%)

- (c) The number and percentage of CSSA cases in institutions and other types of housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and greater than the MRA from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (Percentage %)
2009-10	45 211 (89.0%)	5 612 (11.0%)
2010-11	46 538 (90.1%)	5 086 (9.9%)
2011-12	48 142 (93.1%)	3 554 (6.9%)
2012-13	48 973 (95.7%)	2 195 (4.3%)
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note]	49 384 (95.4%)	2 360 (4.6%)

- (d) The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with rent allowance
2009-10	250 152
2010-11	247 667
2011-12	240 881
2012-13	233 424
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note]	227 113

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

- (e) SWD has no information on the number of cases not applying for/ineligible for rent allowance.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1099)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 26):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by setting up new contract homes. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) Please provide the total number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places in Hong Kong and the average waiting time for each type of places in 2013-14 by the 18 districts;
- (2) In which districts will the new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) be set up in 2014-15? How many subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly will each RCHE provide?
- (3) With the new contract homes to be set up in 2014-15, what will be the expected percentage decrease of registered applicants on the waiting list for subsidised RCHEs in Hong Kong and how much waiting time will be shortened in the districts on average?
- (4) How much funding will SWD have to allocate for setting up the new RCHEs?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The numbers of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by type (i.e. places of homes for the aged (H/A), care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places) as at end-January 2014 are set out in the Annex.

All applicants for subsidised residential care places are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis and they may choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised residential care places i.e. those in subvented/contract homes, homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) or Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) in different districts at the same time. SWD does not keep the number of applicants by district, or separate waiting lists and the waiting time for individual districts.

SWD only captures the total number of applicants on the waiting lists for subsidised NH and C&A places respectively. With reference to the information as at end-January 2014, the average waiting time for different types of subsidised residential care places for the elderly is as follows –

Type of subsidised residential care places	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)
C&A	
- Subvented/contract homes	36
- EBPS home	8
Overall	20
NH	35

Applications for non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly are handled by the service providers directly. SWD does not have the information on the average waiting time for these non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly.

- (2) Two new contract RCHEs will commence service in 2014-15. The details are as follows –

Location / District	Number of subsidised residential care places		Number of non-subsidised places
	NH	C&A	
Tai Wai / Sha Tin	54	6	40
Shek Kip Mei Estate Phase 2 / Sham Shui Po	54	6	40
Total	120		80

- (3) The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, whether the applicants have special preferences for the location, diet and religious background of the elderly home, whether they accept subsidised places provided under EBPS/NHPPS, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. While the new contract RCHEs to be set up in 2014-15 would help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for SWD to estimate the percentage of reduction of the number of applicants on the waiting list and the extent to which the waiting time may be shortened by the additional places.
- (4) The estimated annual expenditure of the two new contract RCHEs mentioned in (2) above is \$19.6 million.

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	District Total	H/A places [Note 3]	C&A places	NH places	District Total
Central & Western	-	704	188	892	21	2 272	93	2 386
Eastern	-	759	133	892	-	3 827	83	3 910
Wan Chai	-	516	-	516	-	877	22	899
Southern	-	1 791	-	1 791	66	1 948	74	2 088
Islands	67	322	63	452	-	515	42	557
Kwun Tong	-	1 712	417	2 129	285	2 350	288	2 923
Wong Tai Sin	34	1 222	464	1 720	-	2 544	133	2 677
Sai Kung	-	969	292	1 261	35	991	110	1 136
Kowloon City	7	1 998	90	2 095	-	4 441	43	4 484
Sham Shui Po	-	1 045	123	1 168	20	4 133	76	4 229
Yau Tsim Mong	-	774	158	932	58	2 790	125	2 973
Sha Tin	-	1 258	-	1 258	50	2 418	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	1 298	-	1 298	-	2 412	-	2 412
North	-	1 194	299	1 493	90	2 263	-	2 353
Yuen Long	-	1 650	66	1 716	60	3 843	30	3 933
Tsuen Wan	-	1 394	368	1 762	-	2 215	38	2 253
Kwai Tsing	-	2 624	321	2 945	-	4 143	178	4 321
Tuen Mun	-	1 375	216	1 591	58	3 277	-	3 335
Total	108	22 605	3 198	25 911	743	47 259	1 335	49 337

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places include the C&A places providing a continuum of care. These places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes as well as private RCHEs participating in EBPS.

[Note 2] Subsidised NH places are provided in subvented NHs, contract homes as well as self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

[Note 3] Non-subsidised H/A places also include places of self-care hostels.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1108)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 27):

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will upgrade all Social Centres for the Elderly (SEs) to Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) Please list the numbers of cases handled or followed-up by social workers in SEs and NECs by district last year (i.e. 2013-14). In these cases how many of the elderly persons are suspected of having or diagnosed with dementia?
- (2) How many SEs are expected to be upgraded to NECs in 2014-15? Please provide by district the numbers of additional places to be offered by the upgraded NECs.
- (3) The average additional subsidy to be provided to each upgraded NEC.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

- (1) & (2) SWD does not have a breakdown by type of the active counselling cases handled by NECs. As SEs are not required to provide counselling services under the Funding and Service Agreement, there are no statistics on the number of active counselling cases handled by SEs. The services provided by NECs are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above, and there is no limit on the number of members.

The total numbers of active counselling cases handled by NECs by district as at end-December 2013 and the numbers of SEs which will be upgraded to NECs in 2014-15 by district are set out in the Annex.

- (3) An additional annual recurrent funding of about \$1.6 million will be provided for each of the upgraded SEs.

District	Number of active counselling cases handled by NECs (as at end-December 2013)	Number of SEs which will be upgraded to NECs in 2014-15
Central & Western	211	4
Southern	439	-
Islands	164	1
Eastern	389	6
Wan Chai	51	1
Kwun Tong	791	6
Wong Tai Sin	727	2
Sai Kung	271	-
Kowloon City	256	4
Yau Tsim Mong	377	3
Sham Shui Po	548	2
Sha Tin	577	4
Tai Po	224	3
North	114	3
Yuen Long	216	4
Tsuen Wan	337	1
Kwai Tsing	681	3
Tuen Mun	235	4
Total	6 608	51

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1109)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 54):

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

1. The number of social workers available for the relevant service and the average caseload per social worker in the past 2 years;
2. Will the relevant manpower be increased and will the estimated average caseload per social worker be reduced in the coming year?
3. Given that the estimated expenditure on family and child welfare will be increased by 5.2% in the coming year, what additional services will be provided to enhance family and child protection and what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In 2012-13 and 2013-14, there were 168 social workers in Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs). The average number of supervision cases per social worker in 2012-13 was 31. The estimated average number of supervision cases per social worker in 2013-14 is 30.
2. As the existing manpower of FCPSUs is able to cope with the service needs, the Administration has no plan to increase the manpower in 2014-15. The estimated average number of supervision cases per social worker for 2014-15 is 31.
3. The increase in estimated expenditure on family and child welfare is mainly due to additional provision for enhancing day child care services, strengthening the central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as increasing other charges for non-governmental organisations under the Lump Sum Grant subvention, and the full-year effect of new initiatives implemented in 2013-14. There is no additional service in respect of family and child protection in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1942)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 56):

The Administration will provide, in the coming year, rent allowance for recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who have been owner-occupiers of Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) flats for over five years, but no improvement has been made in the overall policy of rent allowance. Would the Administration please advise –

1. The estimated number of the afore-mentioned cases and the estimated expenditure involved;
2. The expenses that the afore-mentioned recipients can use the rent allowance to pay for;
3. What is the rationale of allowing CSSA households who have been TPS owner-occupiers for five years or more to be granted with allowance to cover rent expenses as in the case of CSSA recipients who are tenants of public or private housing; and why can the allowance not be given by way of other subsidies, lest the original meaning of “rent” be confused;
4. Whether consideration would be given to provide recipients residing in self-owned Home Ownership Scheme flats or private housing with the same allowance. If no, then how would the Administration maintain the fairness of the system?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

Starting from 2014-15, rent allowance will be provided to eligible CSSA recipients who have been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than five years to meet the cost of housing.

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$10 million, benefiting about 1 000 CSSA households.
2. Rent allowance payable to eligible CSSA households is for meeting the cost of accommodation, including actual rent paid, monthly mortgage payment, management fee, land tax, permit/licence fee, government rates and government rent.
3. Under the CSSA Scheme, rent allowance up to the applicable maximum level is provided for eligible CSSA households to cover the cost of accommodation of a rented accommodation or an owner-occupied residential property. Starting from 2014-15, eligible CSSA recipients who have been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than five years will be provided with rent allowance just like other CSSA households living in owner-occupied residential property.

4. Under the existing provision, eligible CSSA recipients living in owner-occupied residential properties such as Home Ownership Scheme flats and private housing can apply for rent allowance to meet their cost of accommodation.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1945)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 29):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional places to enhance the After School Care Programme (ASCP) for children aged 6-12. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. Please list the times of utilisation of the ASCP by the children aged 6-12 by constituency and age distribution of users in 2013-14;
2. Please list by constituency the additional fee-waiving and fee-reduction quotas for extended service hours on weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays to be provided by SWD in 2014-15;
3. The estimated expenditure involved for such additional places.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The utilisation of ASCP in 18 districts (as at end-December 2013) is set out in the Annex.
2. Under the enhanced after-school care services, 360 additional full fee waiving quotas for extended service hours will be provided. The allocation of these fee waiving quotas for the 18 districts for 2014-15 is still under planning.
3. An additional full-year funding allocation of about \$17 million will be provided to extend the service hours on weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays in some after-school care centres and to provide 360 additional full fee waiving quotas.

Utilisation of ASCP by District

District	Service Utilisation by No. of Children (as at end-December 2013)
Central & Western	93
Southern	286
Islands	190
Eastern	437
Wan Chai	149
Kowloon City	174
Yau Tsim Mong	161
Sham Shui Po	203
Kwun Tong	303
Wong Tai Sin	409
Sai Kung	109
Sha Tin	584
Tai Po	158
North	240
Yuen Long	384
Tsuen Wan	140
Kwai Tsing	466
Tuen Mun	434
Total	4 920

[Note] There is no breakdown on the age distribution of children utilising ASCP.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1777)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 12):

District support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) is an initiative launched since 2009. It is noted that some of them have yet to secure permanent accommodation. Would the Government please advise –

1. How many DSCs have yet to secure permanent accommodation at present? How many DSCs are not in compliance with standard floor area requirements?
2. Does the Government have any plan and time frame for helping those DSCs to secure permanent accommodation which meets standard requirements?
3. How effective is this service?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Among the 16 DSCs, 10 are currently operating in their permanent accommodation. Permanent accommodation has been identified for the other five DSCs. Among these 15 DSCs, four are slightly below the standard floor area requirement owing to the configuration of the premises. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments in identifying suitable premises for the remaining DSC. In the meantime, SWD will continue funding the rental expenses incurred from using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation of DSCs.
3. DSCs adopt a membership system and provide a wide range of community based support services including individual/group training programmes, care and support service, personal development programmes, social and recreational activities, carer support programmes, volunteer development programmes, day care service for persons with severe disabilities and community education. As at end-December 2013, 5 460 members were registered at the 16 DSCs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1778)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 13):

It is stated in the Policy Address that 2 016 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services and 2 713 places for residential care services are to be provided during the term of this Government.

1. Please list the types of services in detail and the timetable of the plan.
2. Please advise, among the 2 016 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services, how many of them overlap with the 2 713 places for residential care services (i.e. residential cum day care places).
3. There are currently 3 920 and 8 317 persons with disabilities on the waiting lists for day training and vocational rehabilitation services and residential care services respectively. The additional places to be provided by the Government in the coming few years are obviously inadequate to address the waiting situation. Please advise if there are any other solutions or long-term plans.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

1. The distribution of the places for different types of services and the implementation timetable are set out in the Annex.
2. Among the 2 016 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services, 520 are not paired up with residential care places.
3. The Administration will continue to actively identify suitable sites for providing more day training and residential care service places for persons with disabilities. The Social Welfare Department will also continue to purchase places of good service quality from private residential care homes for persons with disabilities, and review and refine the Bought Place Scheme to facilitate the market developing more service options for persons with disabilities. On long-term planning, the Administration will provide more rehabilitation service facilities including day activity centre, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre, care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons, hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostel for severely mentally disabled persons and long stay care home through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses. In tandem, the Administration has been actively developing home care and community support services to provide persons with disabilities with necessary care and support so that they may continue living at home, thereby facilitating their full integration into the community.

Distribution of Places for Different Types of Services and Implementation Timetable

Type of service	Number of places					Total
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Day Training and Vocational Rehabilitation Services						
DAC	150	226	50	110	500	1 036
SW	60	50	-	-	-	110
IVRSC	-	-	320	120	430	870
Total						2 016
Residential Care Services						
C&A/SD	30	-	40	-	300	370
HMMH	92	21	150	-	175	438
HSMH	100	166	100	30	500	896
HSPH	-	-	50	-	175	225
SHOS	42	30	60	20	40	192
HWH	-	25	-	-	60	85
LSCH	75	-	-	-	400	475
SGH/MMHC	-	16	16	-	-	32
Total						2 713

Legend

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

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

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped person

SHOS – supported hostel

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

SGH/MMHC – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1781)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 34):

It is stated in the Policy Address that the Administration will “enhance the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System” and an additional funding of \$470 million will be provided for subvented organisations to improve services.

1. What criteria will be adopted for allocating such funding?
2. Will all the subvented organisations receive the same percentage of the funding?
3. Some smaller subvented organisations are allocated with an annual funding of less than \$5 million. Compared to their counterparts that are larger in scale, these small organisations are less stable in service delivery. Will the Government consider allocating a larger percentage of the funding for such organisations?
4. How will the Government ensure that the funding of \$470 million is properly used for improving services?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. To further enhance the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the Government will increase the annual recurrent funding to strengthen central administrative and supervisory support for the non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and increase provision for “Other Charges” in the LSG subvention to help NGOs cope with other operating expenses including food costs. The Government will also provide additional resources to enable NGOs to recruit and retain paramedical staff more effectively or to hire paramedical services. These enhancement initiatives will incur an additional recurrent expenditure of about \$470 million in 2014-15.

In allocating the additional resources, the Government will take into account the existing service provisions of individual NGOs, their operational needs, effective use of resources for the recruitment and retention of staff or hire of service, and the economy of scale of individual NGOs.

2. The additional resources will not be distributed by a unified percentage.

3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will consider allocating the additional resources for strengthening central administrative support at a higher percentage for small NGOs, adopting the same approach taken in 2008-09 to allotting the then additional recurrent funding of \$200 million for enhancing the administrative capacity of NGOs.
4. SWD will brief the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee, which is composed of independent members and representatives of NGOs, staff and service users, on details of the above enhancement measures and will organise a briefing for NGOs. When allocating the additional resources, SWD will also issue a letter to NGOs emphasising the purposes of the enhancement measures. In this connection, SWD and the welfare sector are in the process of finalising the Best Practice Manual (BPM) as recommended by the Report of the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee published in 2008. The BPM will provide guidelines for NGOs to enhance transparency and disclosure of information on, inter alia, the use of resources.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1782)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.58):

The Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (HCS) is to be regularised this year. I have received report(s) alleging that some persons with disabilities originally receiving integrated home care services (IHCS) have been asked to change to the HCS.

1. Has the Government already changed its policy such that persons with disabilities are no longer allowed to receive IHCS?
2. If the policy has changed, would the Government provide service users and service providers with clear guidelines to inform them of the changes?
3. There are no meal delivery or home-cleansing services in the HCS. Would this be meeting the needs of persons with disabilities? If not, would the Government conduct a review?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Upon regularisation of the HCS in March 2014, persons with severe disabilities aged 60 or above may choose to waitlist for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) or use HCS. Persons with severe disabilities aged under 60 and receiving IHCS(FC) before 1 March 2014 may choose to continue receiving IHCS(FC) or to be referred for use of HCS. To avoid duplication of service, individual service users cannot use IHCS(FC) and HCS at the same time.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has disseminated information on HCS to the public, including service users, operators of IHCS(FC) and HCS and relevant stakeholders, through press release, briefing sessions, service brief uploaded on to SWD Homepage, etc. IHCS(FC) teams will introduce HCS to service users with severe disabilities and make referral to HCS teams after obtaining their consent as appropriate.
3. HCS provides a package of integrated home-based service, including personal care, escort, occupational therapy/physiotherapy rehabilitation training and nursing care service for persons with disabilities through case managers in service teams. The case managers will coordinate and mobilise community resources to meet the specific needs of the service users as and when necessary. SWD will closely monitor the implementation of the regularised HCS.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0078

(Question Serial No. 1783)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 59):

An amount of \$163 million has been allocated to the 3-year Pilot Scheme on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (the Pilot Scheme) to serve two districts (i.e. over \$27 million subsidy per annum for each district). A yearly allocation of \$203 million will be made to the Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities after regularisation for 18 districts. This means that over \$11 million per annum will be allocated to each district, an obvious drop.

1. Can the Government ensure high service quality with the reduced resources?
2. The Government expects that 3 250 people will benefit. Are the resources adequate to meet the huge service demand?
3. Would the Government reduce the utilisation rate per service user to cope with service demand?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Pilot Scheme in 2011 to provide a package of home-based personal care, rehabilitation training and nursing care services for persons with severe disabilities in four districts, namely, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Tuen Mun and Kwai Tsing. About \$126.5 million from the Lotteries Fund had been allocated to two NGO operators to run the service on a pilot basis for three years. The Pilot Scheme came to an end in February 2014, and the actual expenditure of the pilot projects has not yet been finalised at this moment. SWD has made reference to the unit cost of the cases served under the Pilot Scheme taking into account the average number of service hours delivered to each service user, i.e. about \$62,000 per case, in working out the subvention level of the Home Care Services after regularisation. The subvention allocation earmarked should be adequate to meet the service needs of 3 250 service users as planned. SWD will continue to monitor the service provision and keep in view the demand for the service in the community.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0079

(Question Serial No. 1784)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 60):

Please provide the waiting situation (including the length of the queue and the average, longest and shortest waiting time) for the past five years regarding various services for persons with disabilities, including Halfway Houses (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 the Aged Blind (C&A/AB), Supported Hostels (SHOS), Day Activity Centres (DAC), Early Education and Training Centres (EETC), Integrated Programmes in Ordinary Kindergarten-Cum-Child Care centres (IP), Special Child Care Centres (SCCC), Sheltered Workshops (SW), Supported Employment (SE), Integrated Vocational Training Centres (IVTC), Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centres (IVRSC), On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of applicants on the waiting list from 2009-10 to 2013-14 and the average waiting time from 2008-09 to 2012-13 for various types of pre-school rehabilitation training, day training, vocational rehabilitation services and residential services for persons with disabilities are set out in the Annex. The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. We have no available statistical information on the longest and shortest waiting time for the services.

**Number of Applicants on Waiting List and Average Waiting Time
for Rehabilitation Services**

Type of service	No. of applicants					Average waiting time (in month)				
	2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-Dec 2013)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
HWH	816	784	735	688	671	5.6	6.2	8.2	8.4	8.2
LSCH	992	1 116	1 222	1 325	1 540	22.9	31.8	38.2	33.6	16.7
HMMH	1 330	1 386	1 369	1 533	1 642	39.6	79.1	80.4	84.4	83.8
HSMH	1 965	1 995	2 082	2 190	2 170	51.6	68.4	73.2	81.6	86.4
C&A/SD	341	361	389	425	455	36.0	39.6	39.6	31.2	48.0
C&A/AB	64	103	90	120	128	2.6	3.2	4.0	6.0	5.4
SHOS	944	1 001	1 012	1 173	1 311	27.2	15.3	25.0	31.5	26.0
DAC	1 028	1 106	1 170	1 257	1 252	26.4	31.2	28.8	44.4	57.6
EETC	2 218	2 867	3 467	3 878	3 540	8.6	10.0	11.6	15.7	15.2
IP	1 156	1 434	1 536	1 779	1 529	8.6	8.7	10.0	12.2	12.7
SCCC	1 042	1 217	1 319	1 404	1 112	12.4	12.8	14.9	16.8	16.9
SW	2 496	2 543	2 450	2 515	2 668	14.3	14.8	16.9	16.8	12.6
SE	151	114	103	79	66	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1
IVTC [Note 1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IVRSC [Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OJT [Note 1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunnyway [Note 1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[Note 1] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics in this aspect.

[Note 2] IVRSC do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

DAC – day activity centre

EETC – early education and training centre

IP – integrated programme in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre

SCCC – special child care centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVTC – integrated vocational training centre

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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0080****(Question Serial No. 1786)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 86):

1. Please provide the figures for the number of adoption cases handled by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the average, the shortest and the longest time for processing the applications over the past five years.
2. What are the factors affecting the waiting time for the adoption cases handled?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of adoption cases and the respective processing time of the applications over the past five years are as follows –

Required information	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-January 2014)
Number of adoption cases handled ^[Note 1]	87	92	118	92	80
Average processing time (months) ^[Note 2]	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.6
Shortest processing time (months) ^[Note 2]	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Longest processing time (months) ^[Note 2]	2.5	2.5	7.5	6.5	12.5

^[Note 1] Adoption cases refer to the children available for adoption and placed into suitable local adoptive homes.

^[Note 2] Processing time refers to the duration counted from the time a child is available for adoption till the time he/she is placed into a suitable local adoptive home.

2. There is a basket of factors affecting the processing time for placing children available for adoption into suitable local adoptive homes. These include the children's health condition, type and level of disability, age, birth parents' background, emotional and behavioural state. In general, children available for adoption may be placed into suitable local adoptive homes within three months. Children with special needs, such as those in ill health, with disabilities and/or at older age, require longer and varied processing time to get successfully adopted.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1787)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 95):

Please provide the geographical distribution, by District Council district, of all the districts where there will be additional places for providing services to persons with disabilities.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of additional rehabilitation services places planned during the term of this Government in the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department is set out in the Annex.

**Additional Rehabilitation Services Places Planned for 2013-14 to 2017-18
by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department^[Note 1]**

District	Residential Care	Day Training / Vocational Rehabilitation	Pre-school Rehabilitation
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	130	200	54
Eastern / Wan Chai	25	60	120
Kwun Tong	500	380	330
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	36	0	0
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	21	0	15
Sham Shui Po	310	270	120
Sha Tin	238	210	90
Tai Po / North	46	36	90
Yuen Long	185	260	0
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	0	0	90
Tuen Mun	1 222	550	84
District to be confirmed	-	50 ^[Note 2]	478 ^[Note 2]
Total	2 713	2 016	1 471

[Note 1] 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.

[Note 2] Including 240 places of integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres to be distributed across the territory and some other planned places which are still at the preparatory stage and information on their district distribution cannot be provided at this juncture.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1788)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 96):

There is a significant difference between the planned provision in the 2013-14 Estimates and the 2013-14 Revised Estimate in the 2014-15 Estimates concerning the services provided for persons with disabilities. The difference is mostly a reduction in the Revised Estimate.

- (a) Would the Administration please explain the differences between the planned and the Revised Estimate for various services provided for persons with disabilities; and
- (b) for the places planned in 2014-15 for various services, how many are brought forward from last year, and how many are actual increases this year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Some of the planned service places did not come into operation as scheduled in 2013-14 generally because longer time than expected was required for local consultation and seeking approval for change of land use in respect of some new projects, etc. 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.
- (b) In 2014-15, the Administration plans to provide 50 new places of sheltered workshop, 21 new places of hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, 10 new places of supported hostel and 240 new places of integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1791)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 178):

- (1) Please provide the number of places in self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) and their costs per place per month respectively.
- (2) Care-and-attention (C&A) homes are upgraded to provide a continuum of care (COC) as from 2013-14. Please provide the details of the differences between the upgraded and the original services.
- (3) It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that the subsidies for places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) will be raised. However, the cost per nursing home (NH) place per month is raised from \$15,646 to \$20,519 on page 799 of Volume 1 of the Estimates, including both subsidised NH places and those purchased under NHPPS. Please separately provide the numbers of subsidised NH places and those purchased under NHPPS and their costs per place per month in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Places of S/C hostels and H/A have been converted into COC places by phases since 2005-06. There were 108 H/A places as at 31 January 2014. Given that the existing 108 H/A places are from combined homes which provide both C&A and H/A places and these homes are subvented on a Lump Sum Grant basis, there is no separate cost per H/A place for them.
- (2) To promote a COC in subsidised residential care services for the elderly, additional recurrent funding was allocated in 2013-14 to upgrade about 7 800 places in subvented C&A homes to places providing a COC. With the additional allocation, these homes may enhance their manpower to meet the care needs of the elderly residents whose health conditions have deteriorated and reached a higher level of impairment. This enables the elderly persons to stay in the same RCHE even when they become frail.

- (3) For the past 3 years, the numbers of subsidised NH places provided by subvented NHs and self-financing NHs under the NHPPS and their average costs per place are as follows –

As at the end of financial year	NH		NHPPS	
	Number of places	Cost per place per month (\$)	Number of places	Unit Subsidy per place per month (\$)
2011-12	1 574	14,054	151	12,142
2012-13	1 574	14,814	161	12,834
2013-14	1 574	15,646	161	13,309

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1792)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 179):

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that the Administration will, as a pilot, purchase residential care places from elderly homes run by Hong Kong non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the Mainland.

- (1) Please give the details of the number of residential care places to be purchased from elderly homes in the Mainland and the timetable of providing the additional places.
- (2) The Government plans to purchase residential care places from elderly homes run by Hong Kong NGOs in the Mainland. What is the cost per place per month?
- (3) The fees of elderly homes in the Mainland are settled in Renminbi and yet the exchange rate is constantly floating. How does the Administration plan to deal with the differences in the level of home fees arising from the exchange rate fluctuations?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

- (1) We will launch a pilot scheme to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights, an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong NGO), to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to choose to live therein. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO. Actual expenditure will depend on the number of intake of eligible elderly persons which is dictated by the wish and choice of the elderly persons concerned. The Social Welfare Department will start inviting eligible elderly persons to consider joining the pilot scheme in the second quarter of 2014 and start arranging placements starting from the third quarter of 2014.
- (2) The monthly unit rate of charge for the places under the pilot scheme comprises the basic fees charged by the NGO on any service user for the same type of services, medical fees, and transportation and escort costs for the elderly person's return for periodic medical consultation in Hong Kong. The unit costs of the bought places depend on the care level of the relevant places concerned.
- (3) There will be an annual review of the unit rate of charge whereby the Administration will take into account the fluctuation of exchange rate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1795)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 155):

Regarding applications for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in 2013, please advise:

1. the number of green notification letters issued under Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion”, among which, the numbers of elderly persons aged 65–69 currently receiving Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and those aged 70 or above receiving Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) and having received NOAA when they were 65–69 years old;
2. the number of complaints that elderly persons were eligible for Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” but had not received green notification letters;
3. the number of “OALA Reply Slips” received by the Administration, among which the numbers of elderly persons choosing not to convert to OALA; and those indicating that their income exceeded the prescribed limits; with assets, including accrued retirement benefits, exceeding the prescribed limits; and with assets, excluding accrued retirement benefits, exceeding the prescribed limits;
4. the number of yellow notification letters issued under Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion”;
5. the number of applications received for Phase 2 – “Postal Submission”, among which the numbers of elderly persons aged 70 or above currently receiving HOAA but not having received NOAA when they were 65–69 years old, and those aged 65 or above currently receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), and a further breakdown on the numbers of successful and rejected applications; and
6. the number of applications received for Phase 3 – “New Application”, among which the numbers of successful and rejected applications, as well as the numbers of applicants and successful applicants aged 65–69 and 70 or above.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In anticipation of the large number of applications at the initial stage of implementing OALA in 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) devised a set of simplified application arrangements for different categories of elderly persons, namely Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion”, Phase 2 - “Postal Submission” and Phase 3 - “New Application”. The information sought is provided as follows –

1. A total of some 293 000 green notification letters were issued during Phase 1 - "Auto-conversion", including about 87 000 NOAA recipients (elderly persons aged 65-69) and 206 000 HOAA recipients (elderly persons aged 70 or above who had received NOAA at the age of 65-69).
2. SWD does not have information on the number of complaint lodged by elderly persons who had previously received NOAA but were not captured in the Phase 1 – "Auto-conversion" arrangement.
3. After sending out the green notification letters on 25 February 2013, SWD received some 18 000 reply slips. Among them, about 10 000 cases opted not to be converted to OALA and 8 000 reported to have income and/or assets exceeding the prescribed limits. For cases reported to have excessive assets, none of them had indicated whether they had any accrued retirement benefits.
4. Under the Phase 2 – "Postal Submission" arrangement, a total of some 295 000 yellow notification letters were issued to HOAA recipients aged 70 or above who had no NOAA payment record, and NDA recipients aged 65 or above, inviting them to apply for OALA by post.
5. SWD received some 119 000 postal submission forms under the Phase 2 – "Postal Submission" arrangement, among which about 112 000 applications were approved to receive the allowance and 7 000 were rejected. There is no breakdown of these 119 000 applicants on who were former recipients of HOAA or NDA.
6. As at end-December 2013, SWD received some 38 000 applications under Phase 3 – "New Application". Among these applications, about 32 000 were approved to receive OALA payment, 3 000 were rejected and the rest being processed. There is no breakdown on the age groups of these 38 000 applicants at the time of application.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1798)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 210):

At present the residence requirement of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme is lowered from seven years to one year. Please advise –

1. Since 17 December 2013, the number of CSSA applications by new arrivals who have been residing in Hong Kong (HK) for less than seven years;
2. Since 17 December 2013, the number of approved CSSA applications from new arrivals who have been residing in HK for less than seven years;
3. The additional expenditure incurred, the number of cases and the number of applicants in 2013-14;
4. The additional funding incurred, the estimated number of cases and the estimated number of applicants in 2014-15; and
5. The criteria adopted and the basis of calculation for the estimation of the afore-mentioned additional funding by the Administration.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. From 17 December 2013 to 26 March 2014, Social Welfare Department (SWD) received around 3 923 CSSA application involving persons who have resided in HK for less than seven years.
2. Out of 3 923 applications received, 3 034 were approved. SWD will continue to process the applications received.
3. to 5. The actual financial implication of lowering the CSSA residence requirement from seven years to one year will, to a very large extent, depend on the financial condition of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. Since the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal was handed down on 17 December 2013 and up to 26 March 2014, SWD received 3 923 applications from persons who have resided in HK for less than seven years. A longer time to observe the trend of number of new applications will be required to ascertain the implications more accurately. SWD will closely monitor the situation. The additional expenditure incurred in 2013-14 by the change in the residence requirement can be absorbed by the existing provision in 2013-14. Sufficient funding to cater for the additional expenditure for 2014-15 is provided for in the draft Estimates of SWD.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0087

(Question Serial No. 1800)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 2):

Regarding pre-school services, would the Government please provide a breakdown by District Council district of the waiting list situation, including the shortest, average and longest waiting time, the length of the queue and the number of places available for various services in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The numbers of places for pre-school rehabilitation services including early education and training centre (EETC), special child care centre (SCCC) and integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The numbers of applicants on the waiting lists of respective services by administrative district of SWD in the past 5 years are set out in Tables 2 – 4 of the Annex.

SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for the aforementioned services. 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 of EETC, SCCC and IP in the past 5 years is as follows –

Service type	Average Waiting Time (Months)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
EETC	10	11.6	15.7	15.2	Not available [Note]
SCCC	12.8	14.9	16.8	16.9	Not available [Note]
IP	8.7	10	12.2	12.7	Not available [Note]

[Note] The average waiting time for 2013-14 is not available at this stage.

Table 1 – Number of places for pre-school services

District	Number of places										
	EETC					SCCC					IP
	2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	[Note]
Central / Western/ Southern & Islands	245	205	205	205	205	199	199	199	199	199	132
Eastern / Wan Chai	271	341	341	341	341	180	204	204	204	204	174
Kwun Tong	166	166	166	166	166	66	66	66	66	66	204
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	355	355	416	416	416	297	297	333	333	333	234
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	171	171	201	201	216	24	24	24	24	24	192
Sham Shui Po	140	170	274	274	274	157	157	205	205	205	84
Sha Tin	191	191	191	191	191	138	138	138	138	138	156
Tai Po / North	205	205	205	205	205	192	192	192	192	192	168
Yuen Long	132	132	172	172	172	81	81	108	108	108	186
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	277	277	277	277	277	168	168	168	168	168	192
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	165	165	120	120	120	120	120	138
Total	2 318	2 378	2 613	2 613	2 628	1 622	1 646	1 757	1 757	1 757	1 860

[Note] There has been no change in the number of places for IP from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013).

Table 2 – Number of applicants on the waiting list of EETC

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list of EETC				
	2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	218	257	362	377	334
Eastern / Wan Chai	248	306	383	427	418
Kwun Tong	245	337	394	419	373
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	363	477	519	590	498
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	271	295	336	369	384
Sham Shui Po	91	118	164	188	188
Sha Tin	218	299	416	464	405
Tai Po / North	191	271	318	337	304
Yuen Long	93	152	156	183	135
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	204	251	338	390	392
Tuen Mun	76	104	81	134	109
Total	2 218	2 867	3 467	3 878	3 540

Table 3 - Number of applicants on the waiting list of SCCC

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list of SCCC				
	2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	67	84	83	103	91
Eastern / Wan Chai	73	100	120	126	99
Kwun Tong	108	125	115	136	110
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	170	160	181	191	154
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	107	130	153	131	112
Sham Shui Po	58	71	78	91	73
Sha Tin	105	125	164	157	122
Tai Po / North	76	134	135	134	91
Yuen Long	89	100	102	124	80
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	123	126	125	134	121
Tuen Mun	66	62	63	77	59
Total	1 042	1 217	1 319	1 404	1 112

Table 4 - Number of applicants on the waiting list of IP

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list of IP				
	2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	53	45	70	82	98
Eastern / Wan Chai	75	79	101	113	104
Kwun Tong	120	135	140	192	144
Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung	195	197	207	222	156
Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong	118	102	86	117	131
Sham Shui Po	59	79	97	88	85
Sha Tin	111	164	181	218	233
Tai Po / North	149	226	218	284	243
Yuen Long	87	129	148	156	93
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	131	192	184	196	155
Tuen Mun	58	86	104	111	87
Total	1 156	1 434	1 536	1 779	1 529

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1801)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 17):

It is stated in the Policy Address that the Administration will “increase funding support for day training centres to enhance care and support for ageing service users”. Would the Government please provide a breakdown of the types of services and implementation schedules?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

An additional full-year recurrent funding of \$93 million is earmarked to increase the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities (including day activity centres, sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres) for strengthening the care and support for ageing service users. The improvement measure will be implemented in the third quarter of 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1802)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 74):

It is announced in the Policy Address that the Government will “increase funding support for District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities, self-help organisations, sign language interpretation services as well as short-term day and residential care services to enhance support for persons with disabilities living in the community and their family carers”. Would the Government please provide details of the plans, the timetables and the number of beneficiaries?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked, in a full year, additional recurrent funding of about \$10.6 million to strengthen the manpower of District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities and introduce a case management service approach, \$5.28 million to enhance the support for the operation and development of self-help organisations, \$2.57 million to enhance sign language interpretation services for persons with hearing impairment, and around \$23.8 million to provide 442 additional places for short-term day and residential care services for persons with disabilities aged six or above. These new initiatives will be implemented in 2014-15. The Social Welfare Department is drawing up the implementation details, and persons with disabilities living in the community will benefit from these new initiatives.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1803)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 92):

It is stated in Programme (4) that the Government will “implement a one-stop integrated support service programme for persons with severe physical disabilities from families with financial difficulties including providing subsidies for the renting of medical equipment and the acquisition of related consumables”; and “provide one-stop case management support services for persons with disabilities and their families/carers in district support centres for persons with disabilities”. Please provide details of the above 2 initiatives, the financial resources required, the anticipated beneficiaries and their numbers.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

To strengthen community support services for persons with severe physical disabilities and help alleviate the burden of their family members/carers, an additional recurrent funding of \$98.7 million in a full year is earmarked to provide subsidies for persons with severe physical disabilities living in the community to cover their expenses for renting medical equipment and purchase of medical consumables and to provide one-stop integrated support services co-ordinated by case managers in accordance with their needs. The estimated number of beneficiaries is about 1 800.

Additional recurrent funding of \$10.6 million is also earmarked in a full year to strengthen the manpower of District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities (DSCs) and to introduce a case management service with a view to more effectively facilitating the provision of district-based community support services for persons with disabilities and their carers in the community to meet their multifarious needs. The existing members/carers of DSCs with service needs will be served by the programme.

The Social Welfare Department is working out details on the implementation of the above programmes.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0091

(Question Serial No. 1804)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 97):

There has been no increase in the number of places in the integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG cum CCCs) for over 5 years. However, there will be an estimated increase of 240 places in 2014-15.

1. Please inform this Committee of the reasons for this breakthrough.
2. Please inform this Committee whether the Government will continue to improve the IP in KG cum CCCs in order to meet service demand.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

IP places are provided by non-profit making KG-cum-CCCs operated by subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Currently, there are about 268 KG-cum-CCCs operated by subvented NGOs. We estimate that these centres have the capacity to provide a total of around 240 additional IP places in 2014-15.

As at end-December 2013, there were 1 860 places under the IP in KG cum CCCs and there were 1 529 children on the waiting list for IP. The average waiting time was 12.7 months. The planned provision of IP in KG-cum-CCCs is to meet the service demand. The Administration will continue to closely monitor the service demand and provision of pre-school rehabilitation places to facilitate early intervention for children with disabilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0092

(Question Serial No. 1808)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 289):

Please set out, upon the setting of a poverty line, the numbers of cases in which the level of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments are lower than, around the level of and above the poverty line, and the number of recipients involved, by district of residence and household size.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012, there were about 102 700 CSSA households living under the poverty line after policy intervention in 2012, involving about 235 600 CSSA recipients. About 28.6% were from one-person households, 35.8% from two-person households, 19.7% from three-person households, 11% from four-person households, 3.2% from five-person households, and 1.6% from six-or-more-person households. Further breakdown by district for these figures is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1809)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 1):

The pre-school rehabilitation services for children with special needs under the age of 6 are in serious shortage. There are nearly 7 000 children waiting for such services in the early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IPs) and special child care centres (SCCCs), and the waiting time is about 12 to 18 months. This has caused the children with special needs to miss out on the “golden period” for treatment and training. Moreover, the number of these children will be increasing. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. It is stated in the Policy Address that an additional 1 471 places will be provided during the term of the current Government. Please give a breakdown of the types of services and the timetable for the plan.
2. The additional 1 471 places to be provided during the term of the current Government is obviously insufficient for the 7 000 children on the waiting list. Does the Government have any other plan to address the shortage in service provision?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The additional places for pre-school rehabilitation services planned during the term of the Administration are set out in the Annex.
2. The Administration will continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to actively identifying suitable sites to provide more service places. We will also provide more rehabilitation service facilities including special child care centres and early education and training centres through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses in addition to the planned pre-school rehabilitation services places mentioned in (1).

The Community Care Fund has since December 2011 launched an assistance programme to provide training subsidy for children from low-income families who are in need of pre-school rehabilitation services, thereby enabling them to receive self-financing services operated by non-governmental organisations which may facilitate their learning and development while they are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services. An additional full-year recurrent funding of \$53 million is earmarked to regularise the programme.

**Additional Places for Pre-school Rehabilitation Services
Planned for 2013-14 to 2017-18**

Year	Early Education and Training Centre	Special Child Care Centre	Integrated Programme in Kindergarten- cum-Child Care Centre	Total
2013-14	15	0	0	15
2014-15	466	126	240	832
2015-16	150	90	0	240
2016-17	90	0	0	90
2017-18	150	144	0	294
Total	871	360	240	1 471

Note: The actual number of places provided in respective financial years may vary due to various factors, including the results of local consultations and applications for change of land use for certain projects, the actual usable floor area and design of the premises, the technical problems encountered in construction works, etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0094****(Question Serial No. 1901)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 188):

- (1) The Government will provide an additional 600 subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the construction of 3 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. What are the details and distribution of the additional subsidised residential care places? Please provide a breakdown by year from 2013 to 2016:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Additional subsidised RCHEs			
Additional subsidised residential care places under EBPS			

- (2) There will be 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places coming on stream from 2012-13 to 2015-16. For these 2 300 additional places, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the location and the number of places in each district?

District distribution	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				
North				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				
Islands				
Tsuen Wan				
Kwai Tsing				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) A total of 2 098 additional subsidised places have been/will be provided from 2013-14 to 2015-16. The details are as follows –

Means	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
(1) Set up new contract RCHEs	116	120	316 [Note 1]
(2) Make full use of the space in existing subvented and contract RCHEs	195	132 [Note 1]	-
(3) Purchase under Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	300	300	-
(4) Purchase under Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS)	-	219	-
(5) Purchase under Pilot Residential Care Service scheme (RCS) in Guangdong	-	400 [Note 2]	-
Total	611	1 171	316
	2 098		

[Note 1] Including 2 designated residential respite places.

[Note 2] The actual number of places purchased will depend on the number of intake of eligible elderly persons.

- (2) From 2012-13 to 2015-16, around 3 200 additional subsidised places have been/will be provided. Details are as follows –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total
Nursing home places	317	201	388	284	1 190
Care-and-attention places	754	410	783	32	1 979
Total	1 071	611	1 171 [Note 3]	316 [Note 3]	3 169

[Note 3] Including 2 designated residential respite places.

Among the 3 169 places in the table above, 951 are from new and existing contract RCHEs located at Central & Western, Wanchai, Eastern, Kowloon City, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong, Sha Tin, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts. For the subsidised places under EBPS/NHPPS, the Social Welfare Department will invite applications from private RCHEs/self-financing RCHEs or nursing homes in Hong Kong to provide places and select suitable homes through quality-based assessment. The exact number of EBPS/NHPPS places for each district will be determined with regard to the applications received and the demand for residential care places. Separately, a pilot scheme will be launched to allow elderly persons waiting for subsidised residential care places in Hong Kong to choose to live in two elderly homes in Guangdong which are run by Hong Kong non-governmental organisations, and the Administration will buy places therefrom according to the choices of the elderly persons concerned.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2113)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 9):

Respite service is an important community support service to give carers of persons with disabilities temporary relief and facilitate the long-term community living of persons with disabilities. According to some persons with disabilities and their family, they often encounter great difficulties trying to reserve such service. In this connection, would the Government please advise –

1. Some persons with disabilities called the respite service providers listed on the website of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to make a reservation, only to find out that many service providers had already stopped the provision of such service. Would the Government review the list to see if it is regularly updated and suitable for use?
2. When making a reservation, persons with disabilities and their family often have to call service providers one by one to check if there are service places, a time-consuming and fruitless task. Would the Government consider improving the current arrangements, such as providing case manager service?
3. Would the Government consider providing additional places for respite service to cope with service demand?
4. How was respite service used, including patronage, utilisation rate and the use of financial resources, in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

1. & 2. SWD provides short-term residential care service (respite service) for persons with disabilities through designated places and casual vacancies at the residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). A list of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating respite service has been uploaded onto the website of SWD and is being updated regularly. For service enhancement, SWD will set up a computerised central platform to provide updated information about the availability of the respite places provided by NGOs for persons with disabilities. SWD is working on the implementation details of this measure. Case managers of the Home Care Services for Persons with Severe Disabilities and the future Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities as well as other social workers concerned may also make use of this platform to refer cases for respite service.

3. & 4. Existing provisions for respite service have been subsumed under the recurrent subvention of the residential care homes for persons with disabilities providing respite service. SWD does not have a separate breakdown of the financial resources for the respite service or the utilisation rate of the respite service. The reported numbers of admission to RCHDs for residential respite service in the past 5 years are as follows –

Number of admission ^[Note]				
2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
2 750	2 324	2 957	2 848	2 883

[Note] A service user may have multiple admissions in a year.

The Administration has earmarked additional recurrent funding of about \$23.8 million in a full year to provide 442 additional places of short-term day or residential care service for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2720)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 15):

It is stated in the Policy Address that the Government will regularise 2 assistance programmes for persons with severe disabilities under the Community Care Fund (CCF), namely the one for “medical equipment” and the other for “consumables”. However, the programme for “special care subsidy” will not be regularised. According to CCF’s data, the numbers of beneficiaries under the programmes for “medical equipment” and “consumables” are 55 and 35 respectively, while there are 3 111 beneficiaries under the programme for “special care subsidy”. The programmes that the Government has chosen to regularise cannot benefit most of the people concerned.

1. Will the Government consider regularising the programme for “special care subsidy”? If yes, what are the manpower and expenditure involved?
2. Some groups for persons with disabilities still have views about the age limit of the special care subsidy and regarded that persons with disabilities beneficiaries should not be restricted to those below 60 years old. Will the Government consider relaxing this restriction?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

1. The evaluation on “special care subsidy for the severely disabled” (HDA programme) under the Community Care Fund (CCF) concluded that the programme would not be incorporated into the Government’s regular assistance programme. The evaluation results were reported to the Commission on Poverty in May 2013.
2. The objective of CCF is to provide assistance for people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net or those within the safety net but having special circumstances that are not covered. One of the guiding principles of the operation of CCF is that programmes should complement the assistance and services provided by the Government or other charitable funds and duplication of efforts should be avoided as far as practicable. Based on the above considerations, the HDA programme is targeted for persons with severe disabilities aged below 60 who are living in the community as those aged 60 or above may receive support from the existing subvented community support services for the elderly and for persons with disabilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3300)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 98):

Please list the estimated salary and fringe benefits (including housing benefit, education allowance for children, leave passage allowance, etc.) for all the posts at the management level of subvented public bodies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Since May 2010, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been requiring subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide information on the remunerations of the senior management in the top three tiers annually unless one or more of the following exemption criteria are fulfilled –

- (i) receiving subventions of less than \$10 million a year from SWD;
- (ii) receiving 50% or less of the NGO's total operating income from SWD; or
- (iii) with the top three-tier positions of the NGO funded entirely by the NGOs' income from sources other than the Government.

As SWD requires NGOs to submit their review for 2013-14 by October 2014, the information for 2013-14 is not yet available. According to the information given by NGOs, the salaries and non-salary benefits of the top management (including the top three-tier executives in which the number of staff, remunerations and benefits systems are not uniform) of the relevant NGOs receiving recurrent subvention from SWD from 2009-10 to 2012-13 are listed as follows –

Return on salary and benefits of management level of subvented organisations

Bureau/department providing subvention: Social Welfare Department

Name of the subvented organisation	2009-10 (Actual)		2010-11 (Actual)		2011-12 (Actual)		2012-13 (Actual)	
	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non- salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non- salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non- salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non- salary benefits (\$million)*
ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	9.22	1.09	9.03	1.17	9.63	1.30	9.98	1.38
ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.55	1.10
ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	3.49	0.27	3.25	0.2	3.01	0.19	3.25	0.14
ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	2.95	0.29	2.34	0.22	2.32	0.23	2.53	0.24
BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	2.89	0.27	3.22	0.36	3.29	0.39	3.79	0.49
BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	13.5	1.89	14.17	1.95	15.36	2.17	16.14	2.27
HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	6.2	0.62	6.17	0.65	7.01	0.73	7.63	0.82
HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	1.6	0.08	1.83	0.09	1.53	0.08	1.74	0.08
CHI LIN NUNNERY	4.48	0.48	3.65	0.34	5.83	0.51	7.00	0.60
CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	5.67	0.55	7.52	0.92	8.43	1.07	9.39	1.19
CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	2.42	0.25	2.49	0.25	2.54	0.43	2.73	0.46
CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	9.28	0.85	9.37	0.95	9.64	1.00	10.56	1.07
CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	1.66	0.1	1.59	0.07	1.58	0.14	1.95	0.58
CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	5.83	0.68	3.41	0.34	3.58	0.34	3.23	0.33
HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL LIMITED	19.15	3.06	12.24	1.91	10.02	1.89	11.03	1.83
ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	7.11	0.97	6.84	0.91	3.69	0.47	4.50	0.54
MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	3.1	0.31	3.16	0.32	3.39	0.38	2.91	0.32
HEEP HONG SOCIETY	9.31	1.02	8.19	1.04	9.36	1.16	9.33	1.63
HELPING HAND	8.13	0.7	5.56	0.6	6.96	0.78	7.42	0.85
HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	7.38	0.7	10.62	0.91	14.41	1.93	17.63	2.22
HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	18.15	1.58	16.73	1.49	17.67	1.58	19.33	1.80
HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	2.75	0.26	2.79	0.28	3.04	0.37	3.28	0.45
HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	33.43	4.32	39.36	5.2	42.5	5.80	45.83	6.68
HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	1.54	0.92	1.54	0.87	1.91	0.82	2.10	0.73

Name of the subvented organisation	2009-10 (Actual)		2010-11 (Actual)		2011-12 (Actual)		2012-13 (Actual)	
	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non-salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non-salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non-salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non-salary benefits (\$million)*
HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	3.39	0.97	6.61	1.23	6.54	1.13	5.75	1.29
HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.69	0.09
HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	11.54	2.26	12.27	2.61	13.78	3.24	13.62	2.73
HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	13.35	2.48	14.5	2.47	15.84	2.53	16.66	2.73
HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	1.81	0.27	1.8	0.22	1.69	0.21	1.98	0.22
HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	7.39	1.23	7.38	1.24	7.96	1.33	7.81	1.31
HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	1.79	0.13	5.71	0.56	5.98	0.59	6.42	0.77
HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	9.75	1.57	15.55	2.01	18.55	2.40	21.25	2.87
HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	12.3	1.52	12.37	1.43	14.08	1.64	7.36	1.00
HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	10.86	1.16	8.95	0.94	9.17	0.92	9.36	0.93
HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	8.36	0.87	8.17	0.97	8.91	1.08	9.27	1.16
HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	2.88	0.47	3.24	0.52	3.48	0.54	3.70	0.54
HONG KONG-MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVEN-DAY ADVENTISTS	-	-	-	-	4.95	0.32	5.04	0.35
INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	10.95	1.35	10.18	1.35	11.43	1.56	11.39	1.52
KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	1.92	0.2	1.61	0.2	1.76	0.24	1.89	0.27
WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	12.92	0.97	13.09	0.91	13.88	0.97	14.62	1.17
KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	1.66	0.17	1.69	0.13	1.85	0.15	1.97	0.16
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	18.69	2.38	14.3	1.89	6.75	0.92	7.68	1.12
METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	2.9	0.4	2.85	0.38	2.50	0.33	3.00	0.40
MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	2.17	0.33	2.14	0.32	2.29	0.34	2.41	0.36
NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	6.45	0.82	6.45	0.86	7.04	0.92	8.06	1.07
NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	18.4	2.02	8.77	0.85	9.24	0.95	9.69	1.03
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	3.86	0.45	2.73	0.29	3.91	0.45	4.43	0.49
PO LEUNG KUK	8.56	1.18	9.02	1.38	11.46	1.96	12.73	2.36
POK OI HOSPITAL	4.26	0.42	4.12	0.43	2.76	0.22	-	-
RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	2.19	0.2	2.87	0.2	3.15	0.18	3.17	0.20
SALVATION ARMY (THE)	10.17	1.53	10.51	1.53	10.58	1.54	10.39	1.56

Name of the subvented organisation	2009-10 (Actual)		2010-11 (Actual)		2011-12 (Actual)		2012-13 (Actual)	
	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non-salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non-salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non-salary benefits (\$million)*	Total Salary (\$ million)*	Total non-salary benefits (\$million)*
SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	17.49	1.65	17.13	1.78	18.22	2.04	20.08	2.23
SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	5.77	0.73	5.7	0.72	6.09	0.81	7.30	0.98
SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	9.1	1.9	9.36	1.79	10.56	2.02	11.27	2.25
FU HONG SOCIETY	6.69	0.91	8.62	1.18	9.15	1.22	10.53	1.45
SAHK	3.54	0.51	3.49	0.52	3.74	0.57	3.94	0.61
S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	8.86	0.7	7.55	0.69	8.00	0.73	8.39	0.80
CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	3.82	0.31	3.95	0.28	-	-	-	-
WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	1.13	0.11	3.19	0.36	3.73	0.41	4.26	0.47
YAN CHI HOSPITAL	4.35	0.23	4.31	0.48	5.61	0.48	6.85	0.45
YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	5.18	0.58	6.73	0.65	4.87	0.39	5.41	0.27
YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	7.23	0.9	4.03	0.54	4.87	0.66	4.80	0.74

Notes

- For 2009-10, the breakdown in salary and non-salary benefits included that for SWD-subvented services and other types of service e.g. education.
- From 2010-11 onwards, the breakdown in salary and non-salary benefits covers that for SWD-subvented services only.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0098****(Question Serial No. 0951)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 36):

Regarding the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The staff establishment of LORCHE in the past 5 years;
- (b) The respective numbers of inspections conducted, residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) inspected and complaints received in each of the past 5 years;
- (c) The respective numbers of warnings given and prosecution actions taken against various types of non-compliant RCHEs in the past 5 years; and
- (d) Has the Administration cancelled any licences of non-compliant RCHEs in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the reasons and how many licences have been cancelled? Please provide the names of such RCHEs licences.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) LORCHE had an establishment of 39 professional staff in both 2009-10 and 2010-11, and 42 professional staff since 2011-12. Professional staff include social workers, nurses and staff from the Fire Services Department and Buildings Department.
- (b) The numbers of inspections conducted, RCHEs inspected and complaints investigated in the past 5 years are set out as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- January 2014)
Inspections conducted	5 203	5 569	5 373	5 313	4 464
RCHEs inspected	767	777	769	746	739
Complaints received and investigated	298	224	253	283	225

- (c) The numbers of warnings given and prosecution actions taken against various types of non-compliant RCHEs in the past 5 years are as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- January 2014)
Warning letters issued	378	404	377	348	295
Prosecution actions taken	8	18	5	10	9

- (d) There was no record of cancellation of licences in respect of RCHEs in the past 5 years.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0952)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 37):

Regarding the work of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (the Licensing Office), would the Administration please inform this Committee –

- (a) The staff establishment of the Licensing Office in the past 2 years;
- (b) The respective number of inspections conducted, residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) inspected and complaints received by the Licensing Office in the past 2 years;
- (c) The respective number of warnings given and prosecution actions taken against various types of non-compliant RCHDs in the past 2 years; and
- (d) Has the Administration cancelled any licences of non-compliant RCHDs in the past 2 years? If yes, what are the reasons and how many licences have been cancelled?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Licensing Office was staffed by 15 and 16 civil service posts in 2012 and 2013 respectively, including social workers, nurses and professional staff from the Fire Services Department and Buildings Department, etc.
- (b) There were 310 and 304 RCHDs as at the end of 2012 and 2013 respectively. The number of inspections conducted by the Licensing Office was 1 028 in 2012 and 1 623 in 2013. The number of complaints received was 35 in 2012 and 48 in 2013.
- (c) Verbal advice was given during inspections if irregularities were observed and advisory letters were issued to the operators after inspections to request improvements in different aspects including home management, health care services, fire and building safety requirements. RCHDs were receptive to advice given by the Licensing Office and made corresponding improvements within the specified time frame.
- (d) No RCHD licences were cancelled in the past 2 years.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 0953)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 38):

Regarding the supported employment service, would the Administration please provide information on the total number of applicants (by gender and in total) on the waiting list, the number of new applicants (by gender and in total) on the waiting list and the average waiting time in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

As regards the supported employment service, the total number of applicants on the waiting list, the number of new applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time in each of the past 5 years are set out in the Annex.

Waiting List and Average Waiting Time for Supported Employment Service

Year	Total number of applicants			Number of new applicants			Average waiting time (month)
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
2008-09 ^[Note]	-	-	1 072	-	-	920	2.2
2009-10 ^[Note]	-	-	1 106	-	-	955	2.3
2010-11 ^[Note]	-	-	862	-	-	711	2.3
2011-12	429	390	819	368	349	717	2.2
2012-13	392	388	780	345	344	689	2.1

^[Note] Information by gender is only available for 2011-12 and 2012-13 after the implementation of the Social Welfare Department's Client Information System in 2010-11.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1052)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 30):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The number of EHCCS places by District Council district from 2001-02 to 2009-10;
- (b) The number of EHCCS places by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2014-15; and
- (c) The geographical distribution of additional EHCCS places.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) The number of EHCCS places by District Council district from 2001-02 to 2009-10 is set out in Annex 1.
- (b) The number of EHCCS places by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is set out in Annex 2.
- (c) The provision of additional EHCCS places after 1 March 2015 is still at the planning stage and therefore the information on the geographical distribution of these additional EHCCS places is not yet available.

EHCCS places (2001-02 to 2009-10)

District	Number of places (As at the end of the financial year)										
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09		2009-10	
								District basis	Cluster basis	District basis	Cluster basis
Central & Western	80	104	104	114	115	136	136	136	99	136	99
Wan Chai	75	112	112	125	144	144	144	144		144	
Eastern	91	120	120	119	149	186	186	186		186	
Southern	111	114	114	116	113	113	113	113		113	
Islands	91	102	102	120	124	124	124	124		124	
Yau Tsim Mong	130	130	130	132	116	116	116	116	89	138	106
Sham Shui Po	111	116	116	106	105	125	125	125		125	
Kowloon City	104	123	123	127	146	170	170	170		170	
Wong Tai Sin	104	132	132	141	196	216	216	216	208	216	208
Sai Kung	98	105	105	102	128	128	128	128		128	
Kwun Tong	105	201	201	194	196	236	236	236	143	236	171
Sha Tin	126	135	135	122	147	147	147	147	157	147	157
Tai Po	104	104	104	93	99	99	99	99		99	
North	75	98	98	92	101	101	121	121		121	
Yuen Long	80	116	116	96	133	133	133	133	114	133	136
Tsuen Wan	102	107	107	127	121	121	121	121		145	
Kwai Tsing	112	138	138	139	170	211	211	211		211	
Tuen Mun	100	132	132	124	130	130	130	130		130	
Sub-total								2 656	810	2 702	877
Total	1 799	2 189	2 189	2 189	2 433	2 636	2 656	3 466		3 579	

EHCCS places (2012-13 to 2014-15)

District	Number of places (As at the end of the financial year)					
	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (up to 28.2.2015)	
	District basis	Cluster basis	District basis	Cluster basis	District basis	Cluster basis
Central & Western	171	154	171	174	171	174
Wan Chai	154		154		154	
Eastern	206		206		206	
Southern	158		158		158	
Islands	124		89		89	
Yau Tsim Mong	188	236	188	236	188	236
Sham Shui Po	255		255		255	
Kowloon City	290		290		290	
Wong Tai Sin	406	428	406	428	406	428
Sai Kung	228		228		228	
Kwun Tong	421	336	421	336	421	336
Sha Tin	192	212	192	212	192	212
Tai Po	129		129		129	
North	141		141		141	
Yuen Long	163	256	178	256	178	256
Tsuen Wan	235		235		235	
Kwai Tsing	336		336		336	
Tuen Mun	160		160		160	
Sub-total	3 957	1 622	3 937	1 642	3 937	1 642
Total	5 579		5 579		5 579	

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0102****(Question Serial No. 1056)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 5):

In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme). Please advise –

- (1) A total of 1 200 vouchers will be issued in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. How many vouchers have been issued per month since September 2013 and how many day care places in the respective districts?
- (2) What is the estimated number of vouchers to be allocated by the Administration to respective districts? Please set out in the table below –

District	Number of Recognised Service Providers (RSPs)	Estimated Number of vouchers to be allocated in respective district
Eastern	9	
Kwun Tong	12	
Wong Tai Sin	6	
Sham Shui Po (including Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong)	9	
Sha Tin	11	
Tai Po	6	
Tsuen Wan	4	
Tuen Mun	5	
Total	62	1 200

- (3) How many vouchers will be issued and what is the respective number of day care places specifically for elderly persons with dementia under the Pilot Scheme?
- (4) How many service units in the districts are currently having zero utilisation rate?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1)&(2) As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme. The geographical distribution of the day care places, and the numbers of vouchers to be allocated and issued are set out in the Annex.

- (3) Of the 62 RSPs under the Pilot Scheme, six provide specialised service for elderly persons with dementia, with a total of 82 day care places offered.
- (4) As at end-February 2014, there were five RSPs having zero utilisation. They are located in Kwun Tong (two RSPs), Eastern, Sham Shui Po and Tuen Mun respectively.

**Geographical distribution of day care places,
vouchers to be allocated and issued**

District	Number of RSPs	Number of day care places	Estimated number of vouchers to be allocated	Number of vouchers issued (as at end-February 2014)
Eastern	9	148	140-240	175
Kwun Tong	12	166	170-280	154
Wong Tai Sin	6	75	90-150	106
Sham Shui Po (including Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong)	9	105	110-180	89
Sha Tin	11	167	170-290	165
Tai Po	6	101	100-160	76
Tsuen Wan	4	50	50-90	63
Tuen Mun	5	69	80-130	101
Total	62	881	1 200	929

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1063)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 9):

There are currently 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) serving people aged 15 or above in Hong Kong. According to fellow workers of the sector, with the rising number of people requiring mental health services in Hong Kong, they are having an extremely full workload. Moreover, as the service demand may vary in different districts, some districts require more resources from the Government for the provision of service.

Please inform this Committee –

Would the Government analyse the service demand of various districts for service planning by making reference to such data as the numbers of cases served, interviews, groups, activities, etc. handled by ICCMWs in various districts, and the increase in the number of people seeking out-patient psychiatric treatment from the Hospital Authority in various districts, etc. so as to set up additional ICCMWs in district with greater demand or provide additional manpower resources to the existing ICCMWs to meet district needs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been maintaining close communication and liaison with the Hospital Authority (HA), service operators and relevant stakeholders to monitor the operation of ICCMWs in ensuring effective delivery of one-stop and accessible community support services to service users. The Case Management Programme of HA has been implemented for patients with severe mental illness in 15 districts. In 2014-15, additional recurrent funding of \$9.3 million is earmarked to strengthen the manpower of ICCMWs to dovetail with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the HA for patients with severe mental illness to the remaining 3 districts, and to provide services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. Each ICCMW will be allocated additional resources in accordance with the respective team size. SWD will continue to monitor the service provision in ICCMWs and keep in view the service demand in different districts for ongoing service improvement. At present, there is no plan to set up additional ICCMWs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1223)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 21):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The numbers of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) and (Frail Cases) (FC) served by District Council district from 2003-04 to 2007-08; and
- (b) The numbers of IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) cases served by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department does not capture the geographical distribution of cases served under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) in 2003-04 and the information relevant to the period between 2004-05 and 2007-08 is set out in Annex 1.
- (b) The geographical distribution of cases served under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2012-13 to 2013-14 is set out in Annex 2.

**Geographical distribution of cases served under IHCS
(2004-05 to 2007-08)**

District	Number of cases served							
	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
	OC	FC	OC	FC	OC	FC	OC	FC
Central & Western	907	51	889	60	817	54	841	55
Eastern	2 032	120	2 135	103	2 159	122	2 316	117
Wan Chai	905	46	811	40	807	41	815	37
Southern	1 421	108	1 343	116	1 366	119	1 382	124
Islands	334	23	307	27	338	27	351	29
Kwun Tong	2 291	216	2 458	221	2 618	213	2 904	210
Wong Tai Sin	1 908	153	1 928	154	2 056	139	2 371	155
Sai Kung	511	47	664	45	495	46	546	44
Kowloon City	1 699	53	1 650	41	1 648	40	1 713	39
Sham Shui Po	2 352	105	2 320	138	2 277	137	2 455	137
Yau Tsim Mong	1 338	38	1 321	68	1 299	59	1 343	60
Sha Tin	2 142	170	2 024	175	1 986	172	2 110	174
Tai Po	1 151	35	1 142	47	1 131	44	1 189	43
North	736	38	727	41	741	40	885	39
Yuen Long	1 792	108	1 726	136	1 699	134	1 868	129
Tsuen Wan	558	51	485	51	541	51	556	54
Kwai Tsing	1 346	128	1 450	133	1 618	122	1 680	134
Tuen Mun	1 856	37	1 825	48	1 727	35	1 666	46
Total	25 279	1 527	25 205	1 644	25 323	1 595	26 991	1 626

**Geographical distribution of cases served under IHCS
(2012-13 to 2013-14)**

District	Number of cases served			
	2012-13		2013-14 (1 April 2013 to 31 December 2013)	
	OC	FC	OC	FC
Central & Western	869	44	813	43
Eastern	2 202	106	2 094	108
Wan Chai	759	42	667	41
Southern	1 427	109	1 355	95
Islands	345	23	355	20
Kwun Tong	2 486	184	2 341	182
Wong Tai Sin	1 926	123	1 727	120
Sai Kung	552	37	509	35
Kowloon City	1 711	37	1 659	39
Sham Shui Po	2 298	122	2 142	110
Yau Tsim Mong	1 224	56	1 093	51
Sha Tin	1 956	156	1 825	155
Tai Po	1 087	41	951	35
North	1 210	34	1 178	31
Yuen Long	1 824	106	1 731	104
Tsuen Wan	626	52	589	47
Kwai Tsing	1 559	115	1 491	104
Tuen Mun	1 879	35	1 621	34
Total	25 940	1 422	24 141	1 354

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1224)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 22):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) For IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) served yearly, the numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs respectively from 2003-04 to 2013-14; and
- (b) For IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) served yearly, the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities respectively from 2003-04 to 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs receiving IHCS (OC) from 2003-04 to 2013-14 are set out in Annex 1.
- (b) The Social Welfare Department does not capture the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving IHCS (FC) as at the end of the financial year 2003-04. The numbers from 2004-05 to 2013-14 are set out in Annex 2.

**IHCS (OC) Caseload
(2003-04 to 2013-14)**

As at end-March of financial year	Caseload		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs
2003-04	23 576	2 362	707
2004-05	22 374	2 308	597
2005-06	15 841	1 739	346
2006-07	16 379	1 724	321
2007-08	17 116	1 792	348
2008-09	17 608	1 840	316
2009-10	17 844	1 819	305
2010-11	18 301	1 759	315
2011-12	17 524	1 622	316
2012-13	17 158	1 543	289
2013-14 (As at end-December 2013)	17 292	1 542	294

**IHCS (FC) Caseload
(2004-05 to 2013-14)**

As at end-March of financial year	Caseload		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Total
2004-05	1 004	29	1 033
2005-06	1 034	61	1 095
2006-07	1 038	79	1 117
2007-08	1 023	84	1 107
2008-09	1 016	97	1 113
2009-10	1 003	105	1 108
2010-11	941	115	1 056
2011-12	928	127	1 055
2012-13	942	125	1 067
2013-14 (As at end-January 2014)	940	126	1 066

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0106****(Question Serial No. 1225)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 23):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee –

- (a) From 2003-04 to 2009-10 (as at end-March each year), the numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs respectively served under IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) (Please fill in the following table) –

Number of cases as at end-March each year	Number of IHCS(OC)		
	Elderly persons	PWDs	Individuals and families with social needs
2003-04			
2004-05			
2005-06			
2006-07			
2007-08			
2008-09			
2009-10			

- (b) The numbers of elderly persons, PWDs and individuals and families with special needs respectively served under IHCS(OC) as at 31 January 2014.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs receiving IHCS(OC) from 2003-04 to 2009-10 are set out in the Annex.
- (b) As at December 2013, the numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs receiving IHCS(OC) were 17 292, 1 542 and 294 respectively.

**IHCS(OC) Caseload
(2003-04 to 2009-10)**

As at end-March of financial year	Caseload		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs
2003-04	23 576	2 362	707
2004-05	22 374	2 308	597
2005-06	15 841	1 739	346
2006-07	16 379	1 724	321
2007-08	17 116	1 792	348
2008-09	17 608	1 840	316
2009-10	17 844	1 819	305

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0107

(Question Serial No. 1226)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 24):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee –

- (a) From 2003-04 to 2009-10 (as at end-March each year), the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities respectively receiving services under IHCS (Frail Cases) (Please fill in the following table) –

Number of cases as at end-March each year	Number of IHCS (Frail Cases)	
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities
2003-04		
2004-05		
2005-06		
2006-07		
2007-08		
2008-09		
2009-10		

- (b) The numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities respectively served under IHCS (Frail Cases) as at 31 January 2014.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department does not capture the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) as at end of the financial year 2003-04. The numbers from 2004-05 to 2009-10 are set out in the Annex.
- (b) As at end-January 2014, the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) were 940 and 126 respectively.

**IHCS (Frail Cases) Caseload
(2004-05 to 2009-10)**

As at end-March of financial year	Caseload		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Total
2004-05	1 004	29	1 033
2005-06	1 034	61	1 095
2006-07	1 038	79	1 117
2007-08	1 023	84	1 107
2008-09	1 016	97	1 113
2009-10	1 003	105	1 108

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0108****(Question Serial No. 1227)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 25):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of places under IHCS (Frail Cases) by District Council district from 2003-04 to 2009-10.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The numbers of places under IHCS (Frail Cases) by District Council district, from 2003-04 to 2009-10, are set out as follows –

District	Number of places
Central & Western	40
Eastern	80
Wan Chai	30
Southern	80
Islands	20
Kwun Tong	150
Wong Tai Sin	100
Sai Kung	30
Kowloon City	30
Sham Shui Po	90
Yau Tsim Mong	40
Sha Tin	120
Tai Po	30
North	30
Yuen Long	90
Tsuen Wan	40
Kwai Tsing	90
Tuen Mun	30
Total	1 120

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1228)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 26):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the amount of annual funding for IHCS from 2003-04 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The annual expenditure for IHCS (covering both ordinary cases and frail cases) from 2003-04 to 2014-15 is set out in the Annex.

**Expenditure for IHCS
(Ordinary Cases and Frail Cases)
(2003-04 to 2014-15)**

	Amount (\$ million)
2003-04	395.2
2004-05	379
2005-06	371.7
2006-07	370.5
2007-08	392.9
2008-09	415.8
2009-10	454.3
2010-11	449
2011-12	453.6
2012-13	471.1
2013-14 Revised Estimate	503.1
2014-15 Estimate	543.1

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0110****(Question Serial No. 1229)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 27):

Although the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of persons waiting for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) or the average waiting time, the Administration has been collecting statistics provided by relevant non-governmental organisations. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What was the average waiting time for IHCS(OC) from 2003-04 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year)? (Please fill in the following table)

Average waiting time as at end-March each year	Average waiting time for IHCS(OC)
2003-04	
2004-05	
2005-06	
2006-07	
2007-08	
2008-09	
2009-10	
2010-11	
2011-12	
2012-13	

- (b) What was the average waiting time for IHCS(OC) by District Council district from 2003-04 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year)? and
- (c) What was the average waiting time for IHCS(OC) as at 31 January 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the average waiting time for IHCS(OC).

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0111****(Question Serial No. 1230)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 28):

Although the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of persons waiting for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) or the average waiting time, the Administration has been collecting statistics provided by relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What was the number of persons waiting for IHCS(OC) from 2003-04 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year)? (Please fill in the following table)

Number of persons waiting as at end-March each year	Number of persons waiting for IHCS(OC)
2003-04	
2004-05	
2005-06	
2006-07	
2007-08	
2008-09	
2009-10	
2010-11	
2011-12	
2012-13	

- (b) What was the number of persons waiting for IHCS(OC) by District Council district from 2003-04 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year)? and
- (c) What was the number of persons waiting for IHCS(OC) as at 31 January 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Based on the information provided by relevant NGOs from time to time, the information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of applicants waiting for IHCS(OC) from 2003-04 to 2012-13 is set out in the Annex.

- (b) The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of applicants waiting for IHCS(OC) by District Council district.
- (c) As at December 2013, there were 5 200 persons waiting for IHCS(OC).

**Number of applicants waiting for IHCS(OC)
(2003-04 to 2012-13)**

As at end-March of each financial year	Number of applicants
2003-04	1 152
2004-05	982
2005-06	2 710
2006-07	2 596
2007-08	2 062
2008-09	2 397
2009-10	3 080
2010-11	3 779
2011-12	4 230
2012-13	5 094

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1231)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 29):

Although the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of persons waiting for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) or its average waiting time, the Administration has all along been collecting statistical figures provided by relevant non-governmental organisations. Please advise this Committee –

- (a) numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) from 2003-04 to 2012-13 (as at end-March every year); and
- (b) numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) as at 31 January 2014.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) The numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs waiting for IHCS(OC) from 2003-04 to 2012-13 are set out in the Annex.
- (b) As at December 2013, the numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) were 4 838, 277 and 85 respectively.

**Number of applicants waiting for IHCS(OC) by category
(2003-04 to 2012-13)**

As at end-March of financial year	Number of applicants		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs
2003-04	1 093	50	9
2004-05	910	57	15
2005-06	2 555	122	33
2006-07	2 447	128	21
2007-08	1 939	101	22
2008-09	2 240	117	40
2009-10	2 881	138	61
2010-11	3 527	201	51
2011-12	3 910	243	77
2012-13	4 720	289	85

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1232)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services,
(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 20):

According to the record of the Hospital Authority (HA), the number of children and young people seeking psychiatric treatment services has been rising in the recent 3 years (i.e. increasing from 20 900 in 2011 to 26 140 in 2013). There is a rising trend of children and young people suffering from mental health problems. Among them, patients aged 6–12 account for 56% while patients aged 13–18 account for 32%. The median waiting time of new cases is about 19 weeks, showing how serious the problem is. Based on the experience of social workers, early intervention and prevention are essential to mental health problems of children and young people. There is a higher chance of recovery and resuming normal living if patients get timely diagnosis and counselling upon the first onset of problems. Please advise –

Will the Government provide additional resources to integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) to set up special teams serving children and young people with mental health problems so that timely contacts, intervention and counselling can be carried out, and more preventive and educational activities on mental health can be organised for secondary schools and teachers in the districts, as well as young people and parents in the community, as a precautionary measure? If yes, how will it be implemented? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Medical social workers (MSWs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) stationed in public hospitals and psychiatric out-patient clinics provide psychosocial intervention for children and adolescents with mental health problems as well as their families/carers to help them cope with or solve problems arising from their illness. MSWs are also members of the multi-disciplinary team of the seven Early Assessment Service for Young People Programme Service Centres of HA, and they work closely with the medical and allied health professionals to offer one-stop support services that enable early detection and early intervention of mental health problems. MSWs and social workers of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) across the territory also conduct public education programmes to enhance understanding of mental health and raise public awareness of early symptoms of mental health problems in the community. SWD will continue to maintain close collaboration with HA, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders in providing effective services for young people with mental health problems and keep in view the service demand for ongoing service improvement.

Given that there are various special teams and programmes targeted to provide intervention for children and adolescents with mental health problems and that ICYSCs primarily provide developmental, preventive and educational activities for children and youth in the community, we do not see the need to set up further special teams in ICYSCs to handle the mental health problems of children and youth. ICYSCs will collaborate with various district stakeholders, including health professionals, to provide preventive and educational activities on psychosocial and mental well-being of children and youth in the community.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1233)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 11):

It is stated in the 2014 Policy Address that the Administration will improve after-school care services provided by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for children aged 6-12, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will, from 2014-15, allocate additional resources to extend the service hours on weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays in some after-school care centres and provide additional fee-waiving and fee-reduction quotas. As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee –

1. The additional funding involved for the above measures;
2. The details of extending the service hours of after-school care centres;
3. The criteria adopted for deciding which after-school care centres should extend service hours;
4. The respective numbers of fee-waiving and fee-reduction places for the past 3 years;
5. The additional numbers of fee-waiving and fee-reduction places;
6. Would the Administration increase the number of after-school care centres? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Additional full-year funding of about \$17 million will be provided to extend the service hours on weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays in some after-school care centres and provide additional fee-waiving and fee-reduction quotas.
2. Under the enhanced after-school care services, extended services hours will be provided from after school (i.e. 3:00-4:00 p.m.) to 9:00 p.m. in the evening during weekdays; and for Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays, at least 10 hours of service till 9:00 p.m. in the evening.
3. SWD will select suitable service operators for the enhanced after-school care services through invitation of proposals.
4. The number of full fee-waiving quotas provided by SWD for after-school care services operators to waive the service charges for needy families in the past 3 years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13) is 1 370, 1 425 and 1 520 respectively.

5. Under the enhanced after-school care services, an additional 360 full fee-waiving quotas for extended service hours will be provided for needy families.
6. The after-school care services are operated through NGOs on a self-financing and fee charging basis. SWD will conduct reviews regularly on the service need and work with the NGOs concerned to enhance the after-school care services to cope with demand as and when required.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1234)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders, (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 16):

According to the 2014 Policy Address, the Administration will expand the “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme to cover rehabilitation services. Under the scheme, young people are recruited to provide care in elderly and rehabilitation services and are provided with subsidies to pursue a two-year part-time programme offered by the Open University. An additional 1 000 places will be provided in the coming few years. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the distribution of the additional 1 000 elderly and rehabilitation service places in the coming few years? What is the yearly estimated expenditure arising from the above initiative for the coming few years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In the light of the positive response to the “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme under the elderly services, the Administration has planned to expand and extend it to cover rehabilitation services, providing an additional 1 000 places for young people who have graduated from Secondary 5 or Secondary 6 level. The total expenditure involved is approximately \$147 million. The Social Welfare Department will invite proposals from non-governmental organisations to operate the scheme. It is at the planning stage and details are being worked out.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0116

(Question Serial No. 1235)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 1):

Regarding the additional funding of some \$160 million from the Government to elderly centres, please provide the following information: a breakdown on the estimated funding for district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs); a breakdown on the estimated funding for supporting demented elderly persons and their families in DECCs; a breakdown on the estimated funding for upgrading social centres for the elderly (SEs) to NECs. Please fill in the following table –

Funding	Additional staff				Support for demented elderly persons and their families		Upgrading SEs to NECs	
	DECC		NEC		DECC		SEs	
Total funding	HK\$		HK\$		HK\$		HK\$	
Type of unit to benefit	DECC		NEC		DECC		SEs	
Number of units to benefit								
Amount of funding for service	HK\$		HK\$		HK\$		HK\$	
Is the funding evenly distributed among all the units? The reasons?	Yes/No (Reason)		Yes/No (Reason)		Yes/No (Reason)		Yes/No (Reason)	
For each unit to be provided with the additional funding, the amount spent on personal emolument (PE), additional staff and their ranks/number, expenses on furniture and equipment (F&E), programme expenses, expenses on administrative and supervisory support and other expenses	HK\$		HK\$		HK\$		HK\$	
	HK\$		HK\$		HK\$		HK\$	
		(no. of persons)		(no. of persons)		(no. of persons)		(no. of persons)
	HK\$		HK\$		HK\$		HK\$	
	HK\$		HK\$		HK\$		HK\$	
	HK\$		HK\$		HK\$		HK\$	

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

To strengthen community support and services for elderly persons and their carers, additional recurrent funding will be allocated to elderly centres. Details of the funding allocation in a full year are as follows –

Funding allocation	Strengthening support for elderly persons living in the community		Enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers	Upgrading SE to NEC	Regularising the District-based Scheme on Carer Training	
Annual total funding (\$ million)	53		22	82.5	6.7	
Type of unit to benefit	DECC	NEC	DECC	SE	DECC	NEC
Number of units to benefit	41	119	41	51	41	170 ^[Note]
Is the funding evenly distributed among all the units? The reasons?	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

^[Note] Including the 51 SEs to be upgraded to NECs.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating elderly centres have flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. Moreover, elderly centres may apply for grants from the Lotteries Fund to meet the expenses on furniture and equipment.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0117****(Question Serial No. 1236)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 2):

It is stated in the 2014 Policy Address (paragraph 66) that the Government will continue to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme).

As such, please inform this Committee, based on the preliminary number of proposed places in various districts, the preliminary number of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) or day care centres for the elderly (DEs) involved and the estimated manpower required under the Special Scheme (please set out in table form).

District	Residential care services for the elderly			Day care services for the elderly		
	Number of places	Preliminary number of RCHEs involved	Estimated manpower required	Number of places	Preliminary number of DEs involved	Estimated manpower required
Eastern	150			140		
Southern	1 073			274		
Wan Chai	-			40		
Kowloon City	355			150		
Kwun Tong	932			140		
Sham Shui Po	100			40		
Wong Tai Sin	200			140		
Yau Tsim Mong	-			60		
Islands	107			20		
Kwai Tsing	200			160		
Northern	429			210		
Sai Kung	370			160		
Tsuen Wan	393			115		
Tuen Mun	2 130			140		
Yuen Long	519			220		
Total	6 958			2 009		

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought, based on the rough estimates provided by the applicant organisations under the Special Scheme, is as follows –

District	Residential care services for the elderly		Day care services for the elderly	
	Number of places	Preliminary number of RCHEs involved	Number of places	Preliminary number of DEs involved
Eastern	150	1	140	2
Southern	1 073	5	274	6
Wan Chai	-	-	40	1
Kowloon City	355	2	150	1
Kwun Tong	932	3	140	3
Sham Shui Po	100	1	40	1
Wong Tai Sin	200	2	140	2
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	60	1
Islands	107	2	20	1
Kwai Tsing	200	1	160	2
Northern	429	3	210	3
Sai Kung	370	3	160	3
Tsuen Wan	393	3	115	3
Tuen Mun	2 130	4	140	3
Yuen Long	519	3	220	4
Total	6 958	33	2 009	38

The preliminary proposals received from non-governmental organisations under the Special Scheme are at different planning stages. The feasibility of implementing the proposed projects will depend on various factors, including the site's location and its surrounding environment, communal facilities and transport facilities, the requirements prescribed in the land lease conditions and the restrictions stipulated in the outline zoning plan on use and development intensity, the feedback received from local consultations, the distribution of existing services as well as the demand and supply of the proposed services, etc. At this stage, the applicant organisations have not provided details on their estimated manpower requirements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1239)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services of Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 6):

The Social Welfare Department will continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) in 2014-15. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What is the enrolment rate of the Pilot Scheme?
- (2) The figures regarding participants withdrawing from the Pilot Scheme and the reasons for withdrawal in respective districts.
- (3) Fellow workers have expressed concern that the administrative work under the Pilot Scheme is heavy. What monthly and quarterly statistical returns are being required from the service units?
- (4) How many service units are in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), existing subsidised/subvented day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), existing non-subsidised/non-subvented DEs/DCUs and existing subvented District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs)/Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) or non-subvented elderly centres respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) During the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, 1 200 vouchers will be issued. As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme. The enrolment rate was around 77%.
- (2) As at end-February 2014, 75 voucher holders had withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme. The geographical distribution of these voucher holders and the reasons for withdrawal are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of Annex 1 respectively.
- (3) Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) of the Pilot Scheme are required to provide a monthly return on the list of voucher holders receiving services from them as at the end of the month. On a quarterly basis, RSPs are required to provide information in relation to their service provision, such as the number of day care sessions provided, major service types and service hours of home care services provided, number of vouchers kept by RSPs, and voucher holders' reasons for withdrawal (if any).
- (4) The types of premises where the 62 RSPs are located are set out in Annex 2.

Table 1 - Geographical distribution of voucher holders who had withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme (as at end-February 2014)

District	Number of Voucher Holders
Eastern	11
Kwun Tong	6
Wong Tai Sin	13
Sham Shui Po (including Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong)	7
Sha Tin	16
Tai Po	4
Tsuen Wan	11
Tuen Mun	7
Total	75

Table 2 - Reasons for withdrawal from the Pilot Scheme

Reason	Number of Voucher Holders
Will be admitted/have been admitted to other subvented/subsidised/private long term care services	36
Deceased	11
Have carers, including family members or domestic helpers	8
No suitable service providers/ service packages	19
Others	1
Total	75

Types of premises where the RSPs are located

Nature of Premises	Number of RSPs
RCHE	23
Subvented DE	2
Non-subvented DE	20
Subvented DECC/NEC	3
Non-subvented elderly centre	14
Total	62

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0119****(Question Serial No. 1240)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 18):

According to the 2014 Policy Address, the Government proposes to provide 6 200 additional places for rehabilitation services, including 2 016 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services, 2 713 places for residential care services and 1 471 places for pre-school rehabilitation during the term of this Government. In this connection, would the Administration please inform the Committee of the distribution of the additional places in the coming four years?

	Additional places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services	Additional places for residential care services	Additional places for pre-school rehabilitation
2014-15			
2015-16			
2016-17			
2017-18			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The additional places for rehabilitation services planned during the term of this Government are set out in the following table –

Year	Day Training/ Vocational Rehabilitation	Residential Care	Pre-school Rehabilitation	Total
2013-14	210	339	15	564
2014-15	276	258	832	1 366
2015-16	370	416	240	1 026
2016-17	230	50	90	370
2017-18	930	1 650	294	2 874
Total	2 016	2 713	1 471	6 200

The actual number of places provided in respective financial years may vary depending on the results of local consultations and applications for change of land use for certain projects, the actual usable floor area and design of the premises, and the technical problems encountered in construction works, etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1241)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 31):

Under the current Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, if an elderly person who has children but would like to apply for CSSA on the ground of old age due to financial difficulty, their children must sign a "Declaration of not providing support to parents" (Declaration); if the children refuse to sign the Declaration, then the elderly person cannot apply for CSSA. The poverty-stricken elderly persons will then be unwillingly out of the CSSA safety net, facing hardship and misery. Please advise –

1. Will the Government evaluate and revise the above system, cancelling the requirement for children to sign the Declaration?
2. Or instead allow an elderly person to submit by himself/herself a "Confirmation of not receiving financial support from children," so that elderly person with financial needs but their children refuse to sign the Declaration can still apply for CSSA.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The requirement for CSSA applicants living with their family members to make applications on a household basis is based on our firm belief to uphold the principle that family members in the same household should assist and support each other. All applicants who apply for CSSA on their own, regardless of whether they are elderly persons or not, have to submit a declaration on their financial situation so as to facilitate assessment of their eligibility for CSSA taking into account their needs and resources.

However, for cases that merit special consideration, e.g. where it is confirmed that the relationship between the elderly persons and his/her family members is poor and the family members of the elderly persons refuse to provide declarations, the Director of Social Welfare may consider exercising discretion to allow the elderly person to apply for CSSA on his/her own based on self-declaration of financial situation.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2286)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 24):

The estimated expenditure of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2014-15 is higher than last year. How many additional CSSA cases will be due to the abolishment of the residence requirement? What is the amount of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

The actual financial implication of lowering the CSSA residence requirement from seven years to one year will, to a very large extent, depend on the financial condition of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. Since the judgement of the Court of Final Appeal was handed down on 17 December 2013 and up to 26 March 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) received 3 923 applications from persons who have resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years. A longer time to observe the trend of number of new applications will be required to ascertain the implications more accurately. SWD will closely monitor the situation. Sufficient funding to cater for the additional expenditure is provided for in the draft Estimates of SWD.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No 2287)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 25):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications which need to be reprocessed due to the abolishment of residence requirement, what is the estimated additional administrative cost in 2014-15 as compared to the previous year?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

The actual implication of lowering the CSSA residence requirement from seven years to one year will, to a very large extent, depend on the financial condition of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. Since the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal was handed down on 17 December 2013 and up to 26 March 2014, SWD received 3 923 applications from persons who have resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years. A longer time to observe the trend of number of new applications will be required to ascertain the implications more accurately. SWD will closely monitor the situation.

Additional posts will be created to strengthen support for administering the CSSA Scheme subject to the actual increase in CSSA caseload.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0123

(Question Serial No. 0743)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 15):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Department “administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee, by nature of cases, of the latest numbers of CSSA cases and recipients living in each public housing estates?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (i) The number of CSSA cases by nature of cases in each public housing estate as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	243	70	55	89	39	28	17	541
Bo Shek Mansion	55	-	1	1	2	-	-	59
Broadview Garden	14	2	-	4	2	-	1	23
Butterfly	792	61	121	163	17	82	18	1 254
Chai Wan	276	16	27	46	9	18	10	402
Chak On	336	11	33	76	1	29	3	489
Cheung Ching	336	35	41	84	31	58	9	594
Cheung Fat	244	32	28	35	8	29	3	379
Cheung Hang	336	46	42	48	31	43	9	555
Cheung Hong	890	68	84	151	37	95	23	1 348
Cheung Kwai	24	4	5	5	5	13	1	57
Cheung On	317	42	41	35	7	32	8	482
Cheung Sha Wan	155	4	13	39	15	8	5	239
Cheung Shan	97	10	9	12	13	8	5	154
Cheung Wah	433	27	71	88	29	49	14	711
Cheung Wang	365	67	86	126	55	110	13	822

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ching Ho	897	47	175	458	99	197	42	1 915
Cho Yiu Chuen	165	9	10	13	11	13	1	222
Choi Fai	96	8	23	13	9	22	-	171
Choi Fook	375	18	42	148	42	77	16	718
Choi Ha	145	12	20	17	7	19	-	220
Choi Hung	865	45	121	183	59	88	21	1 382
Choi Ming Court	272	37	81	66	47	48	7	558
Choi Tak	602	23	53	233	26	75	29	1 041
Choi Wan (I)	387	41	88	116	30	61	22	745
Choi Wan (II)	216	10	42	71	19	37	9	404
Choi Ying	490	17	81	187	35	89	9	908
Choi Yuen	823	61	90	156	20	79	22	1 251
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	30	90	50	22	44	14	564
Chuk Yuen (South)	876	58	118	237	54	90	10	1 443
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	95	5	-	6	6	13	-	125
Chun Shek	255	18	43	47	12	26	5	406
Chung On	246	63	63	75	24	68	24	563
Clague Garden Estate	64	1	2	6	1	1	-	75
Easeful Court	16	1	5	15	5	8	2	52
Fortune	555	29	67	41	18	44	4	758
Fu Cheong	1 256	79	193	140	81	125	10	1 884
Fu Heng	401	55	114	48	15	37	7	677
Fu Shan	180	12	26	36	9	15	4	282
Fu Shin	430	36	93	98	16	47	15	735
Fu Tai	365	61	100	125	94	118	13	876
Fu Tung	83	9	23	34	13	13	1	176
Fuk Loi	365	28	51	56	9	19	8	536
Fung Tak	432	29	86	38	15	50	6	656
Fung Wah	79	11	13	8	2	9	4	126
Fung Wo	54	18	32	80	5	18	6	213
Grandeur Terrace	145	29	97	268	97	135	13	784
Hau Tak	353	45	78	74	30	49	9	638
Healthy Village	104	5	11	8	7	7	1	143
Heng On	194	32	46	47	14	19	20	372
High Prosperity Terrace	14	1	6	18	8	7	1	55
Hin Keng	198	20	40	40	17	30	12	357
Hin Yiu	103	13	29	43	5	13	2	208
Hing Man	121	26	21	49	22	19	4	262
Hing Tin	75	6	26	24	16	7	3	157
Hing Tung	172	21	25	35	17	19	1	290
Hing Wah (I)	261	56	34	39	22	34	3	449
Hing Wah (II)	503	48	46	111	20	36	4	768
Ho Man Tin	619	63	140	89	43	63	16	1 033

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Hoi Fu Court	540	24	70	77	37	51	4	803
Hoi Lai	282	41	95	188	105	115	9	835
Hong Tung	213	2	6	8	1	3	-	233
Hung Hom	484	24	59	68	16	43	11	705
Jat Min Chuen	356	17	36	22	11	24	6	472
Ka Fuk	244	29	20	36	12	31	5	377
Ka Wai Chuen	227	8	21	12	7	16	1	292
Kai Ching	320	26	69	206	28	75	17	741
Kai Tin	309	27	60	41	25	32	3	497
Kai Yip	753	31	69	128	11	46	12	1 050
Kam Peng	28	2	5	3	1	10	1	50
Kin Ming	406	98	213	288	116	158	18	1 297
Kin Sang	92	15	19	24	5	17	2	174
King Lam	448	48	76	42	12	52	7	685
Ko Cheung Court	47	10	28	82	36	32	11	246
Ko Yee	186	12	13	31	9	17	3	271
Kwai Chung	1 276	210	330	566	205	294	44	2 925
Kwai Fong	611	88	138	92	63	83	11	1 086
Kwai Hing	83	10	11	17	7	10	-	138
Kwai Luen	135	10	26	58	16	31	10	286
Kwai Shing (East)	764	80	132	119	68	101	18	1 282
Kwai Shing (West)	447	47	62	107	31	53	7	754
Kwong Fuk	507	71	111	164	26	72	23	974
Kwong Tin	178	13	46	43	21	19	8	328
Kwong Yuen	308	60	74	50	13	38	33	576
Kwun Lung Lau	117	7	20	23	19	21	1	208
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	487	22	64	40	31	51	4	699
Lai King	436	32	42	81	22	47	9	669
Lai Kok	480	39	75	102	21	49	12	778
Lai On	173	20	30	24	8	16	1	272
Lai Tak Tsuen	145	17	18	6	7	12	-	205
Lai Yiu	260	25	33	37	31	28	6	420
Lakeside Garden	16	2	3	2	2	-	1	26
Lam Tin	398	15	57	110	33	46	8	667
Lee On	287	58	111	78	23	52	9	618
Lei Cheng Uk	334	39	43	74	25	68	14	597
Lei Muk Shue	847	126	188	272	102	140	40	1 715
Lei Tung	403	62	65	99	14	39	27	709
Lei Yue Mun	418	27	88	124	40	59	9	765
Lek Yuen	318	42	59	84	15	32	21	571
Leung King	523	73	111	109	17	72	19	924
Lok Fu	388	68	84	89	24	60	6	719
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	20	38	24	13	38	1	458

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lok Wah (North)	154	19	40	44	13	36	6	312
Lok Wah (South)	1 427	48	105	165	12	84	20	1 861
Long Bin IH	24	11	24	9	1	55	1	125
Long Ping	548	54	115	187	37	103	25	1 069
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	317	17	59	120	28	94	16	651
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	493	58	97	130	30	56	15	879
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	418	59	104	143	39	80	17	860
Lung Hang	240	18	66	94	31	42	30	521
Lung Tin	59	11	8	10	1	12	-	101
Lung Yat	44	3	7	49	5	19	6	133
Ma Hang	45	4	13	10	7	10	1	90
Ma Tau Wai	212	26	33	87	9	27	5	399
Mei Lam	400	33	74	111	18	51	16	703
Mei Tin	501	68	166	340	89	135	44	1 343
Mei Tung	234	13	24	53	13	24	9	370
Ming Tak	169	15	22	30	12	14	3	265
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	15	10	7	10	-	228
Model Housing	54	9	9	12	12	11	1	108
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	7	7	8	2	8	1	123
Nam Cheong	171	13	31	24	9	21	-	269
Nam Shan	335	23	58	114	18	51	6	605
Nga Ning Court	22	-	8	9	7	7	2	55
Ngan Wan	31	2	5	15	6	4	2	65
Oi Man	405	51	83	146	46	65	8	804
Oi Tung	768	84	83	112	36	39	8	1 130
On Tin	24	3	6	44	20	18	5	120
On Ting	642	69	83	129	22	69	21	1 035
On Yam	460	55	61	72	61	58	15	782
Pak Tin	1 265	60	214	191	72	136	31	1 969
Ping Shek	395	28	42	59	20	46	6	596
Ping Tin	857	59	129	143	41	77	19	1 325
Po Lam	301	49	60	85	28	32	5	560
Po Tat	1 005	70	146	214	115	180	27	1 757
Po Tin	1 227	158	340	135	20	329	18	2 227
Pok Hong	274	13	67	66	13	23	9	465
Prosperous Garden	86	-	3	2	-	-	1	92
Sai Wan	25	3	9	8	8	6	1	60
Sam Shing	139	15	20	40	11	20	9	254
Sau Mau Ping (South)	439	19	81	182	46	83	24	874
Sau Mau Ping	1 767	141	268	293	159	234	43	2 905
Sha Kok	790	70	148	188	40	73	47	1 356
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	38	3	10	5	6	9	2	73
Shan King	814	93	161	192	37	102	29	1 428

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shatin Pass	116	4	25	58	7	23	4	237
Shek Kip Mei	1 273	70	220	331	60	176	37	2 167
Shek Lei (I)	616	80	74	132	33	64	17	1 016
Shek Lei (II)	957	107	175	249	117	175	44	1 824
Shek Mun	125	12	51	98	17	45	16	364
Shek Pai Wan	451	67	78	82	57	44	23	802
Shek Wai Kok	564	59	95	148	38	57	24	985
Shek Yam (East)	330	41	42	25	18	31	3	490
Shek Yam	371	44	49	58	37	33	8	600
Sheung Lok	129	8	5	8	1	7	1	159
Sheung Tak	550	54	115	112	87	83	13	1 014
Shin Ming	180	20	43	83	15	29	8	378
Shui Pin Wai	456	23	47	69	11	34	9	649
Shun Lee	438	28	56	93	22	57	11	705
Shun On	419	23	39	67	21	46	7	622
Shun Tin	836	49	119	148	46	94	16	1 308
Siu Sai Wan	300	80	86	123	41	59	5	694
Sun Chui	569	60	102	147	43	86	24	1 031
Sun Tin Wai	247	32	40	86	22	31	10	468
Tai Hang Tung	426	17	60	41	14	35	7	600
Tai Hing	1 210	93	140	200	47	125	29	1 844
Tai Ping	37	5	16	17	1	13	1	90
Tai Wo	546	38	88	53	11	44	14	794
Tai Wo Hau	766	97	131	159	59	100	30	1 342
Tai Yuen	353	50	131	95	44	71	15	759
Tak Long	77	7	33	26	4	29	4	180
Tak Tin	679	37	111	61	25	56	7	976
Tin Chak	443	53	127	173	49	119	18	982
Tin Ching	710	60	156	385	65	184	55	1 615
Tin Heng	201	41	139	300	141	187	22	1 031
Tin King	95	20	20	49	14	24	7	229
Tin Ping	209	21	48	54	17	35	7	391
Tin Shui	540	57	132	174	52	107	29	1 091
Tin Tsz	503	50	98	80	23	46	10	810
Tin Wah	486	51	112	101	31	82	14	877
Tin Wan	392	65	76	43	25	30	8	639
Tin Yan	843	82	199	298	32	206	18	1 678
Tin Yat	132	24	70	162	79	95	6	568
Tin Yiu	620	61	178	210	53	131	29	1 282
Tin Yuet	467	42	127	156	84	141	12	1 029
Tsing Yi	171	17	23	22	6	25	5	269
Tsui Lam	145	16	37	87	18	22	4	329
Tsui Lok	107	7	5	11	1	3	-	134
Tsui Ping (South)	432	29	60	65	29	41	5	661

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsui Ping (North)	991	61	178	159	48	118	21	1 576
Tsui Wan	122	29	17	23	5	17	3	216
Tsz Ching	1 265	67	178	174	106	141	19	1 950
Tsz Hong	111	13	42	82	52	49	4	353
Tsz Lok	799	50	109	135	51	83	14	1 241
Tsz Man	209	13	41	45	26	40	6	380
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	7	2	2	1	2	26
Tung Tau	650	53	94	105	27	74	11	1 014
Tung Wui	319	14	27	22	6	22	6	416
Un Chau	1 226	81	164	130	53	122	23	1 799
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 351	73	164	101	41	109	21	1 860
Upper Wong Tai Sin	779	78	115	115	60	78	9	1 234
Verbena Heights	153	5	17	6	2	11	2	196
Wah Fu	571	100	103	166	79	70	22	1 111
Wah Kwai	284	30	41	23	12	20	2	412
Wah Lai	98	20	29	40	15	21	4	227
Wah Ming	373	57	59	80	22	42	14	647
Wah Sum	170	31	29	28	21	28	3	310
Wan Hon	444	4	11	25	3	7	4	498
Wan Tau Tong	189	32	30	18	8	13	2	292
Wan Tsui	302	59	47	106	30	48	9	601
Wang Tau Hom	413	66	73	112	40	75	16	795
Wing Cheong	63	6	14	46	8	33	7	177
Wo Che	372	72	157	143	50	73	43	910
Wo Lok	247	22	42	47	11	22	7	398
Wu King	191	25	56	104	31	62	12	481
Yan On	179	18	54	113	10	60	18	452
Yat Tung	575	86	229	492	267	324	27	2 000
Yau Lai	956	34	163	380	98	146	28	1 805
Yau Oi	734	80	137	202	78	148	28	1 407
Yau Tong	512	44	101	102	73	56	11	899
Yiu On	164	33	73	48	8	20	15	361
Yiu Tung	507	64	81	70	32	43	2	799
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	6	8	2	2	10	1	68
Yue Wan	197	36	31	82	12	28	5	391
Yung Shing Court	213	27	39	27	25	48	3	382
Total	87 950	8 386	15 761	21 272	6 991	12 783	2 605	155 748

(ii) The number of CSSA recipients by nature of cases living in each public housing estate as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	357	141	113	213	108	41	29	1 002
Bo Shek Mansion	65	-	1	2	5	-	-	73
Broadview Garden	24	2	-	8	3	-	1	38
Butterfly	1 139	85	207	334	35	106	29	1 935
Chai Wan	323	27	61	111	20	27	15	584
Chak On	480	21	51	152	2	36	4	746
Cheung Ching	544	54	78	205	103	138	14	1 136
Cheung Fat	321	57	52	85	19	39	4	577
Cheung Hang	472	59	79	103	82	63	11	869
Cheung Hong	1 321	113	164	336	125	178	31	2 268
Cheung Kwai	38	4	5	10	20	24	1	102
Cheung On	417	55	57	78	10	44	13	674
Cheung Sha Wan	202	7	26	95	54	24	11	419
Cheung Shan	193	26	14	35	48	11	10	337
Cheung Wah	646	38	115	191	82	77	18	1 167
Cheung Wang	532	114	141	296	157	192	23	1 455
Ching Ho	1 247	88	365	1 139	324	477	89	3 729
Cho Yiu Chuen	238	14	13	27	25	25	3	345
Choi Fai	139	7	36	34	29	50	-	295
Choi Fook	480	32	69	346	115	149	26	1 217
Choi Ha	176	19	24	44	22	36	-	321
Choi Hung	1 301	68	184	411	171	157	46	2 338
Choi Ming Court	379	58	147	151	142	93	14	984
Choi Tak	789	33	91	521	90	139	44	1 707
Choi Wan (I)	643	71	166	277	92	120	41	1 410
Choi Wan (II)	356	16	89	152	48	71	19	751
Choi Ying	665	24	138	433	115	170	12	1 557
Choi Yuen	1 230	98	157	330	61	133	28	2 037
Chuk Yuen (North)	405	46	143	122	66	65	20	867
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 261	93	183	504	137	135	18	2 331
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	135	9	-	15	23	13	-	195
Chun Shek	329	26	79	99	30	36	7	606
Chung On	309	126	132	187	73	143	52	1 022
Clague Garden Estate	102	4	4	16	3	1	-	130
Easeful Court	34	2	19	38	21	25	6	145
Fortune	661	38	85	105	38	61	3	991
Fu Cheong	1 528	130	270	321	184	239	13	2 685
Fu Heng	513	79	197	115	49	62	8	1 023
Fu Shan	252	20	48	89	33	18	8	468
Fu Shin	665	53	169	209	53	90	21	1 260
Fu Tai	541	112	208	332	337	298	19	1 847
Fu Tung	110	14	57	95	36	23	2	337
Fuk Loi	529	55	94	133	11	20	14	856
Fung Tak	529	48	115	89	34	74	9	898
Fung Wah	95	16	23	19	9	17	7	186
Fung Wo	69	24	41	166	7	18	9	334
Grandeur Terrace	344	93	266	701	337	368	27	2 136
Hau Tak	465	74	162	196	88	97	12	1 094
Healthy Village	148	6	24	20	16	11	1	226

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Heng On	253	70	91	124	45	42	44	669
High Prosperity Terrace	28	3	25	46	36	25	2	165
Hin Keng	322	29	72	92	43	58	12	628
Hin Yiu	143	21	52	96	17	15	3	347
Hing Man	183	42	40	107	85	49	4	510
Hing Tin	118	11	63	53	49	8	2	304
Hing Tung	222	44	52	87	53	32	2	492
Hing Wah (I)	335	83	56	98	67	68	1	708
Hing Wah (II)	699	69	78	238	52	61	5	1 202
Ho Man Tin	784	83	201	208	119	122	22	1 539
Hoi Fu Court	733	36	128	173	108	89	5	1 272
Hoi Lai	473	103	233	479	358	296	19	1 961
Hong Tung	248	1	10	15	5	3	-	282
Hung Hom	610	37	91	159	46	94	20	1 057
Jat Min Chuen	514	30	56	57	29	36	10	732
Ka Fuk	313	52	31	93	47	53	11	600
Ka Wai Chuen	303	17	40	27	14	28	1	430
Kai Ching	399	41	96	470	71	117	26	1 220
Kai Tin	385	48	106	108	87	72	3	809
Kai Yip	1 079	35	97	270	32	67	18	1 598
Kam Peng	47	3	10	8	4	24	3	99
Kin Ming	556	151	453	730	412	337	32	2 671
Kin Sang	138	24	23	59	12	33	2	291
King Lam	539	62	112	104	34	81	7	939
Ko Cheung Court	136	27	73	194	122	91	17	660
Ko Yee	233	22	22	74	22	35	7	415
Kwai Chung	1 716	322	603	1 332	677	519	101	5 270
Kwai Fong	775	130	261	231	246	173	16	1 832
Kwai Hing	127	15	16	38	20	14	-	230
Kwai Luen	169	18	46	138	60	52	18	501
Kwai Shing (East)	969	119	222	285	200	182	32	2 009
Kwai Shing (West)	681	71	114	243	99	92	15	1 315
Kwong Fuk	757	138	222	379	73	135	42	1 746
Kwong Tin	230	16	90	111	74	31	11	563
Kwong Yuen	346	87	132	118	33	74	73	863
Kwun Lung Lau	155	7	34	60	74	27	3	360
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	682	35	121	98	80	96	11	1 123
Lai King	649	51	72	192	70	87	15	1 136
Lai Kok	657	63	119	218	55	66	13	1 191
Lai On	209	38	49	51	26	23	3	399
Lai Tak Tsuen	219	29	34	15	20	19	-	336
Lai Yiu	356	46	68	88	118	62	13	751
Lakeside Garden	25	7	4	5	3	-	3	47
Lam Tin	545	30	120	268	96	81	17	1 157
Lee On	390	89	209	193	67	104	17	1 069
Lei Cheng Uk	472	66	66	165	68	103	23	963
Lei Muk Shue	1 189	217	336	659	348	264	71	3 084
Lei Tung	528	109	95	210	37	40	33	1 052
Lei Yue Mun	602	38	155	288	126	120	16	1 345
Lek Yuen	422	77	130	180	53	64	45	971
Leung King	676	112	190	258	74	109	25	1 444
Lok Fu	475	91	119	218	73	102	6	1 084

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lok Man Sun Chuen	458	30	52	57	48	55	1	701
Lok Wah (North)	276	29	100	115	48	71	15	654
Lok Wah (South)	2 093	63	141	335	27	111	18	2 788
Long Bin IH	24	13	37	19	2	53	2	150
Long Ping	901	97	216	443	98	181	51	1 987
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	462	24	87	267	77	171	26	1 114
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	634	84	129	302	98	87	20	1 354
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	598	99	160	361	112	147	34	1 511
Lung Hang	348	29	141	247	110	76	80	1 031
Lung Tin	58	16	7	19	-	25	-	125
Lung Yat	68	8	13	115	19	35	12	270
Ma Hang	52	8	14	25	16	18	1	134
Ma Tau Wai	329	47	55	199	22	48	8	708
Mei Lam	570	47	135	257	44	83	29	1 165
Mei Tin	642	106	333	789	307	283	80	2 540
Mei Tung	298	25	42	118	46	52	15	596
Ming Tak	219	19	39	67	30	23	5	402
Ming Wah Dai Ha	226	18	22	19	22	12	-	319
Model Housing	79	13	20	31	43	25	-	211
Moon Lok Dai Ha	129	9	10	17	9	10	5	189
Nam Cheong	242	18	49	61	34	35	-	439
Nam Shan	491	43	85	253	45	76	6	999
Nga Ning Court	26	-	13	24	16	12	3	94
Ngan Wan	43	6	6	31	13	4	7	110
Oi Man	642	112	161	358	125	129	10	1 537
Oi Tung	947	132	119	245	113	55	10	1 621
On Tin	57	5	13	113	68	61	13	330
On Ting	879	90	122	282	54	122	27	1 576
On Yam	633	106	131	198	226	127	28	1 449
Pak Tin	1 656	93	319	475	208	256	53	3 060
Ping Shek	595	34	70	131	62	106	6	1 004
Ping Tin	1 066	89	215	331	98	130	37	1 966
Po Lam	450	75	101	188	81	62	10	967
Po Tat	1 440	115	277	554	376	423	67	3 252
Po Tin	1 390	178	376	273	45	319	22	2 603
Pok Hong	433	16	116	158	44	36	19	822
Prosperous Garden	94	-	7	4	-	-	3	108
Sai Wan	43	6	27	22	31	12	3	144
Sam Shing	213	32	33	93	26	44	10	451
Sau Mau Ping (South)	589	45	145	428	152	154	50	1 563
Sau Mau Ping	2 403	224	486	725	506	486	81	4 911
Sha Kok	1 054	119	287	388	118	120	92	2 178
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	61	3	13	17	20	20	3	137
Shan King	1 215	145	295	429	117	162	43	2 406
Shatin Pass	141	9	35	135	23	30	8	381
Shek Kip Mei	1 761	108	360	743	195	298	64	3 529
Shek Lei (I)	874	133	134	296	105	121	38	1 701
Shek Lei (II)	1 252	176	292	611	404	290	82	3 107
Shek Mun	149	10	96	222	54	74	38	643
Shek Pai Wan	590	108	128	199	196	97	30	1 348

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shek Wai Kok	870	106	189	336	120	87	40	1 748
Shek Yam (East)	395	66	67	72	52	54	9	715
Shek Yam	523	98	93	154	121	51	24	1 064
Sheung Lok	145	10	5	20	2	11	-	193
Sheung Tak	734	95	215	288	270	165	19	1 786
Shin Ming	235	30	59	180	46	39	9	598
Shui Pin Wai	624	36	87	153	42	63	14	1 019
Shun Lee	644	45	108	202	63	110	14	1 186
Shun On	613	40	68	159	50	70	11	1 011
Shun Tin	1 286	85	209	335	136	197	34	2 282
Siu Sai Wan	424	155	166	326	150	133	11	1 365
Sun Chui	842	106	207	325	133	162	45	1 820
Sun Tin Wai	363	61	78	203	75	63	18	861
Tai Hang Tung	531	21	87	102	56	50	9	856
Tai Hing	1 750	155	211	442	129	179	37	2 903
Tai Ping	67	11	32	40	6	26	1	183
Tai Wo	705	72	163	108	30	79	17	1 174
Tai Wo Hau	1 109	158	237	366	208	172	59	2 309
Tai Yuen	569	105	298	248	145	145	21	1 531
Tak Long	88	7	39	65	19	38	7	263
Tak Tin	819	55	170	138	74	80	18	1 354
Tin Chak	646	96	248	393	134	242	32	1 791
Tin Ching	997	104	342	877	220	400	107	3 047
Tin Heng	467	121	409	722	501	522	42	2 784
Tin King	152	41	31	128	44	37	10	443
Tin Ping	305	38	94	113	53	58	14	675
Tin Shui	813	112	232	445	189	231	48	2 070
Tin Tsz	661	66	142	179	64	64	12	1 188
Tin Wah	617	97	204	267	93	151	24	1 453
Tin Wan	482	98	123	100	72	50	15	940
Tin Yan	1 107	112	283	646	97	271	27	2 543
Tin Yat	304	63	184	405	272	286	9	1 523
Tin Yiu	938	97	335	500	172	277	49	2 368
Tin Yuet	662	66	220	395	303	274	17	1 937
Tsing Yi	224	23	37	53	21	50	7	415
Tsui Lam	227	32	74	204	78	48	7	670
Tsui Lok	155	8	9	25	3	3	-	203
Tsui Ping (South)	537	53	118	171	74	77	9	1 039
Tsui Ping (North)	1 325	85	271	343	147	179	25	2 375
Tsui Wan	163	38	22	57	20	22	2	324
Tsz Ching	1 529	110	283	433	291	269	36	2 951
Tsz Hong	233	33	103	222	163	122	6	882
Tsz Lok	1 051	88	186	320	142	157	22	1 966
Tsz Man	302	26	68	126	80	85	12	699
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	17	-	7	6	7	1	3	41
Tung Tau	830	68	124	232	76	103	15	1 448
Tung Wui	355	19	45	59	17	34	9	538
Un Chau	1 558	130	263	326	177	208	48	2 710
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 743	86	244	254	137	221	30	2 715
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 037	115	149	274	171	125	16	1 887
Verbena Heights	188	6	29	14	5	21	3	266
Wah Fu	848	188	197	405	243	110	31	2 022
Wah Kwai	321	52	64	47	36	27	4	551

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wah Lai	152	38	62	100	49	62	6	469
Wah Ming	519	110	96	180	45	73	15	1 038
Wah Sum	242	64	64	61	61	52	7	551
Wan Hon	600	6	18	48	13	13	5	703
Wan Tau Tong	242	40	46	39	22	29	4	422
Wan Tsui	439	107	96	251	103	87	11	1 094
Wang Tau Hom	538	107	127	304	120	132	24	1 352
Wing Cheong	90	14	31	110	33	67	20	365
Wo Che	535	143	337	359	154	162	93	1 783
Wo Lok	345	38	59	99	28	33	9	611
Wu King	328	46	152	252	96	144	25	1 043
Yan On	212	32	84	256	33	101	31	749
Yat Tung	903	187	583	1 270	928	943	54	4 868
Yau Lai	1 368	61	329	851	315	321	53	3 298
Yau Oi	1 114	146	269	462	263	277	56	2 587
Yau Tong	743	76	157	235	212	113	25	1 561
Yiu On	213	54	128	117	17	36	36	601
Yiu Tung	633	102	128	171	112	91	3	1 240
Yue Kwong Chuen	55	8	11	5	7	15	1	102
Yue Wan	281	57	68	201	32	45	3	687
Yung Shing Court	252	59	64	69	85	112	6	647
Total	121 382	13 861	28 001	50 132	22 021	24 043	4 552	263 992

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 16):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Department “administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee, by nature of cases, of the latest number of CSSA cases and recipients in 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 ^[Note 1] as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Geographical district	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 176	231	306	181	79	222	46	3 241
Eastern	8 219	1 215	918	1 229	409	750	244	12 984
Islands	1 730	189	393	710	330	513	160	4 025
Kowloon City	8 082	960	1 232	1 333	354	1 028	258	13 247
Kwai Tsing	14 879	2 270	2 228	2 647	1 067	1 769	484	25 344
Kwun Tong	21 766	1 561	3 011	4 231	1 382	2 452	709	35 112
North	7 705	970	1 239	1 755	399	1 001	463	13 532
Sai Kung	4 269	809	925	967	410	569	317	8 266
Sha Tin	8 923	1 480	1 966	2 219	536	1 096	572	16 792

Geographical district	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sham Shui Po	13 711	1 132	2 585	2 477	752	2 759	627	24 043
Southern	4 827	1 156	728	607	263	309	190	8 080
Tai Po	5 638	535	939	910	200	478	264	8 964
Tsuen Wan	4 804	483	599	784	255	432	227	7 584
Tuen Mun	11 339	2 183	2 180	2 045	484	1 509	475	20 215
Wan Chai	1 084	74	124	92	26	216	85	1 701
Wong Tai Sin	12 542	1 072	1 860	2 257	762	1 399	410	20 302
Yau Tsim Mong	5 146	387	1 090	919	215	1 941	401	10 099
Yuen Long	12 359	1 679	2 774	3 824	967	2 692	734	25 029
Total ^[Note 2]	149 199	18 386	25 097	29 187	8 890	21 135	6 666	258 560

(b) The numbers of CSSA recipients by case nature and by geographical district ^[Note 1] as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Geographical district	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 210	248	369	419	286	242	58	3 832
Eastern	9 803	1 647	1 506	2 910	1 350	1 218	294	18 728
Islands	2 242	320	864	1 793	1 128	1 272	210	7 829
Kowloon City	9 084	1 177	1 621	3 165	1 094	1 536	387	18 064
Kwai Tsing	19 065	3 086	3 693	6 363	3 592	3 182	862	39 843
Kwun Tong	29 067	2 204	5 096	9 991	4 295	4 749	1 198	56 600
North	9 601	1 309	1 975	4 216	1 184	1 834	727	20 846
Sai Kung	5 418	1 062	1 658	2 354	1 337	1 080	348	13 257
Sha Tin	11 358	2 080	3 537	5 210	1 661	1 994	1 077	26 917
Sham Shui Po	16 703	1 628	3 523	5 766	2 257	3 686	974	34 537

Geographical district	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Southern	5 610	1 494	1 061	1 437	813	458	246	11 119
Tai Po	6 862	813	1 607	2 126	630	848	380	13 266
Tsuen Wan	5 898	716	943	1 846	804	705	378	11 290
Tuen Mun	14 420	2 652	3 168	4 729	1 525	2 354	609	29 457
Wan Chai	1 088	76	128	222	83	193	95	1 885
Wong Tai Sin	16 031	1 570	2 867	5 425	2 268	2 406	621	31 188
Yau Tsim Mong	5 418	430	1 248	2 000	642	1 996	543	12 277
Yuen Long	16 122	2 409	4 763	9 164	3 253	5 087	1 100	41 898
Total ^[Note 2]	186 000	24 921	39 627	69 136	28 202	34 840	10 107	392 833

[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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0125

(Question Serial No. 0745)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 17):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Department “administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee, by public housing estate, of the latest and total number of recipients of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), Normal Old Age Allowance and Higher Old Age Allowance under the SSA Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

OALA is a means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 65 or above introduced in April 2013. The income and assets requirements for OALA are the same as the former Normal OAA. Meanwhile, the Old Age Allowance (OAA) (i.e. the former Higher OAA) provides a non-means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 70 or above. The numbers of OALA, NDA, HDA, OAA cases in each public housing estate as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases					Total
	OAA	OALA	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	
Ap Lei Chau	323	1 634	46	364	410	2 367
Bo Shek Mansion	5	22	1	6	7	34
Broadview Garden	6	21	-	5	5	32
Butterfly	82	791	11	169	180	1 053
Chai Wan	16	369	6	52	58	443
Chak On	55	466	12	77	89	610
Cheung Ching	304	1 991	36	245	281	2 576
Cheung Fat	55	456	10	119	129	640
Cheung Hang	149	1 209	23	220	243	1 601
Cheung Hong	365	2 476	34	349	383	3 224
Cheung Kwai	10	102	2	21	23	135
Cheung On	268	1 742	55	421	476	2 486
Cheung Sha Wan	4	97	2	9	11	112
Cheung Shan	106	721	9	97	106	933
Cheung Wah	195	1 210	42	312	354	1 759
Cheung Wang	19	401	20	177	197	617
Ching Ho	26	480	24	241	265	771
Cho Yiu Chuen	312	1 044	17	127	144	1 500
Choi Fai	60	386	12	70	82	528
Choi Fook	15	388	6	58	64	467
Choi Ha	200	839	28	122	150	1 189
Choi Hung	629	2 609	49	338	387	3 625
Choi Ming Court	27	365	10	122	132	524
Choi Tak	20	854	14	120	134	1 008
Choi Wan (I)	316	2 056	66	341	407	2 779
Choi Wan (II)	153	1 073	29	171	200	1 426
Choi Ying	37	517	20	112	132	686
Choi Yuen	169	1 091	45	268	313	1 573
Chuk Yuen (North)	692	2 762	75	334	409	3 863
Chuk Yuen (South)	265	1 608	32	284	316	2 189
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	123	383	12	57	69	575
Chun Shek	89	634	16	138	154	877
Chung On	30	336	25	165	190	556
Clague Garden Estate	65	251	9	25	34	350
Easeful Court	5	104	5	26	31	140
Fortune	87	418	15	101	116	621
Fu Cheong	82	1 010	25	241	266	1 358
Fu Heng	135	890	33	384	417	1 442

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases					Total
	OAA	OALA	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	
Fu Shan	84	592	5	72	77	753
Fu Shin	169	1 289	44	387	431	1 889
Fu Tai	50	831	31	316	347	1 228
Fu Tung	25	283	4	91	95	403
Fuk Loi	368	1 203	43	142	185	1 756
Fung Tak	471	1 817	40	234	274	2 562
Fung Wah	109	372	11	93	104	585
Fung Wo	-	44	1	11	12	56
Grandeur Terrace	15	304	12	205	217	536
Hau Tak	130	952	41	233	274	1 356
Healthy Village	329	605	33	107	140	1 074
Heng On	238	1 550	68	388	456	2 244
High Prosperity Terrace	18	129	7	38	45	192
Hin Keng	306	1 914	64	435	499	2 719
Hin Yiu	6	64	-	40	40	110
Hing Man	100	747	19	114	133	980
Hing Tin	231	1 034	39	156	195	1 460
Hing Tung	88	450	20	145	165	703
Hing Wah (I)	72	557	22	186	208	837
Hing Wah (II)	169	1 039	25	240	265	1 473
Ho Man Tin	369	1 915	42	339	381	2 665
Hoi Fu Court	104	705	15	135	150	959
Hoi Lai	78	791	33	229	262	1 131
Hong Tung	29	154	3	15	18	201
Hung Hom	46	502	12	83	95	643
Jat Min Chuen	211	1 041	34	224	258	1 510
Ka Fuk	28	305	12	124	136	469
Ka Wai Chuen	255	736	19	102	121	1 112
Kai Ching	5	149	7	31	38	192
Kai Tin	126	797	31	99	130	1 053
Kai Yip	192	1 274	32	197	229	1 695
Kam Peng	3	47	1	12	13	63
Kin Ming	29	543	24	273	297	869
Kin Sang	50	399	11	168	179	628
King Lam	177	1 086	51	297	348	1 611
Ko Cheung Court	32	300	18	97	115	447
Ko Yee	64	425	15	68	83	572
Kwai Chung	186	1 634	50	562	612	2 432
Kwai Fong	525	2 321	74	372	446	3 292

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases					Total
	OAA	OALA	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	
Kwai Hing	221	746	18	78	96	1 063
Kwai Luen	3	126	6	28	34	163
Kwai Shing (East)	321	1 716	40	312	352	2 389
Kwai Shing (West)	364	1 830	28	237	265	2 459
Kwong Fuk	191	1 465	44	474	518	2 174
Kwong Tin	143	903	34	170	204	1 250
Kwong Yuen	181	938	49	304	353	1 472
Kwun Lung Lau	203	575	16	110	126	904
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	399	1 630	54	221	275	2 304
Lai King	291	1 556	23	224	247	2 094
Lai Kok	184	843	18	146	164	1 191
Lai On	154	539	23	89	112	805
Lai Tak Tsuen	421	1 069	33	146	179	1 669
Lai Yiu	153	941	20	132	152	1 246
Lakeside Garden	-	21	1	9	10	31
Lam Tin	21	515	9	65	74	610
Lee On	98	765	42	259	301	1 164
Lei Cheng Uk	462	1 750	62	303	365	2 577
Lei Muk Shue	436	2 869	49	440	489	3 794
Lei Tung	426	2 011	58	559	617	3 054
Lei Yue Mun	62	676	24	130	154	892
Lek Yuen	223	1 073	24	185	209	1 505
Leung King	101	872	27	408	435	1 408
Lok Fu	222	1 207	39	223	262	1 691
Lok Man Sun Chuen	548	1 501	23	154	177	2 226
Lok Wah (North)	183	1 142	51	171	222	1 547
Lok Wah (South)	261	1 876	34	241	275	2 412
Long Bin IH	-	13	-	10	10	23
Long Ping	178	1 282	34	475	509	1 969
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	36	760	13	94	107	903
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	432	2 142	52	372	424	2 998
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	329	1 737	56	280	336	2 402
Lung Hang	217	1 313	50	293	343	1 873
Lung Tin	8	71	2	12	14	93
Lung Yat	-	13	-	7	7	20
Ma Hang	36	224	8	65	73	333
Ma Tau Wai	206	640	21	149	170	1 016
Mei Lam	266	1 353	48	251	299	1 918
Mei Tin	30	455	18	240	258	743

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases					Total
	OAA	OALA	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	
Mei Tung	56	374	3	41	44	474
Ming Tak	27	262	7	54	61	350
Ming Wah Dai Ha	339	1 062	18	181	199	1 600
Model Housing	75	213	7	43	50	338
Moon Lok Dai Ha	106	345	7	30	37	488
Nam Cheong	131	515	6	113	119	765
Nam Shan	145	786	33	180	213	1 144
Nga Ning Court	1	38	2	16	18	57
Ngan Wan	8	67	1	17	18	93
Oi Man	627	2 663	51	442	493	3 783
Oi Tung	219	1 014	38	271	309	1 542
On Tin	10	150	4	43	47	207
On Ting	98	913	16	238	254	1 265
On Yam	512	2 622	41	272	313	3 447
Pak Tin	290	1 986	50	401	451	2 727
Ping Shek	531	1 850	56	223	279	2 660
Ping Tin	285	1 642	60	322	382	2 309
Po Lam	154	1 106	40	282	322	1 582
Po Tat	115	1 518	45	308	353	1 986
Po Tin	13	431	5	192	197	641
Pok Hong	320	1 916	77	425	502	2 738
Prosperous Garden	22	84	2	18	20	126
Sai Wan	76	208	15	48	63	347
Sam Shing	48	408	7	68	75	531
Sau Mau Ping (South)	27	530	13	95	108	665
Sau Mau Ping	448	3 697	115	613	728	4 873
Sha Kok	328	1 920	57	356	413	2 661
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	15	184	3	49	52	251
Shan King	163	1 453	27	469	496	2 112
Shatin Pass	9	132	3	36	39	180
Shek Kip Mei	242	1 766	45	382	427	2 435
Shek Lei (I)	353	1 982	28	272	300	2 635
Shek Lei (II)	145	1 148	25	249	274	1 567
Shek Mun	8	110	7	53	60	178
Shek Pai Wan	248	2 016	56	371	427	2 691
Shek Wai Kok	432	2 260	42	328	370	3 062
Shek Yam (East)	182	863	19	102	121	1 166
Shek Yam	99	712	14	126	140	951
Sheung Lok	19	100	1	7	8	127

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases					Total
	OAA	OALA	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	
Sheung Tak	81	954	50	268	318	1 353
Shin Ming	6	166	4	36	40	212
Shui Pin Wai	87	547	6	88	94	728
Shun Lee	240	1 600	42	239	281	2 121
Shun On	154	940	19	142	161	1 255
Shun Tin	345	2 291	76	358	434	3 070
Siu Sai Wan	354	2 007	74	549	623	2 984
Sun Chui	342	2 000	78	458	536	2 878
Sun Tin Wai	224	1 284	25	199	224	1 732
Tai Hang Tung	117	664	21	131	152	933
Tai Hing	211	1 764	28	366	394	2 369
Tai Ping	35	212	19	112	131	378
Tai Wo	180	1 266	58	447	505	1 951
Tai Wo Hau	488	2 785	77	440	517	3 790
Tai Yuen	150	1 418	35	385	420	1 988
Tak Long	-	6	-	4	4	10
Tak Tin	342	1 956	68	281	349	2 647
Tin Chak	13	313	10	149	159	485
Tin Ching	20	390	15	140	155	565
Tin Heng	20	524	15	325	340	884
Tin King	34	423	18	198	216	673
Tin Ping	108	793	43	369	412	1 313
Tin Shui	124	1 168	42	439	481	1 773
Tin Tsz	43	416	13	170	183	642
Tin Wah	31	464	16	189	205	700
Tin Wan	176	858	22	231	253	1 287
Tin Yan	23	356	11	139	150	529
Tin Yat	21	296	12	182	194	511
Tin Yiu	125	1 247	46	532	578	1 950
Tin Yuet	32	418	11	167	178	628
Tsing Yi	145	941	22	205	227	1 313
Tsui Lam	125	1 115	39	285	324	1 564
Tsui Lok	24	102	3	20	23	149
Tsui Ping (South)	129	628	27	134	161	918
Tsui Ping (North)	473	2 725	107	450	557	3 755
Tsui Wan	163	709	20	179	199	1 071
Tsz Ching	310	1 928	39	331	370	2 608
Tsz Hong	20	350	6	90	96	466
Tsz Lok	234	1 524	50	276	326	2 084

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases					Total
	OAA	OALA	HDA	NDA	Total for HDA and NDA	
Tsz Man	150	710	25	112	137	997
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	5	34	2	15	17	56
Tung Tau	566	2 190	55	350	405	3 161
Tung Wui	17	170	1	19	20	207
Un Chau	729	2 601	84	412	496	3 826
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	346	2 162	74	295	369	2 877
Upper Wong Tai Sin	264	1 314	40	241	281	1 859
Verbena Heights	16	152	4	24	28	196
Wah Fu	868	3 324	83	686	769	4 961
Wah Kwai	333	1 034	38	262	300	1 667
Wah Lai	17	159	4	80	84	260
Wah Ming	95	661	34	318	352	1 108
Wah Sum	20	243	5	85	90	353
Wan Hon	45	244	7	32	39	328
Wan Tau Tong	125	498	14	180	194	817
Wan Tsui	207	1 059	30	293	323	1 589
Wang Tau Hom	419	2 272	60	333	393	3 084
Wing Cheong	1	29	2	8	10	40
Wo Che	372	2 231	93	481	574	3 177
Wo Lok	104	600	25	78	103	807
Wu King	105	1 029	32	272	304	1 438
Yan On	7	207	6	58	64	278
Yat Tung	74	1 324	33	505	538	1 936
Yau Lai	75	1 558	32	278	310	1 943
Yau Oi	197	1 953	46	484	530	2 680
Yau Tong	120	897	37	181	218	1 235
Yiu On	123	928	44	335	379	1 430
Yiu Tung	245	1 204	31	334	365	1 814
Yue Kwong Chuen	130	351	6	67	73	554
Yue Wan	123	706	25	165	190	1 019
Yung Shing Court	19	230	9	113	122	371
Total	37 588	218 532	6 334	46 149	52 483	308 603

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0126

(Question Serial No. 0746)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 18):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Department “administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee, by District Council district, of the latest and total number of recipients of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), 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, Old Age Allowance (OAA) and OALA cases by geographical district as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Geographical district	Number of cases			
	NDA	HDA	OAA	OALA
Central & Western	2 968	647	11 134	8 473
Eastern	9 321	1 853	25 298	35 453
Islands	1 544	200	2 623	5 555
Kowloon City	4 941	1 002	16 153	20 504
Kwai Tsing	8 337	1 346	10 611	40 308
Kwun Tong	9 463	2 274	14 323	52 010
North	4 652	732	5 074	14 614
Sai Kung	5 084	1 050	7 068	19 654
Sha Tin	10 360	2 152	13 457	37 718
Sham Shui Po	5 510	1 100	11 786	23 426
Southern	5 083	824	8 057	17 216

Geographical district	Number of cases			
	NDA	HDA	OAA	OALA
Tai Po	4 936	777	5 549	14 399
Tsuen Wan	3 505	745	8 165	16 232
Tuen Mun	8 066	939	6 661	24 486
Wan Chai	1 577	495	9 233	4 445
Wong Tai Sin	6 690	1 300	10 639	38 120
Yau Tsim Mong	3 427	607	12 141	13 344
Yuen Long	7 678	1 064	8 788	22 784
Total	103 142	19 107	186 760	408 741

The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

OALA is a means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 65 or above introduced in April 2013. The income and assets requirements for OALA are the same as the former NOAA. Meanwhile, OAA (i.e. the former HOAA) provides a non-means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 70 or above.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0747)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 19):

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “conduct a review on the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following – the scope and details of the review; the proposed timetable and estimated time of completion of the review; the operational expenses and manpower involved in the review; and what is the anticipated time for implementing the review findings?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

In his 2014 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Administration will review OALA by the end of this year to ascertain, among other things, whether the asset limits should be relaxed. Meanwhile, SWD is conducting a postal review for around 273 000 OALA recipients who were granted the allowance under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, which is expected to be completed by end-November 2014. The operational expenses and manpower involved in conducting the review will be absorbed from within the existing resources of SWD.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0749)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 21):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “combats fraud relating to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following – the situation of fraud and abuse of CSSA 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 may deter those who are genuinely in need from applying for CSSA.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The number of CSSA fraud cases in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (as at end-December) was 1 117 and 604 respectively, and the corresponding amounts of over-payment involved were \$68.4 million and \$44.6 million. The expenditure of the Special Investigation Section (SIS), which is responsible for handling fraud cases, was \$57.2 million in 2012-13, and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 is \$61.5 million.

Currently, there are about 120 social security staff posts in the SIS specialising 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 discipline forces have also been appointed as fraud detection advisors to enhance the investigation techniques of the investigation officers of the Fraud Investigation Teams of SIS.

To combat fraud, SWD conducts regular case review and checks on targeted cases, 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 regularly displayed on the panels, and there are also press cuttings about fraud cases resulting in conviction.

It is our objective to support persons experiencing 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 to meet their basic needs. This message has been clearly disseminated through our publicity materials.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0129

(Question Serial No. 0750)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 22):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Department “administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure for CSSA cases by case nature?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for CSSA cases in 2013-14 by case nature is set out as follows –

Case nature	2013-14 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	10,766
Permanent disability	1,372
Ill health	2,069
Single parent	2,959
Low-earnings	806
Unemployment	1,332
Others	479
Total	19,783

^[Note] The expenditure includes one additional month of standard rate payment.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0130

(Question Serial No. 0751)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 23):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Department “administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee, by nature of cases, of the numbers of new CSSA cases and cases having left the CSSA net in each of the past 2 financial years?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The numbers of CSSA new applications and cases closed in the past 2 years by case nature are provided in the following two tables –

Table 1 : Number of CSSA new applications by case nature

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
Old age	14 125	9 158
Permanent disability	1 574	1 164
Ill health	6 476	4 769
Single parent	3 435	2 591
Low-earnings	1 985	1 287
Unemployment	7 790	5 271
Others	5 593	4 506
Total	40 978	28 746

Table 2 : Number of CSSA cases closed by case nature

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
Old age	14 455	11 275
Permanent disability	1 262	883
Ill health	2 423	1 830
Single parent	4 095	2 905
Low-earnings	2 627	1 773
Unemployment	5 244	3 529
Others	1 508	1 174
Total	31 614	23 369

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0131****(Question Serial No. 0752)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 24):

The continual rise in rents in recent years has added to the burden of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients living in private housing. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure involved as well as the number and percentage of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding the rent allowance over the past three financial years? Will the Administration consider raising the amount of rent allowance to reflect the actual rental expenses of CSSA recipients? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure involved in 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)
2011-12	240 881	2,978
2012-13	233 424	2,825
2013-14	227 113 (as at end-December 2013)	2,173 (up to end-December 2013)

The number and percentage of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding the Maximum Rent Allowance (MRA) in 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA	Percentages of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (%)
2011-12	25 696	10.7%
2012-13	22 884	9.8%
2013-14	24 253 (as at end-December 2013)	10.7% (as at end-December 2013)

The Administration reviews the 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 MRA by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0132****(Question Serial No. 0753)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 25):

It is mentioned in the "Brief Description" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) "administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the numbers of CSSA recipients of low-earnings and unemployment cases and their percentages to the overall number of CSSA cases; the average duration of stay on CSSA for unemployment cases; and the number and percentage of recipients with post-secondary education in the past three years? Has the Administration looked into the reasons for cases which continuously stay on CSSA?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of CSSA low-earnings and unemployment cases and their percentages to the overall number of CSSA cases from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage(%)
Low-earnings	11 765	4.3	9 942	3.7	8 891	3.4
Unemployment	26 081	9.5	23 293	8.7	21 149	8.1

- (b) The median duration of stay on CSSA^[Note] for unemployment cases from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
	Median (years)	4.9	5.2

^[Note] Unemployment cases may be on CSSA due to other reasons (such as ill health, low-earnings or single parents) in previous years of receiving CSSA, and not all of them have been receiving assistance as a result of unemployment throughout their stay in the CSSA net.

- (c) The numbers of CSSA unemployed recipients with post-secondary education and above and their percentages to the overall number of unemployed recipients from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Number	283	298	325
Percentage (%)	1.0	1.2	1.5

The CSSA Scheme is to provide a safety net to help those who cannot support themselves financially to meet their basic needs. This applies to both new recipients and recipients staying on CSSA.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0754)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 27):

It is stated in the brief description that the Department will “continue to monitor the enhanced short-term food assistance service”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the latest position and trend of the expenditure involved in the existing short-term food assistance service, the service recipients and the average value of food assistance received per person in each of the past two years? Would the Administration review and evaluate the short-term food assistance service taking inflation and demand into account, and consider such measures as expanding the service network and increasing the number of service operators?

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 end-January 2014 was \$176.5 million. The average monthly expenditure in 2012-13 (Actual) and 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) was \$5.2 million and \$7.9 million respectively, representing a 52% increase in expenditure which was mainly attributed to the service enhancements implemented in October 2013.

The number of persons served under the Projects in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to end-January 2014) was around 33 600 and 27 400 respectively. The provision of food assistance (type of food and service duration) for each service user is determined according to his/her need as assessed by the operating non-governmental organisations. 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. A review was completed in mid-2013 and the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services was briefed on the recommended enhancement measures on 21 May 2013. Starting from October 2013, the service period for each service user has been extended from a maximum of six weeks to a maximum of eight weeks, and in view of the increase in food price, the allocation per meal day has also been adjusted upwards by 10%. To facilitate more effective service management and delivery, SWD split the two service projects with higher service demand into four in March 2014, bringing the total number of service operators from five to seven. As regards the service network, on top of the existing 451 service points, of which 103 will be also venues for food distribution, an additional 20 food distribution points set up in the coming months. SWD will continue to monitor the service operation as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0134****(Question Serial No. 0755)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 28):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Department "provides support for employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to become self-reliant". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who had participated in the various employment assistance projects, and the number and percentage of those participants who had successfully secured employment in the past three financial years?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the New Dawn (ND) Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) in April 2006, October 2006 and October 2008 respectively to encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant. From the commencement of the three projects up to their completion at end-December 2012, the number of participants, and the number and percentage of those participants who had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling are as follows –

Employment assistance project	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured employment up to end-December 2012	Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling (%)
ND Project	26 162	7 582	29.0
My STEP	1 960	1 147	58.5
IEAS	121 507	26 079	21.5

SWD does not have breakdown of the figures by financial year.

In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance projects into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). Since the commencement of the IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, a total of 14 294 persons had participated in the project and 4 371 (30.6%) of the participants had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0756)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 29):

It is stated in the Budget Speech that the Government 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 payments 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 2014 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 (including the Guangdong (GD) Scheme), OALA and DA recipients, equal to one month of the allowances. The estimated total expenditure involved is around \$2.67 billion, comprising \$1.24 billion for CSSA, \$0.27 billion for OAA, \$0.95 billion for OALA and \$0.22 billion for DA. Individual figures for the expenditure above may not add up to the total due to rounding effect. Subject to the Finance Committee's approval, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) aims to arrange for payment in the second half of 2014.

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, OALA and DA, they will be adjusted on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP. We will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the above-mentioned payment rates according to the established mechanism.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0757)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 30):

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 dependents as appropriate.” Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the cases requiring the above assistance, the number of persons who have received assistance in such cases and the expenditure involved over the past year; and how much funding is allocated for the above purposes for 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 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013), there were 13 natural disasters involving 426 victims who had received emergency relief service. The total expenditure involved 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 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013), disbursements under ERF were granted to 1 771 victims of 12 incidents, and the total expenditure was about \$5.9 million.

In 2014-15, the funding allocation for emergency relief service is estimated to be \$1 million and \$10 million is earmarked for grant to ERF.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0758)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 31):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention" that the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) will be enhanced 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 –

- (1) What is 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?
- (2) What is the latest service utilisation of the existing ICCMWs? How many ex-mentally ill persons, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and local residents are receiving support services?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

A total of 11 ICCMWs are currently operating in permanent accommodation and another 5 are expected to commence service at their permanent accommodation in 2014-15 following the completion of fitting-out works. We have also identified a suitable site for another ICCMW, in respect of which local consultation will follow; and reserved sites in redevelopment and conversion projects for 2 other ICCMWs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments in identifying suitable permanent premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government properties, school premises, public housing units, etc. for the remaining 5 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 rental support applications from individual ICCMW operators.

During the period from the commencement of ICCMW service in October 2010 to December 2013, ICCMWs served over 35 200 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, with nearly 36 600 referrals handled and over 207 200 outreaching visits made. During the same period, ICCMWs also organised over 8 200 public education activities to enhance public awareness of mental health and around 422 000 persons including families and carers as well as local residents participated in these activities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0759)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 32):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department “continued to implement the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Scheme) to better serve elderly persons who were staying at home and waiting for subsidised nursing home (NH) places”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure involved, distribution and number of service teams as well as the staff establishment for the past three financial years and the respective estimated figures for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Scheme, which is a three-year project funded by the Lotteries Fund starting in March 2011, aims to provide a new package of home care services for the elderly waiting for NH 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. To facilitate its integration with the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services, the Scheme has been extended for one year till 28 February 2015. The total expenditure of the Scheme is around \$71.6 million, including the estimated expenditure of \$16.8 million in 2014-15 (up to February 2015 when the Scheme will end).

Three service teams under the Scheme have been providing services to the eligible frail elderly persons in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Eastern and Kwai Tsing districts. The three service teams may flexibly deploy the funding to employ suitable staff in meeting the operational needs, provided that the roles and duties of the case managers are taken up by professionals including social workers, nurses, physiotherapists or occupational therapists.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0139****(Question Serial No. 1035)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 26):

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Department “administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure and estimated expenditure for Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), Guangdong Scheme (GDS), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) under the SSA Scheme for the past 3 financial years and the coming 3 financial years respectively?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The expenditure for HOAA, NOAA, HDA and NDA cases in 2011-12 ^[Note 1] and 2012-13 ^[Note 2] was as follows –

Allowance type	2011-12 (\$ million)	2012-13 (\$ million)
HOAA	5,918	6,318
NOAA	976	1,143
HDA	628	685
NDA	2,222	2,434
Total	9,744	10,579

The estimated expenditure for Old Age Allowance (OAA), OALA, GDS, HDA and NDA cases from 2013-14 to 2016-17 is as follows ^[Note 1] –

Allowance type	2013-14 (\$ million)	2014-15 (\$ million)	2015-16 (\$ million)	2016-17 (\$ million)
OAA	2,946	2,991	2,804	2,874
OALA	12,863	12,328	11,928	12,394
GDS	175	476	453	467
HDA	736	842	778	814
NDA	2,131	2,242	2,105	2,121
Total	18,851	18,879	18,068	18,670

^[Note1] The expenditure for 2011-12 to 2013-14 includes payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective years. For OALA, the expenditure for 2013-14 also includes back-payment to the elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013. The estimated expenditure for 2014-15 includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance which is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

^[Note2] Individual figures for the expenditure for 2012-13 may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0140****(Question Serial No. 2629)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 40):

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), how many cases are there in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong and what is the expenditure involved in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The number of OALA cases by geographical district as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Geographical District ^[Note 1]	Number of cases
Central & Western	8 473
Eastern	35 453
Islands	5 555
Kowloon City	20 504
Kwai Tsing	40 308
Kwun Tong	52 010
North	14 614
Sai Kung	19 654
Sha Tin	37 718
Sham Shui Po	23 426
Southern	17 216
Tai Po	14 399
Tsuen Wan	16 232
Tuen Mun	24 486
Wan Chai	4 445
Wong Tai Sin	38 120
Yau Tsim Mong	13 344
Yuen Long	22 784
Total	408 741

The revised estimated expenditure for 2013-14 ^[Note 2] is \$12,863 million.

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] The expenditure includes back-payment to the elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013, and the payment of one additional month of the allowance.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2630)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 42):

Regarding the provision of subsidised community care and support services for the elderly, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The geographical distribution of various types of residential care and service places, numbers of elderly on the waiting lists, the average waiting time and the expenditure for each type of service in 2013-14.
- (b) The geographical distribution of various types of residential care and service places, the anticipated waiting time and the estimated expenditure for each type of service in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The geographical distribution of the places for subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly, i.e. places of homes for the aged (H/A), care-and-attention (C&A) places in subvented homes, contract homes and private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), nursing home (NH) places in subvented homes, contract homes, 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 Services (EHCCS) and Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), as at end-January 2014 was set out in the Annex.

All applicants for subsidised residential care places are put on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for service allocation on a territory-wide basis, and they may choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised residential care places (i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or homes participating in EBPS or NHPPS) in different districts at the same time. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep the numbers of applicants by district, or separate waiting lists and the waiting time for individual districts.

SWD only captures the total numbers of applicants on the waiting lists for subsidised NH and C&A places respectively. As at end-January 2014, there were 6 335 and 23 558 elderly applicants on the waiting lists for subsidised NH and C&A places respectively.

With reference to the information as at end-January 2014, the average waiting time for different types of subsidised residential care places for the elderly is as follows –

Type of subsidised residential care places	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past three months)
C&A	
– Subvented/contract home	36
– EBPS home	8
Overall	20
NH	35

As at end-January 2014, there were 1 669 elderly persons waiting for subsidised day care places and the average waiting time was about nine months. There were 1 671 elderly persons waiting for IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS and the average waiting time was about five months. The CWL does not capture the number of elderly persons waiting for IHCS (Ordinary Cases) nor its waiting time.

The recurrent expenditure on the subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate are \$3,398.9 million and \$1,607.3 million respectively.

- (b) In 2014-15, the number of additional subsidised residential care places and the estimated full-year expenditure are as follows –

Type of residential care services	Number of places	Estimated full-year expenditure (\$ million)
NH	388 [Note 1]	148.81
C&A (EBPS)	300 [Note 1]	
C&A (in subvented and contract homes)	83	
Purchase under Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong	400 [Note 2]	
Total	1 171	

[Note 1] These residential care places will be provided throughout the territory.

[Note 2] While an annual provision of some \$35 million has been earmarked for the implementation of the pilot scheme, actual expenditure will depend on the number of intake of eligible elderly persons.

In 2014-15, the number of additional DE/DCU places and estimated full-year expenditure are as follows –

Serving District	Number of DE/DCU places	Estimated full-year expenditure (\$ million)
Sha Tin	77	20.7
Sham Shui Po	32	
Sai Kung	60	
Kwai Tsing	60	
Total	229	

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, whether the applicants have special preferences for the location, diet and religious background of the elderly home, whether they accept subsidised places provided under EBPS/NHPPS, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, and the turnover rate of individual homes etc. While the additional residential care places would help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for SWD to estimate the waiting time in 2014-15.

Distribution of subsidised places by district (as at end-January 2014)

District	Number of places by service type ^[Note 1]								
	H/A places	C&A places ^[Note 2]	NH places ^[Note 2]	EBPS places	DE/DCU places	EHCCS places (district basis)	EHCCS places (cluster basis)	IHCS (Frail Cases) places	IHCS (Ordinary Cases) caseload ^[Note 3]
Central & Western	-	257	188	447	129	171	154	40	647
Eastern	-	455	133	304	216	206		80	1 659
Wan Chai	-	462	-	54	72	154		30	523
Southern	-	1 397	-	394	108	158		80	1 036
Islands	67	322	63	-	40	124	-	20	271
Kwun Tong	-	1 144	417	568	407	421	336	150	1 877
Wai Tai Sin	34	1 045	464	177	290	406	428	100	1 420
Sai Kung	-	969	292	-	145	228		30	394
Kowloon City	7	651	90	1 347	158	290	236	30	1 329
Sham Shui Po	-	717	123	328	248	255		90	1 724
Yau Tsim Mong	-	115	158	659	152	188		40	868
Sha Tin	-	1 258	-	-	236	192	212	120	1 444
Tai Po	-	1 200	-	98	64	129		30	752
North	-	888	299	306	44	141		30	1 065
Yuen Long	-	935	66	715	115	163	256	90	1 339
Tsuen Wan	-	535	368	859	64	235		40	450
Kwai Tsing	-	1 707	321	917	154	336		90	1 066
Tuen Mun	-	933	216	442	110	160		30	1 264
Total	108	14 990	3 198	7 615	2 752	3 957	1 622	1 120	19 128

^[Note 1] Elderly services are also provided by 211 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 the services provided.

^[Note 2] C&A places include places in contract homes and subvented C&A homes. NH places include places in contract homes and subvented NHs as well as 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 end-December 2013.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2631)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 48):

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 2014-15. What are the estimated expenditure involved, the number of places available and the number of persons on the waiting lists in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The estimated expenditure and provision of various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2014-15 are provided in Table 1 of the Annex. The numbers of applicants on the waiting lists for various types of rehabilitation services as at end-December 2013 are provided in Table 2 of the Annex.

Table 1 – Estimated expenditure and provision of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities

Service type	2014-15 Estimate (\$ million)	Number of places in 2014-15 Estimate
Pre-school		
EETC	196.4	3 094
SCCC	287.6	1 883
IP	121.9	2 100
Day training and vocational rehabilitation		
DAC	489.5	5 187
SW	292.6	5 161
SE	64.9	1 633
IVRSC	194.9	4 257
OJT	11.3	432
Sunnyway	14.6	311
IVTC(Day)	26.0	453
Residential		
HWH	170.3	1 534
LSCH	212.6	1 587
IVTC(Res)	9.4	170
HMMH	220.7	2 405
HSMH	636.5	3 652
HSPH	110.6	573
C&A/SD	216.7	991
C&A/AB	127.8	825
SGH(MMHC) / ISGH	6.9	80
SHOS	52.6	626
RSCCC	21.8	110

Table 2 – Numbers of applicants on the waiting lists for rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities

Service type	Number of applicants (as at end-December 2013)
Pre-school	
EETC	3 540
SCCC	1 112
IP	1 529
Day training and vocational rehabilitation	
DAC	1 252
SW	2 668
SE	66
IVRSC	N/A ^[Note 1]
OJT	N/A ^[Note 2]
Sunnyway	N/A ^[Note 2]
IVTC(Day)	N/A ^[Note 2]
Residential	
HWH	671
LSCH	1 540
IVTC(Res)	N/A ^[Note 2]
HMMH	1 642
HSMH	2 170
HSPH	495
C&A/SD	455
C&A/AB	128
SGH(MMHC) / ISGH	85
SHOS	1 311
RSCCC	35

^[Note 1] There is no central waiting list for integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists of sheltered workshop and supported employment.

^[Note 2] These services 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 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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0143****(Question Serial No. 2632)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 51) :

Please advise 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 2013-14, including the expenditure, number of places, numbers of elderly on the waiting lists and the waiting time. What are the estimated expenditure, number of places, numbers of elderly on the waiting lists and the waiting time for 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

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 estimated expenditure of DS for these service units in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is as follows –

Type of service units	2013-14 (\$ million)	2014-15 (\$ million)
Subvented RCHEs / Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	202.2	210.1
Subsidised DEs/DCUs	14.7	15.7

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments in respect of their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of elderly residents for DS in these RCHEs will be confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority. Based on the number of eligible cases in these RCHEs as confirmed by PGTs, 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 funding 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 or waiting time for DS. It is estimated that DS will be allocated to 253 RCHEs and 70 DEs/DCUs for about 5 800 beneficiaries in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0144****(Question Serial No. 2633)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 53):

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 end-December 2013)	Average enrolment rate (2012-13)
Subvented home	11 987	98%
Self-financing home	419	81%
Private home	3 764	74%

- (b) The information on the number of applicants on the waiting lists for different types of rehabilitation services and the average waiting time is set out in Annex 1.

- (c) The costs per place per month for rehabilitation residential services, pre-school services for children with disabilities, day activity centre and sheltered workshop in 2013-14 are provided as follows –

Type of subvented service	Cost per place per month in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Residential services	11,517
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	6,902
Day activity centre	7,506
Sheltered workshop	3,881

The estimated expenditure for different types of rehabilitation services in 2013-14 is set out in Annex 2.

Waiting List and Average Waiting Time

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at end- December 2013)	Average waiting time in 2012-13 (in months) ^[Note 3]
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 540	15.2
SCCC	1 112	16.9
IP	1 529	12.7
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	1 252	57.6
SW	2 668	12.6
SE	66	2.1
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	671	8.2
LSCH	1 540	16.7
IVTC (Res) ^[Note 2]	N/A	N/A
HMMH	1 642	83.8
HSMH	2 170	86.4
HSPH	495	26.6
C&A/SD	455	48.0
C&A/AB	128	5.4
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	85	12.4
SHOS	1 311	26.0
RSCCC	35	13.4

[Note 1]: There is no central waiting list for IVRSC and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

[Note 2]: The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics in this aspect.

[Note 3]: The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

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

Estimated Expenditure for Different Types of Rehabilitation Services

Type of service	2013-14 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
Pre-school services	
EETC	155.3
SCCC	251.3
IP	97.6
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services	
DAC	421.7
SW	250.7
SE	52.6
IVRSC	169.0
OJT	10.2
Sunnyway	13.2
IVTC (Day)	24.9
Residential services	
HWH	160.7
LSCH	191.9
IVTC (Res)	9.0
HMMH	190.9
HSMH	554.8
HSPH	100.8
C&A/SD	187.1
C&A/AB	122.7
SGH(MMHC)	6.3
SHOS	49.0
RSCCC	21.0

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) – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS – supported hostel
RSCCC – residential special child care centre

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2634)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 57):

For the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) implemented in September 2013, the target service users are living in Eastern, Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun respectively. What is the number of applicants from these districts and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The First Phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme. The geographical distribution of these voucher holders is set out in the Annex.

The Government's subsidy to the Pilot Scheme from September 2013 to December 2013 was around \$3 million.

Geographical distribution of voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme

District	Number of voucher holders (as at end-February 2014)
Eastern	175
Kwun Tong	154
Wong Tai Sin	106
Sham Shui Po (including Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong)	89
Sha Tin	165
Tai Po	76
Tsuen Wan	63
Tuen Mun	101
Total	929

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0146****(Question Serial No. 2635)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 59):

Regarding the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) over the past 3 years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2013-14), please advise the details of the programme, as well as the estimated and actual number of cases served each year and the expenditure per case since the implementation of VSP.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

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 for 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. Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct application from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions. The actual number of service users served in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is shown below –

Year	Actual number of service users
2011-12 (Apr 2011 – Mar 2012)	613
2012-13 (Apr 2012 – Mar 2013)	661
2013-14 (Apr 2013 – Dec 2013)	540

As different service users require different service components of VSP having regard to the varying degrees of complexity of their needs, there is no breakdown on the average cost per case.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2636)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 60):

It is stated by the Administration that they would continue to monitor the operation of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) to provide one-stop case management support services for persons with disabilities and their families/carers. Please provide the following information –

- (a) the details of manpower and the geographical distribution; and
- (b) the operational expenditure of the DSCs in the districts.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

- (a) Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the 16 DSCs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical psychologists, nurses and other supporting staff to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The distribution of 16 DSCs is set out in the Annex.
- (b) The estimated expenditure of the 16 DSCs in 2014-15 is \$135.5 million.

Distribution of the 16 DSCs

District	Number of Centre(s)
Eastern/Wan Chai	1
Central & Western/Southern/Islands	1
Kwun Tong	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1
Sham Shui Po	1
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po/North	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2
Tuen Mun	1
Yuen Long	2
Total:	16

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2643)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

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 (2013-14)? What is the number of places to be purchased this year (2014-15)? 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 2013-14, the number of additional subsidised places purchased under EBPS is 300 (at EA1 level, i.e. places of a higher quality).

In 2014-15, the Administration plans to purchase another 300 EA1 places under EBPS. The unit subsidy per month for each EA1 place in urban areas and the New Territories in 2014-15 will be \$9,978 and \$9,454 respectively while that for each EA2 place in urban areas and the New Territories will be \$7,692 and \$7,253 respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1629)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders,
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 10):

It is stated in the 2014 Policy Agenda that the Government will introduce a “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme to cope with the demand for care personnel, and has earmarked funding to expand the pilot scheme to cover rehabilitation services. Please inform this Committee of the details of the training scheme, including the timetable, the additional number of rehabilitative care staff and the expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

In the light of the positive response to the “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme under the elderly services, the Administration has planned to expand and extend it to cover rehabilitation services, providing an additional 1 000 places for young people who have graduated from Secondary 5 or Secondary 6 level. The total expenditure involved is approximately \$147 million. The Social Welfare Department will invite proposals from non-governmental organisations to operate the scheme. It is still at the planning stage and details are being worked out.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2023)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 44):

Regarding the Guangdong (GD) Scheme, would the Administration please advise –

- (1) The estimated expenditure under this policy, the specific purposes of the expenditure and the average expenditure for each recipient calculated by reference to the estimated number of elderly recipients;
- (2) The estimated reduction in expenditure on the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme as a result of this policy; and
- (3) The estimated reduction in any other expenditure as a result of this policy, and please state the reasons.

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The administrative expenditure (including expenditure on publicity, appointment of an agent for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in GD, and civil service posts required for planning and implementation) earmarked for the GD Scheme for 2014-15 is \$35 million. The estimated total allowance payment including the proposed one additional month of allowance in 2014-15, is \$476 million. With the estimated number of recipients under the GD Scheme at around 31 000 in 2014-15, the average expenditure for each recipient in 2014-15 will be around \$16,000.
- (2) & (3) The GD Scheme and the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme are two individual Schemes with different objectives. SWD is not in a position to estimate the reduction on the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme arising from the implementation of the GD Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2026)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare,
(2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 47):

Regarding the two programmes of short-term food assistance service and efforts to combat abuse of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) please advise –

- (1) The expenditure for the above two programmes in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and the estimated expenditure for the same programmes in 2014-15;
- (2) The reasons for any increase or decrease in the estimated expenditure for the above two programmes in 2014-15 compared to 2013-14; and
- (3) The amount due to SWD in respect of abusers of CSSA in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and SWD's operational expenses for recovering the amount due in each of the two financial years.

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

Reply:

- (1) Regarding the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (STFASPs), the expenditure in 2012-13 was \$62.1 million, and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is \$94.5 million and \$74.4 million respectively.

Regarding the efforts to combat abuse of CSSA, the expenditure for the Special Investigation Section (SIS), which is responsible for handling fraud cases, was \$57.2 million in 2012-13, and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is \$61.5 million and \$67.8 million respectively.

- (2) For STFASPs, the estimated expenditure in 2014-15 is lower than the revised estimate in 2013-14 mainly because one-off setting-up grants were provided in 2013-14 to seven new projects which commenced operation in the year.

For efforts in combating abuse of CSSA, the estimated expenditure for SIS in 2014-15 is higher than the revised estimate in 2013-14 mainly because of increase in workload following the implementation of the Old Age Living Allowance Scheme and enhancement in data matching. In 2014-15, seven social security grade posts will be created in the SIS.

- (3) The amount due to SWD in respect of CSSA fraud cases in 2012-13 and 2013-14 was \$68.4 million and \$44.6 million (as at 31 December 2013) respectively. The expenditure for the Debt Recovery Team in 2012-13 was \$8.6 million and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 is \$8.7 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0208)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 18):

Regarding various types of education and vocational training services for persons with disabilities, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) Please provide the numbers of service providers and service places for the following services in 2013-14 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.
- (2) How many applicants are on the waiting list for each of the above services in 2013-14? What is the expenditure involved in each of these services?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The numbers of service units and places for services for pre-school children with disabilities by district are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of Annex 1. The numbers of service units and places for day training, vocational rehabilitation services and the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project by district are set out in Table 3 and Table 4 of Annex 1.
- (2) The numbers of applicants on the waiting list and the estimated expenditure for the above services in 2013-14 are set out in Annex 2.

Table 1 – Number of service units for services for pre-school children with disabilities

District	Number of service units (as at end-December 2013)				
	EETC	SCCC	IP	OCCS	SGH(MMHC)/ ISGH
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

Table 2 – Number of places for services for pre-school children with disabilities

District	Number of places (as at end-December 2013)				
	EETC	SCCC	IP	OCCS	SGH(MMHC)/ ISGH
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	216	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	10	0
Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing	277	168	192	6	3
Tuen Mun	165	120	138	7	0
Total	2 628	1 757	1 860	79	64

**Table 3 – Number of service units for day training,
vocational rehabilitation services and the Enhancing
Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project**

District	Number of service units (as at end-December 2013)							
	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	OJT [Note]	Sunnyway ^l Note]	IVTC (Day)	3E Project
Central / Western / Southern & Islands	14	2	3	3	N/A	N/A	0	13
Eastern / Wan Chai	7	4	7	1	N/A	N/A	0	6
Kwun Tong	8	4	4	1	N/A	N/A	0	4
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	7
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	11	5	5	3	N/A	N/A	0	2
Tuen Mun	9	4	2	3	N/A	N/A	0	6
Total	81	34	40	26	14	15	2	58

[Note] Since OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the distribution of service units by district.

**Table 4 – Number of places for day training,
vocational rehabilitation services and the Enhancing
Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project**

District	Number of places (as at end-December 2013)							
	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	OJT [Note 1]	Sunnyway [†] Note 1]	IVTC (Day)	3E 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	781	746	180	450	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Tuen Mun	592	603	35	537	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Total	4 801	5 051	1 633	4 257	432	311	453	N/A

[Note 1] Since OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have the distribution of places by district.

[Note 2] “Number of places” is not applicable to the businesses funded under the 3E 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 Project – Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project

**Number of applicants on the waiting list and the estimated expenditure
for day training, vocational rehabilitation services and the Enhancing
Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project**

Types of service	Number of applicants (as at end-December 2013)	2013-14 Revised Estimate (\$ million)
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 540	155.3
SCCC	1 112	251.3
IP	1 529	97.6
OCCS	N/A ^[Note 1]	2.9
Residential services		
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	85	6.3
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	1 252	421.7
SW	2 668	250.7
SE	66	52.6
IVRSC	N/A ^[Note 2]	169.0
OJT	N/A ^[Note 1]	10.2
Sunnyway	N/A ^[Note 1]	13.2
IVTC(Day)	N/A ^[Note 1]	24.9
3E Project	N/A ^[Note 3]	7.0

[Note 1] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not capture any statistics in this respect.

[Note 2] IVRSCs do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists of SW and SE.

[Note 3] "Number of applicants" is not applicable to the businesses funded under the 3E 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

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3E Project – Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1411)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 25):

Regarding Programme (2) Social Security, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments and number of recipients with breakdown by case nature in 2012-13 and 2013-14;
- (b) numbers of cases and recipients under the categories of “single parent”, “unemployment” and “low-earnings” with breakdown by the duration of receiving CSSA in 2012-13 and 2013-14;
- (c) number of cases with earnings from employment with breakdown by range of earnings in 2012-13 and 2013-14;
- (d) number of recipients with earnings from employment with a breakdown by range of earnings in 2012-13 and 2013-14; and
- (e) breakdown of the number of “low-earnings” CSSA cases transferred from other categories of case nature (including numbers of cases and recipients) (by comparing the figures as at end-2012 with those as at end-2013).

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) (i) The number of CSSA recipients and the expenditure by case nature in 2012-13 are as follows –

Case nature	2012-13	
	Number of recipients	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	192 221	10,744
Permanent disability	25 335	1,374
Ill health	40 319	2,036
Single parent	73 154	2,896
Low-earnings	32 264	849
Unemployment	40 214	1,427
Others	10 641	446
Total	414 148	19,773

(ii) The number of CSSA recipients as at end-December 2013 and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 by case nature are as follows –

Case nature	2013-14	
	Number of recipients	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	188 073	10,766
Permanent disability	24 922	1,372
Ill health	39 627	2,069
Single parent	69 136	2,959
Low-earnings	28 202	806
Unemployment	34 840	1,332
Others	10 107	479
Total	394 907	19,783

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.

- (b) (i) The numbers of CSSA single parent (SP), unemployment (UT) and low-earnings (LE) cases by duration of receiving CSSA in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2012-13			2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
One or less	2 233	2 684	424	2 145	2 270	339
More than one to two	2 177	1 812	429	2 260	1 575	379
More than two to three	2 359	1 739	514	2 005	1 298	402
More than three to four	2 497	1 935	633	2 164	1 336	446
More than four to five	2 261	1 599	601	2 319	1 706	612
More than five	16 903	10 056	6 173	15 992	9 260	5 488
Total	28 430	19 825	8 774	26 885	17 445	7 666

- (ii) The numbers of recipients in CSSA SP, UT and LE cases by duration of receiving CSSA in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2012-13			2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
One or less	6 569	4 983	2 016	6 303	4 108	1 656
More than one to two	6 277	3 674	2 084	6 499	3 278	1 866
More than two to three	6 474	3 393	2 277	5 671	2 691	1 861
More than three to four	6 627	3 858	2 541	5 826	2 655	1 950
More than four to five	5 835	3 181	2 443	6 074	3 397	2 369
More than five	41 054	21 125	20 903	38 380	18 711	18 500
Total	72 836	40 214	32 264	68 753	34 840	28 202

The duration of receiving CSSA refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned regardless whether there have been any changes in case nature.

(c) & (d) The number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment with breakdown by range of earnings in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as follows –

Earnings from employment (\$)	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Less than 1,000	5 575	5 477
1,000 – less than 2,000	3 987	3 832
2,000 – less than 3,000	3 122	2 990
3,000 – less than 4,000	4 452	3 985
4,000 – less than 5,000	3 302	3 385
5,000 – less than 6,000	1 988	1 859
6,000 – less than 7,000	2 102	1 587
7,000 – less than 8,000	1 754	1 641
8,000 – less than 9,000	1 256	1 125
9,000 – less than 10,000	742	781
10,000 or above	697	701
Total	28 977	27 363

(e) Of the 8 891 LE cases as at end-December 2013, 1 345 cases involving 4 126 recipients were under other categories as at end-December 2012. Details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2012	Number of LE cases changed from other categories as at end-December 2013	Number of recipients involved
Old age	225	645
Permanent disability	54	167
Ill health	124	373
Single parent	244	570
Unemployment	628	2 163
Others	70	208
Overall	1 345	4 126

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1412)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (180) Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 26):

Would the Administration please advise the number of applications for Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) being turned down in 2013-14 with a breakdown by reasons of turning down the applications?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

The number of applications for OALA being turned down as at end-December 2013 was 28 310. Reasons for turning down the applications include applicants withdrawing the applications/opting not to join OALA (for those auto-conversion cases), failure of the applicants to pass the means-test, and applicants not meeting the age/residence requirement, etc. We do not have a detailed breakdown by reasons of turning down the applications.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1413)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operating Expenses
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 27):

Regarding Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), would the Administration please advise –

- (a) The staff establishment for approving cases, the expenditure involved and the unit cost of handling each application in 2013-14;
- (b) The estimated staff establishment for approving cases, the expenditure involved and the unit cost of handling each application in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made arrangements for implementing OALA by 3 phases, namely “Auto-conversion”, “Postal Submission” and “New Application” in its first year of implementation in 2013-14. About 100 additional posts have been created at an additional annual expenditure of \$32 million.
- (b) On top of (a), SWD will have about 40 additional staff to conduct postal review in 2014-15 for some 273 000 recipients who were granted OALA under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement to screen out recipients failing the means-test before expiry of the grace period by end-November 2014. The manpower will involve an additional annual expenditure of \$11 million.

Since social security staff are responsible for handling various types of cases with different natures and levels of complexity, there is no estimate on the unit cost of handling each application of any of the social security schemes.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0156

(Question Serial No. 1414)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 28):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the total numbers of elderly persons who had been put on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) places in 2012 and 2013 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:

As at end-January 2014, there were 6 335 elderly applicants on the waiting list for NH places. The number of elderly applicants who had been on the waiting list for NH places in 2012 and 2013 were 9 833 and 9 666 respectively. The number of elderly applicants who left the waiting list for various reasons in 2012 and 2013 was as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of elderly applicants	
	2012	2013
Allocated with places	829	855
Withdrawal	318	354
Passed away	1 973	1 729

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0456)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 22):

Regarding the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector,

1. 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.
2. 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? Has the Administration considered 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 –

1. 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 preparing their academic development proposals. When UGC was working on the academic plans for the 2012-13 to 2014-15 triennium, the Social Welfare Department (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 nursing 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 the anticipated demand for healthcare manpower, to strengthen professional training and to facilitate professional development having regard to the findings of the strategic review.
2. 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 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Another 900 training places will be offered in the coming years. This 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. Separately, from 2014-15 onwards, the Administration will increase the annual recurrent funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to enable them to recruit and retain paramedical staff (including nurses) more effectively or to hire

paramedical services. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0158

(Question Serial No. 0457)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 23):

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?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

A team of multi-disciplinary staff of the Licensing Office of RCHEs under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service of RCHEs, including private ones, to ensure their service quality and compliance with relevant statutory requirements. In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure is \$40.3 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 into 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, 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 the Hospital Authority through mutual referrals and liaison on health-care issues. Prosecution actions will be taken as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0458)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 24):

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 for nurses, from time to time and considered them still appropriate to ensure acceptable standards for RCHEs. To enhance the service quality of RCHEs, the Administration has provided various supplements, including Infirmity Care Supplement and Dementia Supplement, for RCHEs offering subsidised places to meet the care needs of frail elders or those with special needs such as dementia. The supplements allow RCHEs, including private homes under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), to employ professional staff, including nurses, to provide enhanced care for infirm and demented elders.

From 2014-15 onwards, the Administration will increase the annual recurrent funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to enhance the Lump Sum Grant System to, among others, enable NGOs to recruit and retain paramedical staff (including nurses) more effectively or hire paramedical (including nursing) services. In addition, the Administration will also raise the unit subsidy of all the bought places under EBPS and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme with a view to strengthening the care and support of these homes for the elderly residents concerned. 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 2014-15 to enhance their capabilities in meeting various care needs of the elderly residents.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0160

(Question Serial No. 0460)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 26):

The Administration will increase the number of places of halfway houses for discharged mental patients to 1 534. Has the Administration made an assessment of the number of persons on the waiting list and the waiting time for the service as a result of the increase in the number of places?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The Administration will increase 25 additional residential care places for halfway house in 2014-15. The number of persons on the waiting list for halfway house was 671 as at end-December 2013. 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 service places. We will continue to monitor the provision of services having regard to the service demand.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0461)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 27):

It is mentioned in paragraph 121(c) of the Budget Speech that the Administration will provide an additional funding of some \$200 million for raising the subsidies for places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), in order to enhance the care for the elderly. Has the Administration examined the staffing problem in residential care homes and required the homes to employ additional staff for enhancing care services? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

At present, all licensed residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) have to follow the minimum staffing requirements as stipulated in the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459) and the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (Cap. 459A). RCHEs which provide nursing home places under NHPPS 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, RCHEs participating in EBPS and NHPPS have to comply with enhanced staffing standard as set out in the 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.

In raising the subsidies for places under EBPS and NHPPS, consideration has been given to enabling these RCHEs to recruit and retain manpower more effectively in order to enhance the care and support for the elderly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0162****(Question Serial No. 3052)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 32):

How many places are provided 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) in the District Council districts in Hong Kong for the past three years and what has been the average waiting time for each type of these places?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

The numbers of places for aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, SCCC and MHCCCs in each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past three years are set out in the Annex.

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 service (HCCS) places and 14 centre-based care group (CCG) places at any one time during the year. There are at least 720 places, including 468 HCCS places and 252 CCG places, over the territory. The service operators have flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand in the district.

SWD does not keep any waiting list for aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, MHCCCs and NSCCP, while the overall provisions can meet the demand. As for SCCC, SWD operates a computerised central referral system (the System) for the waitlisting of applicants for the service. Since the applicants of SCCC may indicate preference for more than one centre which may involve more than one district, the System does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The average waiting time in the past three years is indicated below –

SCCC	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Average waiting time (months)	16.8	16.9	Not available ^[Note]

[Note] The average waiting time for 2013-14 is not available at this stage.

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 –

RCCC	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (April – December 2013)
Number of places	207	212	212
Average waiting time for admission (days)	39.4	67.4 ^[Note 1]	81.2 ^[Note 2]

[Note 1] The longer waiting time in 2012-13 is due to the increase in the duration of stay by five months compared to the figure in 2011-12.

[Note 2] The reasons for the increase of waiting time in the partial year of 2013-14 in comparison with the figure in 2012-13 are to be ascertained.

**Numbers of places in aided standalone Child Care Centres,
Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres, Special Child Care Centres and
Mutual Help Child Care Centres**

SWD District	Number of places									
	Aided Standalone CCCs	KG-cum-CCCs			SCCCs			MHCCCs		
	2011-12 to 2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	3 057	3 461	3 904	199	199	199	67	67	67
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	3 556	3 028	3 461	204	204	204	-	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	3 468	3 987	4 351	24	24	24	14	14	14
Kwun Tong	-	1 427	1 444	1 456	66	66	66	56	56	56
Sha Tin	70	1 796	1 897	2 091	138	138	138	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	62	712	739	732	205	205	205	51	37 [Note 2]	37
Tai Po/North	48	1 533	1 634	1 680	192	192	192	14	14	14
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	2 096	2 156	2 282	168	168	168	42	56	56
Tuen Mun	64	1 082	1 276	1 481	120	120	120	14	14	14
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2 814	2 810	3 050	333	333	333	14	14	14
Yuen Long	64	1 175	1 157	1 087	108	108	108	42	42	42
Total	690	22 716 [Note 1]	23 589 [Note 1]	25 575 [Note 1]	1 757	1 757	1 757	314	314	314

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September of each year, which were captured at the beginning of the school year.

[Note 2] With the development of NSCCP which adopts the same concept of mutual support at the neighbourhood level as MHCCCs and covers the same target group, a low utilisation rate of the service is observed. Some MHCCCs have been and will be re-engineered into other welfare services to meet district needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3215)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 26):

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 are the existing staffing standards for various types of residential care services (services for the elderly);
- (b) How serious was manpower shortage by type of work in various types of RCHEs over the past 3 years; and
- (c) What were the turnover rates by type of work in various types of RCHEs over the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) At present, the manpower provision in respect of all licensed RCHEs is bound by the 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 for each type of staff in the respective type of RCHEs are set out in Schedule 1 of Cap. 459A. Details are set out in the Annex.

RCHEs which provide nursing home places have to be registered under the Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap. 165) enforced by the Department of Health and are also required to meet the staffing standard under that Ordinance.

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 the staff turnover of RCHEs.

**Minimum staffing requirement under Schedule 1
of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulations (Cap. 459A)**

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)	<p>a. 1 CW for every 20 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.;</p> <p>b. 1 CW for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m.;</p> <p>c. 1 CW for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.</p>	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 2 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0902)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 18):

It is mentioned in the document that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “continue to monitor the enhanced short-term food assistance service”. In this regard, would the Government please advise this Committee –

- (a) How will the Administration enhance the service in specific terms? Could information about the actual initiatives be provided in detail?
- (b) How much has been spent on the food assistance service over the past few years (from 2009)? How much has been spent on food purchasing, administration and rent?
- (c) How many people have been receiving the food assistance service in each of the past few years (from 2009)? What is the number of additional recipients in each year? How many of them are Hong Kong permanent residents? What is the age distribution of these recipients?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Since October 2013, the service period under the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (the Projects) for each service user has been extended from a maximum of six weeks to a maximum of eight weeks, while the allocation per meal day has been increased by 10%.
- (b) The accumulated expenditure from 2009 to end-January 2014 was \$176.5 million. About 85% and 15% of the expenditure was spent on food purchasing and administration (including rent) respectively.
- (c) During the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (up to end-January 2014), the total number of persons served under the Projects was 137 500. The numbers of service users in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 were 23 500, 19 600 (-3 900), 33 400 (+13 800), 33 600 (+200) respectively. Among the 137 500 persons served, around 86% were Hong Kong permanent residents. As regards the age distribution, 33%, 56% and 11% of the users fell in the age groups of 0-17, 18-60 and over 60 respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0165****(Question Serial No. 0903)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 19):

It is mentioned by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) that it will combat fraud relating to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- How many cases of CSSA and SSA fraud were/have been reported to the Government from 2009-10 to 2013-14? How many of them have been successfully prosecuted?
- What was the expenditure for examining CSSA and SSA fraud in each of the above years? How much resources will be allocated by the Government for the purpose this year?
- Please provide the details of government expenditure involved in successful prosecutions of CSSA and SSA fraud cases in the above years.

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

- The number of CSSA and SSA fraud cases received/successfully prosecuted in the past five years was as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Number of reports of suspected fraud received	4 029	3 725	3 761	3 016	2 134
Number of fraud cases successfully prosecuted	216	280	252	257	268

- The expenditure of the Special Investigation Section (SIS), which is responsible for handling fraud cases, in the past five years and coming year is as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Amount of expenditure (\$ million)	42.9	44.2	49.6	57.2	61.5	67.8

In 2014-15, seven additional social security grade posts will be created in SIS.

- SWD does not have the information sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0166

(Question Serial No. 0904)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 20):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is currently implementing the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme to enable elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who meet the prescribed criteria and choose to retire in Guangdong (GD) or Fujian to continue to receive cash assistance under the CSSA Scheme. Would the Administration please provide this Committee with the following information about the PCSSA Scheme since its implementation –

- (a) How many people have benefited?
- (b) What is the relevant expenditure each year?
- (c) What is the estimated expenditure this year? What is the anticipated number of participants?
- (d) SWD will explore the feasibility of extending the coverage of the scheme to other regions in GD. What is the timetable?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The PCSSA Scheme was introduced in April 1997 to enable elderly CSSA recipients aged 60 or above to continue to receive cash assistance under CSSA if they choose to retire in GD. In August 2005, the PCSSA Scheme was extended to Fujian. The number of recipients and total expenditure involved in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are set out in the following table –

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Number of recipients	2 511	2 304	2 157 (as at end-December 2013)
Total expenditure (\$ million)	95	90	86 (estimated)

- (c) In 2014-15, the estimated total expenditure and anticipated number of recipients for the PCSSA Scheme are \$90 million and 2 275 respectively.
- (d) The PCSSA Scheme covers all regions in the GD and Fujian Provinces.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0905)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 21):

According to the Social Welfare Department, rent allowance will be provided to recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who have been owner-occupiers of Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) flats for more than five years. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the relevant details and the estimated total expenditure of this initiative?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

Starting from 2014-15, rent allowance will be provided to eligible CSSA recipients who have been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than five years to meet the cost of accommodation. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$10 million, benefiting about 1 000 CSSA households.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0168****(Question Serial No. 0906)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 22):

The Government will continue to develop a new computer system to replace the existing Computerised Social Security System. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure?
- (b) What is the specific list of expenditure items?
- (c) How much hardware is/will be disposed of? How would the Government handle these hardware items?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure for the project is \$386.1 million.
- (b) A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is provided as follows –

Item	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
1. Hardware	69.5
2. Software	49.8
3. Communication network	5.1
4. Implementation services	208.1
5. Contract staff	14.9
6. Site preparation	15.3
7. Training	4.5
8. Consumables	0.5
9. Contingency	18.4
Total	386.1

- (c) Around 5 900 hardware items (including main units, monitors and printers) will be replaced. To avoid and reduce computer waste, the old hardware items will be recycled through the Computer Recycling Programme funded by the Environmental Protection Department.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1284)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 2):

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “further enhanced the provision of Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), and launched the Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence (EPSDV)”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

- (a) What are the details, target service users, districts served, expenditure and effectiveness of various existing programmes providing support for victims of domestic violence?
- (b) What are the details as regards “further enhanced the provision of VSP”?
- (c) There are already a number of programmes and policies for supporting victims of domestic violence in place; nor is the EPSDV a new initiative. What are the reasons for SWD to mention it in the Brief Description?
- (d) Please list by district the number of domestic violence cases handled and followed up by SWD in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) 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 Service 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, VSP, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. All services are provided on a territory-wide basis. In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure for family and child welfare services is \$2,342.8 million. As different services have their own specific objectives, it is difficult to measure the overall effectiveness of these services.
- (b) Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions.

- (c) Apart from the services for protecting and supporting victims of domestic violence, helping batterers to change their attitude and abusive behaviour is very crucial to combating domestic violence. EPSDV is a new programme introduced in October 2013. It is a brief 6-hour psycho-education programme for adult batterers involved in spouse/cohabitant battering or for couples/cohabitants with high conflicts and high risk of perpetrating violence towards others.
- (d) The breakdown of domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases) served by FCPSUs from 2011 to 2013 by SWD's administrative district is set out in the Annex.

Number of Domestic Violence Cases Served by FCPSU by District

SWD District	2011	2012	2013
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	483	497	506
Eastern/Wan Chai	459	424	465
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	585	491	580
Sham Shui Po	596	528	495
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	731	813	862
Kwun Tong	817	816	802
Shatin	588	555	551
Tai Po/North	713	713	708
Yuen Long	1 099	1 092	1 079
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1 225	1 154	1 067
Tuen Mun	668	600	609
Total	7 964	7 683	7 724

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1285)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 3):

It is stated in the Brief Description under the Programme that the number of cases served under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme is estimated to increase to 823 300 in 2014-15. In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following–

- (a) Why is there an increase in the estimated number of cases?
- (b) Is it necessary for the Department to correspondingly enhance the manpower? Will it take a longer time to handle a case due to the increase in the number of cases served?

Asked by: Hon.LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of cases served in 2014-15 is estimated with reference to the increasing trend in the recent years.
- (b) The manpower support for processing SSA cases will be strengthened by the creation of about 40 additional posts in 2014-15. The average time in processing a new SSA case in 2014-15, estimated to be 30 working days, is the same as that in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0171****(Question Serial No. 1553)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 46):

It is mentioned by the Financial Secretary in paragraph 154 of the Budget Speech that "Government will continue to enhance the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, involving an additional expenditure of about \$126 million per year". In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee –

- (a) What are the details of the additional expenditure?
- (b) For the past year, what are the CSSA figures for suspected abuse and fraud cases, substantiated cases, and prosecution cases?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

- (a) Details of the additional expenditure to enhance the CSSA Scheme are as follows –

Item	Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated number of beneficiaries
Increase the flat-rate grant for selected items of school-related expenses for CSSA students at primary and secondary levels in addition to the annual adjustment	90	90 000 students
Include post-secondary students in CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance	26	2 600 families
Provide rent allowance to recipients of CSSA who have been Tenants Purchase Scheme flat owner-occupiers for more than five years	10	1 000 families

- (b) The figures relating to CSSA fraud cases for the past year are as follows –

	Number of suspected fraud reports received	Number of established fraud cases	Number of prosecuted cases
2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013)	1 648	604	273

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2538)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 48):

It is mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will "oversee the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services which aims at coping with the demand for care personnel and providing young people with more employment options and a foundation for career development in care services". Please inform this Committee of the expenditure, details and progress of as well as the targeted and actual number of participants under the scheme.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

In the light of the positive response to the "first-hire-then-train" pilot scheme under the elderly services, the Administration has planned to expand and extend it to cover rehabilitation services, providing an additional 1 000 places for young people who have graduated from Secondary 5 or Secondary 6 level. The total expenditure involved is approximately \$147 million. SWD will invite proposals from non-governmental organisations to operate the scheme. It is at the planning stage and details are being worked out.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2459)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 612):

Regarding funding provided to the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) for their family services and Humanitarian Assistance for Torture Claimants and Asylum Seekers, please inform this Committee clearly of the details (which must include details of funding for wages and food) in the past 5 years and for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The average expenditure for each Integrated Family Service Centre run by the non-governmental organisations, including ISS-HK in 2009-10 (Actual), 2010-11 (Actual), 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and 2014-15 (Estimate) is \$9.4 million, \$9.3 million, \$9.5 million, \$9.9 million, \$10.8 million and \$11.4 million respectively.

The expenditure for Humanitarian Assistance for Torture Claimants and Asylum Seekers operated by ISS-HK in 2009-10 (Actual), 2010-11 (Actual), 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and 2014-15 (Estimate) is \$124 million, \$151 million, \$143 million, \$191 million, \$204 million and \$221 million respectively. The proportions of direct assistance (including food) and administrative expenses (including staff emoluments) are about 75% and 25% respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2463)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 394):

What are the funding allocations and Estimate for the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively, as well as the financial provisions for IFSCs in each district last year? How does the Administration evaluate the effectiveness of these IFSCs?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The expenditure for IFSCs in 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and 2014-15 (Estimate) is \$783.6 million, \$841.2 million and \$880.4 million respectively. There is no breakdown by district.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service performance of IFSCs operated by SWD or non-governmental organisations through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under the SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance standards of the IFSCs through their regular reports. SWD also conducts scheduled and surprise visits to the IFSCs from time to time.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0175

(Question Serial No. 2464)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 399):

As regards the prevention of child abuse, how much funding is required and what work is involved over the past year and in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2013-14, the expenditure for the publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, including prevention of child abuse, was around \$7.9 million, including a one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of a new series of docudrama. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) made use of various media channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence and strengthening families. For example, a series of animations was produced to promote effective parenting. A new series of docudrama "The Moment II" was produced and broadcast on television to promote harmonious family life, love and care among family members as well as encouraging members of the public to seek assistance early when necessary. To encourage the public to reflect on the storylines of the docudrama, a photo competition in echoing the messages was launched in parallel.

In 2014-15, SWD has earmarked \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, including prevention of child abuse. We will build on the momentum of the docudrama and district programmes to promote the messages on combating domestic violence to the public.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2728)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 405):

Regarding Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres), what are the details of support services, the number of residential places and the expenditure incurred in 2014?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Refuge Centres provide temporary accommodation and support services for women and their children affected by domestic violence or family crisis. There are currently five Refuge Centres with a total of 260 places. In 2014-15, the total estimated allocation for the five Refuge Centres is \$28.2 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2392)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 36):

It is mentioned in paragraph 121 of the Budget Speech that the Administration will allocate additional resources in 2014-15 to implement and enhance several areas of elderly services and facilities, including the provision of 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), so that frail elderly persons can receive nursing and care services without leaving home. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) How many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have been subsidised for providing home-based services under EHCCS in the past 3 years? How much resources have been allocated in total?
- (2) How much resources and manpower have been allocated for monitoring the service quality of these subsidised NGOs?
- (3) Apart from subsidising NGOs, will the Administration consider providing a monthly allowance for full-time carers of the elderly at home to encourage family members to take care of the elderly? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) There are 14 NGOs operating EHCCS and the total expenditure for EHCCS in the past 3 years (2011-12 to 2013-14) was \$590.2 million.
- (2) SWD monitors the service quality of all contract elderly services, including EHCCS, through 11 staff. In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure involved was \$6.9 million.
- (3) The Administration has been providing a number of support services to empower the carers and help relieve their stress. Such services include the provision of information, training, counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual-support groups, establishment of resource centres, and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. Respite residential and day care services for the elderly persons are also available which will enable carers to take a short break when needed.

The Commission on Poverty, at its meeting held on 24 March 2014, agreed to conduct a pilot scheme funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF) to provide eligible carers of elderly persons (carers) with a living allowance to alleviate their financial pressure. The pilot scheme will benefit altogether 2 000 carers during the two-year pilot period. An evaluation will be conducted during the pilot period to assess the effectiveness and implications.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0178

(Question Serial No. 1954)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 4):

Child care support as one of the measures to assist women to join the workforce has not been mentioned in the Budget this year. I have the following questions about the use, allocation of resources and effectiveness about one programme, namely the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) –

- (a) On what basis is the number of person-sessions of service by home-based child carers (HCCs) under NSCCP calculated in 2013-14? How many person-sessions of service are provided by HCCs under NSCCP every month in 2013-14 in each district? With reference to the table below, how many person-sessions of service by HCCs under NSCCP were provided for more than 4 hours in January 2014 in each district? How many person-sessions of such service were provided for more than 6 hours in January 2014 in each district? How many person-sessions of such service were provided for more than 8 hours in January 2014 in each district?

**Number of person-sessions of service by home-based child carers
under NSCCP in February in the districts**

	Person-sessions of more than 4 hours	Person-sessions of more than 6 hours	Person-sessions of more than 8 hours
Central & Western			
Eastern			
Islands			
Kowloon City			
Kwai Tsing			
Kwun Tong			
North			
Sai Kung			
Sha Tin			
Sham Shui Po			
Southern			
Tai Po			
Tsuen Wan			
Tuen Mun			
Wan Chai			
Wong Tai Sin			
Yau Tsim Mong			
Yuen Long			

- (b) How many person-sessions of service by HCCs under NSCCP could not be provided to those waiting for the service in each district as at February 2014?
- (c) How many HCCs participate in NSCCP every month in each district in 2013-14?
- (d) How many children of 0-2 years old, 2-6 years old and 7-9 years old are there in each district in 2013-14?
- (e) Do HCCs under NSCCP provide “to-the-door child care service” in 2013-14? (“To-the-door child care service” refers to the home-based child carer providing the service at the service user’s home.)
- (f) If yes, how many HCCs provide “to-the-door child care service” under NSCCP in each district in 2013-14? To follow up, how many HCCs provide “to-the-door child care service” on Saturdays and Sundays under NSCCP in each district in 2013-14? How many HCCs provided child care service on Saturdays and Sundays under NSCCP in each district in January 2014?
- (g) In 2013-14, how much fees are charged for using services provided by HCCs under NSCCP every month in each district, and how much allowance is paid by the operators concerned for the carers’ volunteer service?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of person-sessions of service provided by HCCs under NSCCP. Instead, SWD captures the number of home-based child care service (HCCS) users under NSCCP by counts of children using the service in the month. One child is counted once each month. The number of children using HCCS in 2013-14 (available figures from April to December 2013) is set out in Annex 1. SWD does not have a breakdown on the number of hours for children using the HCCS on a monthly basis.
- (b) There has been no waiting list since the launch of NSCCP. In 2013-14, SWD has not received any report of children having to wait for NSCCP service. The service operators have flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.
- (c) The distribution of the number of HCCs in 2013-14 (available figures as at December 2013) is set out in Annex 2.
- (d) The distribution of pre-primary children aged under 3 and aged 3-5 according to the 2011 Population Census is set out in Annex 3. SWD draws reference from these figures, among others, in planning child care services for pre-primary children. SWD does not have the information on the geographical distribution of children of an older age range and the children population statistics for 2013-14.
- (e) HCCS is normally provided at HCCs' own residence. Service operators may arrange the service at the service users' residence or at a suitable place based on the needs of individual service users and subject to the agreement among the HCC, the service operator and the parent(s) of the service user. SWD does not have the statistical information on the number of HCCs providing service at the residence of the service users.
- (f) SWD does not have a breakdown on the number HCCs providing service at their own residence or at service users' residence during Saturdays and Sundays. However, the service operator of each of the 18 district-based projects is required to provide at least 26 HCCS places from 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. daily, covering weekdays, weekends and public holidays.
- (g) The distribution of the service fee for HCCS and the amount of incentive payment to HCCs is set out in Annex 4. SWD does not capture the monthly amounts of incentive payment for HCCs by individual service operators in 2013-14.

**Number of Children Using Home-based Child Care Service
(April to December 2013)**

District	Number of children								
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Central & Western	12	14	16	14	10	9	11	21	18
Eastern	35	36	34	46	33	35	35	32	33
Wan Chai	14	21	17	22	26	12	14	20	18
Southern	18	23	14	21	23	24	25	21	23
Islands	32	34	36	33	30	29	33	30	27
Kwun Tong	61	56	49	37	29	23	24	26	32
Wong Tai Sin	48	50	46	44	37	40	40	46	36
Sai Kung	62	70	74	79	76	83	77	73	71
Kowloon City	48	41	31	31	24	21	25	33	64
Sham Shui Po	85	78	75	71	64	65	75	81	72
Yau Tsim Mong	67	62	57	56	45	60	66	73	92
Sha Tin	39	42	40	44	47	47	43	50	49
Tai Po	51	54	49	48	47	38	39	41	54
North	28	29	24	26	27	36	38	31	32
Yuen Long	46	41	41	47	44	47	56	46	54
Tsuen Wan	34	34	30	40	34	35	35	33	36
Kwai Tsing	21	17	21	20	17	20	21	25	29
Tuen Mun	74	75	80	79	72	72	68	80	83
Total	775	777	734	758	685	696	725	762	823

**Number of Home-based Child Carers
(as at December 2013)**

District	Number of home-based child carers
Central & Western	35
Eastern	104
Wan Chai	57
Southern	44
Islands	136
Kwun Tong	54
Wong Tai Sin	197
Sai Kung	73
Kowloon City	345
Sham Shui Po	88
Yau Tsim Mong	153
Sha Tin	90
Tai Po	93
North	71
Yuen Long	62
Tsuen Wan	43
Kwai Tsing	82
Tuen Mun	61
Total	1 788

Number of Children Aged Under 3 and Aged 3-5 (2011 Population Census)

District	Number of children	
	Aged under 3	Aged 3-5
Central & Western	6 407	5 803
Eastern	11 921	11 526
Wan Chai	3 572	3 301
Southern	5 190	5 348
Islands	3 680	3 787
Kwun Tong	12 367	12 949
Wong Tai Sin	6 634	7 233
Sai Kung	10 533	10 614
Kowloon City	8 157	8 127
Sham Shui Po	8 264	8 095
Yau Tsim Mong	8 567	7 868
Sha Tin	12 262	12 387
Tai Po	5 576	5 629
North	6 562	6 753
Yuen Long	12 785	12 904
Tsuen Wan	7 738	7 509
Kwai Tsing	9 577	10 306
Tuen Mun	10 321	9 715
Marine	16	16
Total	150 129	149 870

**Service Fee of Home-based Child Care Service (HCCS)
and Incentive Payment for Home-based Child Carers (HCCs)**

District	Service fee of HCCS per hour ^[Note 1]	Incentive payment for HCCs per hour ^[Note 2]
Central & Western	24	20
Eastern	22	22
Wan Chai	22	22
Southern	20	20
Islands	22	20
Kwun Tong	20	21
Wong Tai Sin	18	18
Sai Kung	20	18
Kowloon City	20	20
Sham Shui Po	20	20
Yau Tsim Mong	20	20
Sha Tin	20	22
Tai Po	20	18
North	18	20
Yuen Long	18	22
Tsuen Wan	20	20
Kwai Tsing	18	21
Tuen Mun	20	22

[Note 1] This refers to the basic fee for HCCS under NSCCP which is a standard rate adopted on a district basis.

[Note 2] HCCs of NSCCP are providing service as volunteers in the spirit of care for others and they receive incentive payment in return.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0179****(Question Serial No. 0516)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 53):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention" under the Programme that the Department will enhance the provision and social work support of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP). Would the Administration please provide the following information for last year –

- Please set out in the table below information about home-based child care service (HCCS) and centre-based care group (CCG).

	Number of Places of HCCS & CCG	Number of home-based child carer (HCC)	Number of HCCS users	Number of CCG users	Average fees per hour of HCCS	Average hourly rate/incentive payment/ allowance of HCC	Government allocation/ expenditure
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Outlying Islands							
Total							

- What are the service enhancement details and the additional services to be provided by the Administration and the estimated expenditure and manpower in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The required information on NSCCP for the last financial year (available figures from April to December 2013) is set out in the Annex.
2. In 2014-15, the Administration will enhance NSCCP by extending the age limit of children receiving the service from aged under six to aged under nine, increasing funding to operators to enhance social work support for the service, and providing at least 234 additional home-based child care service places. The allocations for the service provision and manpower improvement for each of the 18 district-based NSCCP projects will be worked out in consultation with the service operators. The service operators have the flexibility on staff deployment as appropriate, but there must be at least one social worker for each project. The above enhancements will involve a full-year expenditure of \$4.8 million. The enhancements will take place starting from the second half of 2014-15 taking into account the necessary procedure.

**The Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project
(April to December 2013)**

District	Minimum number of places for HCCS and CCG	Number of HCCs [Note 2]	Number of children served [Note 3]		Basic fee for HCCS per hour [Note 4]	Incentive payment for HCCs per hour [Note 5]	Revised Estimate for NSCCP in 2013-14
			HCCS	CCG			
Central & Western	40	35	125	1	24	20	\$26.5 million [Note 6]
Wan Chai	40	57	164	0	22	22	
Eastern	40	104	319	0	22	22	
Southern	40	44	192	39	20	20	
Yau Tsim Mong	40	153	578	162	20	20	
Sham Shui Po	40	88	666	153	20	20	
Kowloon City	40	345	318	23	20	20	
Wong Tai Sin	40	197	387	136	18	18	
Kwun Tong	40	54	337	90	20	21	
Kwai Tsing	40	82	191	351	18	21	
Tsuen Wan	40	43	311	0	20	20	
Tuen Mun	40	61	683	172	20	22	
Yuen Long	40	62	422	250	18	22	
North	40	71	271	15	18	20	
Tai Po	40	93	421	18	20	18	
Sha Tin	40	90	401	0	20	22	
Sai Kung	40	73	665	0	20	18	
Outlying Islands	40	136	284	0	22	20	
Total	720 [Note 1]	1 788	6 735	1 410	-	-	

Legend

HCCS – Home-based child care service

CCG – Centre-based care group

HCC – Home-based child carer

- [Note 1] The service operator for each of the 18 districts is required to provide at least 26 HCCS places and 14 CCG places at any one time during the year. Thus, there are at least 468 HCC places and 252 CCG places over the territory. The service operator has the flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places on top of the minimum requirement set by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to meet the actual service demand in the district. There are at least 10 districts with the number of places exceeding 40.
- [Note 2] The number of HCCs is captured as at December 2013.
- [Note 3] SWD captures the number of service users by counts of children using the service in the month. one child is counted once each month.
- [Note 4] This refers to the basic fee for HCCS under NSCCP and it is a standard rate adopted on a district basis.
- [Note 5] HCCs of NSCCP provide service as volunteers in the spirit of care for others and they receive incentive payment in return.
- [Note 6] The Revised Estimate for NSCCP in 2013-14 is \$26.5 million. Save for the amount set aside as fee subsidy to help low income families, the service operators have the flexibility to deploy the remaining allocation of \$18.3 million to run their projects. Higher funding allocation will be provided for service operators having exercised their flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places to meet actual district demand during the year.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0517)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 55):

Regarding the staffing provision under this Programme, there will be a net increase of 138 posts in the coming year. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. Among the additional 138 posts, how many of them will be deployed to the Social Security Branch (SSB) for handling various new programmes under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme?
2. Among the additional posts, how many of them will be frontline staff for Social Security Field Units (SSFUs)? Will all of them be civil service posts?
3. With the additional manpower arrangement, will the average number of CSSA and SSA cases handled by frontline staff be reduced? Does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have any target in this regard?
4. Why is the time for processing new CSSA and SSA cases not shortened in the Indicators following the increase in manpower?
5. Please provide the number of staff of SSB and the average number of cases handled by each frontline staff in SSFUs in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The additional 138 posts are all civil service posts. Among them, about 120 posts will be deployed for handling various new initiatives under the CSSA and SSA Schemes. The initiatives include implementing a pilot incentive scheme to encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to achieve self-reliance through employment, strengthening support for implementation of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) as well as combating related frauds, and strengthening support for administering the CSSA Scheme.

The remainder of the net creation will be deployed for supporting the development and replacement of the Computerised Social Security System, and conducting the 2014-15 Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households.

3. to 5. Most of the additional manpower will be deployed for handling various new initiatives as mentioned above. For instance, SWD has set up a centralised team to handle the processing of applications for OALA with the objective of alleviating the burden and work pressure of SSFUs. SWD will continue to review the workload of social security staff from time to time as appropriate.

When assessing the workload of SSFUs, due regard is given to the number of cases, the nature of the cases, number of recipients involved, level of complexity, work procedures and time involved, etc.

The establishment of SSFUs from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Position as at	Establishment of SSFUs
31 March 2010	1 322
31 March 2011	1 322
31 March 2012	1 329
31 March 2013	1 370
31 December 2013	1 399

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1652)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 54):

Regarding day child care services under the Programme, would the Administration please advise –

1. The population of children aged 0-3 and aged 4-6 in each of the 18 District Council districts in Hong Kong in the past two years respectively;
2. The utilisation rate and the waiting time for places of the aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in each of the 18 District Council districts in Hong Kong;
3. While the utilisation rate of standalone CCCs has reached 100% in the past two years, the number of additional places in the coming year will only be 32. Can the additional places cope with the demand?
4. What plans will the Administration introduce in the coming years to further increase these places? Would it consider utilising the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses to provide additional places?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The distribution of children aged under three and aged three to five according to the 2011 Population Census is set out in Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the statistics on the children population for 2012 and 2013.
2. The distribution of the respective utilisation rate for aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs and MHCCCs, and the numbers of children served by NSCCPs are set out in Annex 2. SWD does not keep any waiting list for the aforementioned services.

3. & 4. In addition to the 32 new places to be provided in aided standalone CCCs under the administration of SWD, there are about 25 600 places provided in KG-cum-CCCs under the administration of the Education Bureau in 2013/14, which has increased by 2 000 places when comparing to the provision in 2012/13. The overall provision of CCC places can meet the service demand. Under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, SWD may exercise its discretion to approve the use by welfare non-governmental organisations a portion of the gross floor area (up to 10%) for welfare-related ancillary facilities, such as appropriate child care services for their staff etc. SWD will continue to monitor the service demand of CCC service.

Number of children aged under 3 and aged 3-5 (2011 Population Census)

District	Number of children ^[Note]	
	Aged under 3	Aged 3-5
Central & Western	6 407	5 803
Eastern	11 921	11 526
Wan Chai	3 572	3 301
Southern	5 190	5 348
Islands	3 680	3 787
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Sham Shui Po	8 264	8 095
Yau Tsim Mong	8 567	7 868
Sha Tin	12 262	12 387
Tai Po	5 576	5 629
North	6 562	6 753
Yuen Long	12 785	12 904
Tsuen Wan	7 738	7 509
Kwai Tsing	9 577	10 306
Tuen Mun	10 321	9 715
Marine	16	16
Total	150 129	149 870

[Note] SWD draws reference from the population statistics for children in planning child care services.

**Utilisation of CCC Service, MHCCC and NSCCP
(April to December 2013)**

SWD District	Average utilisation rate (%)			Number of children served [Note 3]
	Aided Standalone CCC	KG-cum-CCC [Note 1]	MHCCC [Note 2]	NSCCP
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	100	52	9	625
Eastern/Wan Chai	100	78	-	483
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	100	87	below 1	965
Kwun Tong	-	87	10	416
Sha Tin	97	85	-	401
Sham Shui Po	100	89	19	807
Tai Po/North	100	74	4	714
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	100	85	4	832
Tuen Mun	100	72	0	808
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	73	15	1 181
Yuen Long	100	97	4	629
Overall / Total	100	77	8	7 861

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013, which were captured at the beginning of the current school year.

[Note 2] With the development of NSCCP which adopts the same concept of mutual support at the neighbourhood level as MHCCC and covers the same target group, a low utilisation rate of the service is observed. Some MHCCCs have been and will be re-engineered into other welfare services to meet district needs.

[Note 3] SWD captures NSCCP service utilisation by counts of children using the service in the month. One child is counted once each month.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0182

(Question Serial No. 1896)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 38):

In view of the court judgment that the seven-year resident requirement for holders of one-way permit to be eligible to apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) is unconstitutional, has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) assessed the impact on the manpower and resources for processing relevant applications in future? If yes, what are the results of the assessment? If no, what are the reasons? Has the Administration considered revising the residence requirement for the application of CSSA at the earliest possible time so as to fulfill the expectations of society?

Asked by: Hon. MO, Claudia

Reply:

The Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down its judgment on 17 December 2013 declaring the seven-year Hong Kong resident requirement under the CSSA Scheme unconstitutional. With effect from the same day, SWD has restored the pre-existing one-year residence requirement according to the judgment.

The actual implication of lowering the CSSA residence requirement from seven years to one year will, to a very large extent, depend on the financial condition of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. Since CFA's judgment was handed down on 17 December 2013 and up to 26 March 2014, SWD received 3 923 applications from persons who have resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years. A longer time to observe the trend of number of new applications will be required to ascertain the implications more accurately. SWD will closely monitor the situation.

Additional posts will be created to strengthen support for administering the CSSA Scheme subject to the actual increase in CSSA caseload.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2801)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 7):

At a Legislative Council meeting held on 26 February 2014, Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul raised a question on the immigration policy and the provision of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for new immigrants. It is mentioned by the Government in its reply that since the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down the judgment on 17 December 2013 and until 24 February 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had received altogether 3 112 CSSA applications involving persons who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than seven years, i.e. on average 69 applications per working day. The figure suggests that more CSSA applications will be received from persons who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than seven years this year. As such, why is the estimated number of CSSA cases to be served in 2014-15 the same as the Revised Estimate for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

The CFA handed down its judgment on 17 December 2013 declaring the seven-year HK resident (SYHKR) requirement under the CSSA Scheme unconstitutional. With effect from the same day, SWD has restored the pre-existing one-year residence requirement according to the judgment. Although there is an anticipated increase in new cases arising from the lowering of CSSA residence requirement from seven years to one year, the effect will be offset by the slight declining trend in CSSA cases in recent years. Therefore the estimated number of CSSA cases to be served in 2014-15 remains the same as the Revised Estimate for 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0184

(Question Serial No. 2802)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 8):

In response to my Question Serial No. 2629 last year about the progress of the development of the new Computerised Social Security System (CSSS), the Government stated in its Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)217 that Phase 3 of the project will be completed by February 2014. However, it is mentioned in the Estimates for this year that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to develop the new computer system to replace the existing CSSS in 2014-15. I would like to know if the system has failed to meet the original target rollout dates. If yes, what is the latest progress? If not, do the words "continue to develop the new computer system" refer to Phases 4 and 5 of the same development project, or do they mean yet another more updated computer system is being developed?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

The new system that SWD will continue to develop in 2014-15 is the one originally planned for replacing the existing CSSS, which is to be developed in 3 phases. The target rollout date of the new system has been revised to end-March 2014 because of the need to include additional enhancement items which were implemented during the development of the new system. The Contractor is still preparing for full-scale system test at present and it is unlikely that the end-March 2014 target rollout date can be met.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2804)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 21):

The Social Welfare Department will oversee the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme) in 2014-15. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the manpower and resources involved under the Special Scheme in 2014-15? In this financial year, what are the number of projects to be implemented, the expenditure incurred by each project and the number of various types of service places to be provided?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

The preliminary proposals received from the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Special Scheme are at different planning stages. The feasibility of implementing these project proposals will depend on various factors, including the site's location and its surrounding environment, communal facilities and transport facilities, requirements prescribed in the land lease conditions and restrictions stipulated in the outline zoning plan on use and development density, the feedback received from local consultations, the distribution of existing services as well as the demand and supply of the proposed services. Subject to the completion of necessary development and planning procedures, it may take several years or even longer for these projects to materialise. We will make use of our existing manpower in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and in the Labour and Welfare Bureau plus time-limited additional clerical support in SWD as well as three additional time-limited professional grades staff in the Architectural Services Department to follow up the proposals received in the initial years of the implementation of the Special Scheme and will review further manpower support at a later suitable time.

According to the information available, it is estimated that five of the project proposals received could be completed by 2017-18 barring unforeseen circumstances. As for the remaining 58 preliminary proposals, they are expected to be completed in phases after 2017-18, depending on their technical feasibilities. Assuming that all proposals under the Special Scheme are technically feasible, a rough estimate suggests that the amount of Lotteries Fund required would be in the order of \$20 billion. We envisage that we may render financial support to a number of NGOs to proceed with the technical feasibility studies relating to their project proposals in 2014-15. As the service proposals and the scope of the studies are still subject to vetting, the estimated costs are not yet confirmed at the current stage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0186****(Question Serial No. 0342)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 13):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 202 to 5 799 as at 31 March 2015. Please inform this Committee of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 202 posts is about \$77.9 million. Details of the net increase of 202 posts are as follows –

Programme	Number and type(s) of posts/Nature of Work	Estimated annual expenditure involved in net creation of posts (\$ million) ^[Note]
(1) Family and Child Welfare	<p>Net increase of 27 posts in the Clinical Psychologist grade and supporting general grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to strengthen psychological and supporting services for family and child welfare.</p>	7.1
(2) Social Security	<p>Net increase of 138 posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Analyst/ Programmer, Statistician, Statistical Officer, Census and Survey Officer grades, as well as supporting general grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to support the implementation of the Old Age Living Allowance, process applications for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) due to relaxation of the residence requirement from seven years to one year, support the enhancements of relevant computer systems, and conduct the 2014/15 Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households.</p>	50.3

Programme	Number and type(s) of posts/Nature of Work	Estimated annual expenditure involved in net creation of posts (\$ million) ^[Note]
(3) Services for Elders	<p>Net increase of 20 posts in the Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant grades and supporting general grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to support the provision of residential care services (RCS) in general and the implementation of a number of new initiatives, e.g. the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, the pilot RCS scheme in Guangdong and the pilot scheme on carer allowance under the Community Care Fund.</p>	12.8
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	<p>Net increase of 14 posts in the Social Work Officer, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Building Surveyor, Technical Officer grades and supporting general grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to support the work related to various units of medical social services, regularisation of Community Care Fund projects, pre-school services as well as implementation of works projects.</p>	6.7
(7) Young People	<p>Net increase of 3 posts in the supporting general grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance secretariat support for administering the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged.</p>	1.0

[Note] Based on notional annual mid-point salary of the posts involved.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0187

(Question Serial No. 1996)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 53):

Please list in table form the number of people on the waiting lists, the average waiting time and the funding 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) and care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB) in the past 2 years, as well as the estimated funding for 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The information sought is set out in the Annex.

Type of service	No. of applicants on the waiting list		Average waiting time (in month)		Expenditure (\$ million)		
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	2011-12	2012-13	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
HWH	688	671	8.4	8.2	154.7	160.7	170.3
LSCH	1 325	1 540	33.6	16.7	183.9	191.9	212.6
HMMH	1 533	1 642	84.4	83.8	177.8	190.9	220.7
HSMH	2 190	2 170	81.6	86.4	501.5	554.8	636.5
HSPH	459	495	37.4	26.6	94.5	100.8	110.6
C&A/SD	425	455	31.2	48.0	166.6	187.1	216.7
C&A/AB	120	128	6.0	5.4	118.1	122.7	127.8

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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1997)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 54):

According to the Estimates of last year, 266 additional places in hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) were originally planned to be provided in 2013-14. However, there is only an increase of 104 places in the revised estimate. Moreover, the 3 652 places to be provided in 2014-15 are barely able to meet what was planned for 2013-14. What are the reasons? In which districts will the 166 additional places to be provided in 2014-15 be located? What is the estimated funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 266 additional places in HSMH in 2013-14. Among these 266 places, only 104 places (including 4 value-added places provided by the non-governmental organisations) could be provided in 2013-14 owing to the longer than expected preparation time required for securing the allocation of premises and longer lead time required for the completion of refurbishment and fitting-out works, etc. The 166 additional places in HSMH which have slipped from 2013-14 to 2014-15 are planned to be provided in Southern, Sham Shui Po and North districts. The estimated expenditure involved for territory-wide HSMH service in 2014-15 is about \$636.5 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0189

(Question Serial No. 1998)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 55):

The cost per place per month for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) is \$7,897 in 2014-15, far lower by 17% than the \$9,506 for private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). What are the reasons? Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) conduct an earlier review and increase the allocation to improve the service?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

There are two levels of places under EBPS for RCHEs, namely EA1 and EA2. As EA1 places are subject to higher standards and requirements, the cost of each EA1 place is higher than that of an EA2 place. Under BPS for private RCHDs, all the bought places are of the same standard and the average cost per place per month in 2014-15 is \$7,897, which is comparable to the cost of an EA2 place in private RCHEs under EPBS. The average cost per place under the EBPS is relatively higher than that under BPS because the former has taken into account the higher cost of EA1 places.

The pilot BPS previously funded by the Lotteries Fund will be regularised from 2014-15 based on the findings of a mid-term review of the pilot BPS. An overall review of the pilot BPS is being conducted by SWD to assess its long-term feasibility in terms of the purchase prices, home fees, amount of government subsidies, the number of places to be purchased and the overall service quality and performance of the private RCHDs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1999)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 28):

The enrolment rate for standalone child care centres (CCCs) has been exceeding 100% for years. What are the reasons for not increasing the number of places significantly? In which districts will the estimated additional 32 places in 2014-15 be located?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

In 2014-15, an additional 32 places will be provided through in-situ expansion of four existing aided standalone CCCs in Eastern, Central & Western, Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong districts. In addition to the 690 places provided in aided standalone CCCs under the administration of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), there are about 25 600 places provided in kindergarten-cum-CCCs under the administration of the Education Bureau in the 2013/14 school year, which has increased by 2 000 places when compared with the provision in the 2012/13 school year. SWD will continue to monitor the demand for CCC service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0191

(Question Serial No. 2000)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 29):

For occasional child care service (OCCS), what are the numbers of places provided in each of the 18 districts in the revised estimate for 2013-14 and as estimated for 2014-15? What is the estimated expenditure for OCCS in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The numbers of OCCS places for each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are set out in the Annex. The estimated expenditure of OCCS in 2014-15 is \$21.5 million.

Number of OCCS Places

District	Number of OCCS places	
	2013-14	2014-15 ^[Note]
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	42	42
Eastern/Wan Chai	31	31
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	47	47
Kwun Tong	49	49
Sha Tin	29	29
Sham Shui Po	25	25
Tai Po/North	35	35
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	55	55
Tuen Mun	31	31
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	55	55
Yuen Long	35	35
Total	434	434

[Note] To maximise the service utilisation, SWD will adjust the distribution of OCCS places in September 2014 in accordance with the changes in district demand after consulting the operators concerned. The total number of OCCS places will remain unchanged.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0192

(Question Serial No. 2001)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 30):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will enhance the provision of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in 2014-15. What are the specific plans? How many places are there in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

At present, the NSCCP operator for each of the 18 districts is required to provide at least 26 home-based child care service (HCCS) places and 14 centre-based care group (CCG) places at any one time during the year. Thus, there are at least 468 HCCS places and 252 CCG places over the territory. In 2014-15, SWD will enhance NSCCP by extending the age limit of children receiving the service from aged under six to aged under nine, increasing funding to operators to enhance social work support for the service, and providing at least 13 additional HCCS places per district. Thus, there will be at least 234 additional HCCS places over the territory. The above enhancements will involve an estimated full-year expenditure of \$4.8 million. The service operators will continue to have the flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand in the district. The enhancement will take place starting from the second half of 2014-15 taking into account the necessary procedure.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2002)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 31):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has regarded providing an additional 14 places in residential homes for children (RHCs) as one of the matters requiring special attention in 2014-15. In what way is it special? What are the details of the work?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The 14 additional places will help enhance the support and care for needy children and families. They will be provided through in-situ expansion in existing RHCs located at accessible locations.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0194

(Question Serial No. 2003)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 32):

Regarding Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs), the number of cases originally estimated to be served by the government sector in 2012-13 is already less than that in 2011-12, and the actual number of cases served is even less than the estimated 56 569 cases by 6.1%, while the number of cases served in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate and the 2014-15 Estimate are both kept at the same level as in 2013. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The actual number of cases served by IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department in 2012-13 was less than the Original Estimate as some of the family problems were tackled in the form of groups and programmes. The actual number of cases handled from April 2013 to December 2013 was stable. It is estimated that the number of cases handled in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and 2014-15 (Estimate) will remain at the 2013 level.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2004)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 33):

Regarding Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2014-15, how many social workers will be employed by the government sector and the subvented sector respectively, and what is the average caseload per social worker?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

At present, the total number of frontline social worker posts in the 41 IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is 738. There are currently 24 IFSCs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on a lump sum grant subvention basis. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the NGOs operating IFSCs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The manpower provision for individual IFSCs is arranged having regard to the service needs and characteristics of the districts served. In 2014-15, it is estimated that on average, each social worker from SWD IFSCs will serve 72 cases and each social worker from NGO IFSCs will serve 78 cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2005)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 34):

Regarding clinical psychological support service, why are the numbers of estimated assessment cases and treatment cases dropping significantly by 14% and 17% respectively in 2013-14 and 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

In 2012-13, two clinical psychologists (CPs) resigned and four others were on maternity leave or prolonged sick leave. This affected the rate of taking up new assessment cases as well as the number of treatment cases handled. Notwithstanding this, all urgent cases had been attended to. Starting from November 2013, the two vacant CP posts have been filled, while the four CPs on maternity/sick leave have gradually recovered/resumed normal work. The numbers of assessment cases and treatment cases served in 2014-15 are expected to gradually pick up.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2006)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 35):

How many cases in total were handled by the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) in 2013, and how many are estimated to be handled in 2014-15? Are there any measures in place to enhance the support services?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

In 2013, 693 service users received support services under VSP. VSP is targeted to serve about 800 service users in a year.

Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0198

(Question Serial No. 2007)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 36):

Regarding social security, please provide details of the number of cases for persons aged 65 or above who receive Social Security Allowance (SSA) and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), together with the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years –

Year 2011-12

	Category/Age	Aged 65 to 69 (Cases)	Aged 70 to 74 (Cases)	Aged 75 or above (Cases)	Total amount involved (\$)
SSA	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				

Year 2012-13

	Category/Age	Aged 65 to 69 (Cases)	Aged 70 to 74 (Cases)	Aged 75 or above (Cases)	Total amount involved (\$)
SSA	HOAA	--			
	NOAA				
	HDA				
	NDA				
CSSA	Able-bodied				
	50% Disabled				
	100% Disabled				
	CA				
	PCSSA Scheme				

Year 2013-14 (up to the latest month)

	Category/Age	Aged 65 to 69 (Cases)	Aged 70 to 74 (Cases)	Aged 75 or above (Cases)	Total amount involved (\$)
SSA	HOAA	--			
	NOAA				
	HDA				
	NDA				
	Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)				
	Guangdong (GD) Scheme				
CSSA	Able-bodied				
	50% Disabled				
	100% Disabled				
	CA				
	PCSSA Scheme				

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The numbers of SSA cases and CSSA recipients aged 65 and above and the corresponding expenditure in the period between 2011-12 and 2013-14 were as follows ^[Note] –

- (1) (a) The number of SSA (including HOAA, NOAA, HDA and NDA) cases aged 65 or above by age group and the corresponding expenditure from 2011-12 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Allowance type	2011-12			
	Number of cases			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
HOAA	Not applicable	150 760	294 537	5,918
NOAA	76 189	Not applicable	Not applicable	976
HDA	1 075	1 481	10 632	443
NDA	8 464	7 986	31 163	798

Allowance type	2012-13			
	Number of cases			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
HOAA	Not applicable	147 906	309 359	6,318
NOAA	89 010	Not applicable	Not applicable	1,143
HDA	1 143	1 441	11 011	486
NDA	9 430	7 356	30 606	855

- (b) OALA is a means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 65 or above introduced in April 2013. The income and assets requirements for OALA are the same as the former NOAA. Meanwhile, the OAA (i.e. the former HOAA) provides a non-means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 70 or above. The number of SSA [including Old Age Allowance (OAA), OALA, GD Scheme and Disability Allowance (DA)] cases aged 65 or above by age group and the corresponding estimated expenditure in 2013-14 were as follows –

Allowance type	2013-14			
	Number of cases (as at end-December 2013)			Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70 74	Aged 75 and above	
OAA	Not applicable	67 142	125 600	2,946
OALA	107 131	85 886	217 026	12,863
GD Scheme	16 416			175
HDA	1 200	1 428	11 083	515
NDA	5 168	2 856	11 340	363

- (2) The number of CSSA recipients aged 65 or above and the corresponding expenditure from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Type	2011-12			
	Number of recipients			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	22 093	25 289	56 932	8,209
100% disabled	4 647	5 024	27 687	
Requiring constant attendance	954	1 648	13 273	

Type	2012-13			
	Number of recipients			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 65-69	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	22 155	23 491	56 842	8,691
100% disabled	5 073	4 719	27 146	
Requiring constant attendance	996	1 495	13 267	

Type	2013-14			
	Number of recipients (as at end-December 2013)			Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	21 547	21 829	55 829	8,698
100% disabled	5 327	4 482	27 273	
Requiring constant attendance	1 071	1 402	13 844	

[Note] The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowances in the respective years.

The expenditure for OALA includes back-payment to the elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013 and the payment of one additional month of the allowance.

For CSSA recipients aged 65 or above, the number of CSSA recipients includes cases under the PCSSA Scheme, while breakdown for able-bodied and 50% disabled elderly recipients is not available. In addition, the Social Welfare Department has no information of the expenditure for these cases by health condition of the recipients.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0199****(Question Serial No. 2008)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 37):

For the various categories (including old age, disability, ill health, single-parent family, low-earnings, unemployment and others) of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, what are the estimated numbers of cases and the government expenditure incurred in 2014-15? What differences are there as compared with the past two years? 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 2012-13 were as follows –

Case nature	2012-13	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	148 110	10,744
Permanent disability	17 772	1,374
Ill health	23 748	2,036
Single parent	29868	2,896
Low-earnings	9 598	849
Unemployment	21 074	1,427
Others	6 290	446
Total	256 460	19,773

The estimated average number of CSSA cases per month and expenditure by case nature in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as follows –

Case nature	2013-14	
	Estimated average number of cases per month	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	148 000	10,766
Permanent disability	18 000	1,372
Ill health	24 000	2,069
Single parent	29 000	2,959
Low-earnings	9 000	806
Unemployment	20 000	1,332
Others	6 000	479
Total	254 000	19,783

Case nature	2014-15	
	Estimated average number of cases per month	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	151 000	12,521
Permanent disability	18 000	1,600
Ill health	24 000	2,404
Single parent	29 000	3,364
Low-earnings	8 000	902
Unemployment	19 000	1,537
Others	6 000	536
Total	255 000	22,864

The expenditure includes payment of one additional month of standard rates payment in the respective years. The additional allowance for 2014-15 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

Individual figures for the expenditure for 2012-13 may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2009)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 38):

What are the details of the arrangement that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made to conduct a review this year on elders who were granted the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the "Auto-conversion" arrangement? How many recipients in total will be subject to the review? How many recipients are expected to have their OALA payment stopped for failing to meet the income and asset requirements?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

SWD issued a blue notification letter enclosing the Postal Review Form on 17 February 2014 to about 273 000 elderly persons who were granted OALA under the Phase 1 – "Auto-conversion" arrangement to advise them on the details of the postal review. Upon receipt of the notification letter, elderly persons should provide declarations of their and/or their spouses' (if applicable) income and assets by completing and returning the Postal Review Form to SWD within one month from the date of issue of the notification letter. Based on information provided by the recipients, SWD will verify whether they will continue to be eligible for OALA. If the recipients still meet the income and asset requirements, they will continue to receive the OALA payment.

For recipients who do not meet the income and asset requirements, they will receive the OALA payment up to the expiry of the 24-month grace period (i.e. up to 30 November 2014). SWD will arrange to stop the OALA payment to ineligible recipients starting from December 2014 and will notify them in writing. If the ineligible recipients are aged 70 or above, SWD will arrange them to receive the non-means-tested Old Age Allowance. SWD does not have up-to-date financial information of the elderly recipients who were granted OALA under the Phase 1 – "Auto-conversion" arrangement, and therefore is not in a position to make any estimate on the number of elderly persons who are expected to have their OALA payment stopped for failing to meet the income and asset requirements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2010)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 39):

What are the details of the work arrangement this year for conducting a review on the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and exploring the feasibility of extending the OALA to Guangdong (GD)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

In his 2014 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Administration will review OALA by the end of this year to ascertain, among other things, whether the asset limits should be relaxed. Meanwhile, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is conducting a postal review for around 273 000 OALA recipients who were granted the allowance under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, which is expected to be completed by end-November 2014.

The Administration will explore the feasibility of extending OALA to GD in light of the GD Scheme's operating experience. As we will conduct the review later this year, we are not yet in a position to provide the details.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0202

(Question Serial No. 2011)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 40):

How many recipients of Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) aged 65 or above have converted to apply for Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the number of NDA recipients aged 65 or above having converted to OALA in 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2012)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 41):

This year, the Social Welfare Department will provide rent allowance to recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who have been Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) flat owner-occupiers for more than five years. How many cases are expected to benefit from the initiative? How many recipients are involved? What is the estimated funding?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

Starting from 2014-15, rent allowance will be provided to eligible CSSA households who have been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than five years. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$10 million, benefiting around 1 000 CSSA households.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0204****(Question Serial No. 2013)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 42):

Under the Programme on Services for Elders, the Government will increase the funding to \$6,079 million to promote the well-being of the elderly in 2014-15. Please provide details of the respective funding for residential care services and community support services for the elderly in 2014-15 and that for the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The respective funding allocation for residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in 2014-15 and the expenditure in the past 3 years are as follows –

Financial Year Service	2011-12 (Actual) (\$ million)	2012-13 (Actual) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	2014-15 (Estimate) (\$ million)
Residential Care Services	2,661.6	3,062.8	3,398.9	3,993.0
Community Care and Support Services	1,384.2	1,529.0	1,607.3	1,803.4
Total	4,045.8	4,591.8	5,006.2	5,796.4

In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department will provide funding resources for administrative support for non-governmental organisations, for the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector to provide 320 additional training places and for the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services to provide 1 000 places (in phases starting from 2014-15). The estimated total expenditure is about \$6,079 million under the “Services for Elders” programme in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2014)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 43):

What are the respective numbers of various types of additional residential care places for the elderly in 2014-15? What are the respective estimated provisions?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

A total of 1 171 additional subsidised residential care places are expected to commence service in 2014-15, of which 388 are nursing home places and 783 are care-and-attention places. The estimated expenditure is \$148.81 million in a full year.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0206****(Question Serial No. 2015)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 44):

How many people are on the waiting list for various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2013-14 and what is the average waiting time? Is the average waiting time for various types of RCHEs expected to be shortened with the provision of additional residential care places in 2014-15? Please give the details in table form.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Type of subsidised residential care places	Number of elderly persons on the waiting list (as at end-January 2014)	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past three months)
Care-and-attention home places	23 558	
– Subvented/contract home		36
– Enhanced Bought Place Scheme home		8
Overall		20
Nursing home places	6 335	35

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, whether the applicants have special preferences for the location, diet and religious background of the elderly home, whether they accept subsidised places provided under the bought place schemes, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. While the provision of additional places in 2014-15 should help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for the Social Welfare Department to estimate the extent to which the waiting time may be shortened by the additional places.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2441)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

Regarding the provision of nursing home (NH) places, it was estimated that 1 954 places would be provided as early as in 2012-13. However, only 1 735 NH places have been provided for the past 2 years, lower than the estimate by 11%. What are the reasons? Are there ways to provide more places than the estimated number of 1 954 places in 2014-15? Among these 1 954 places, how many will be subsidised NH places purchased through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

Among the 1 954 NH places planned in 2012-13, 380 were to be purchased through NHPPS. The estimated number of NH places was revised to 1 789 in the 2012-13 Revised Estimate because the purchase of 165 NH places under NHPPS needed to be deferred to 2013-14. The figure was further revised to 1 735 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate because the purchase of 219 NH places under NHPPS planned in 2013-14 needed to be deferred to 2014-15. 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 2013-14, 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 219 NH places under NHPPS. Apart from the increased provision through NHPPS, 169 additional NH places will be provided in new and existing contract homes in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0208

(Question Serial No. 2442)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 46):

The cost per place per month for private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) has been increasing slowly in the past few years. However, the estimated cost for 2014-15 will rapidly increase by 20% when compared with the previous year. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The respective increase in the unit subsidy of EBPS places in 2012-13 and 2013-14 mainly followed the annual price level adjustment. From 2014-15 onwards, the Administration proposes to provide additional annual funding of about \$122.7 million to raise the unit subsidy of all places under EBPS to strengthen the care and support of these homes for the elderly concerned. This accounts for the increase in the unit cost of EBPS places in 2014-15 as compared with that of 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2443)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 47):

For 2014-15, the costs per place per month for care-and-attention (C&A) homes and contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) are estimated to increase by 6.5% and 7% respectively. However, the cost for nursing home (NH) places is estimated to increase by 31%. On what basis have the percentage increases been calculated by the Administration? What are the reasons for the surge in the cost for NH places?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The increase in the unit cost at C&A homes is mainly due to the increase in the provision for operational expenses and administrative support costs. For contract RCHEs, the increase is partly due to the anticipated increase in contract price as a result of the price level adjustment and additional provision to raise the ratio of NH places to 90%. Separately, an additional annual recurrent funding of about \$64.8 million is earmarked in 2014-15 to upgrade all the 1 574 subsidised NH places in six subvented NHs to provide a continuum of care. This also accounts for the increase in the unit cost of NH places in 2014-15 as compared with that of 2013-14

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0210****(Question Serial No. 2732)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 48):

There will be 229 additional places in day care centres for the elderly in 2014-15. What is the estimated funding allocation? 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 the additional places?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

In 2014-15, an additional 229 day care (DC) places for the elderly are expected to commence service. The estimated annual expenditure for these places is \$20.7 million. Their geographical distribution is as follows –

District	Number of Places
Sha Tin	77
Sham Shui Po	32
Sai Kung	60
Kwai Tsing	60
Total	229

As at end-January 2014, there were 1 669 elderly persons waiting for DC places and the average waiting time was about 9 months.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2733)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 49):

What is the amount of funding allocation for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in 2014-15? The estimated number of cases served will be increased by 300 to a total of 7 600. Which districts will the additional service places be allocated? What are the estimated number of persons waiting for EHCCS and the average waiting time in 2014-15 respectively? What are the changes when compared with the previous year?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The estimated funding for EHCCS in 2014-15 is about \$259.1 million. The service contracts of the additional 1 500 EHCCS places will commence in phases over a period of six months starting from 1 March 2015. It is estimated that 300 new cases can be served in 2014-15. Since the provision of these additional places is still at the planning stage, the information on their geographical distribution is not yet available.

As at end-January 2014, there were 1 671 elderly persons waiting for EHCCS and/or Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) and the average waiting time was about 5 months. The waiting time for EHCCS is affected by a number of factors such as the applicants' preference for service providers, change in service demand and different turnover rates in various districts. While the provision of 1 500 additional places would help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult to estimate the extent to which the waiting time may be shortened in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0213)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 11):

It is mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will enhance the community care support for demented and frail elders and their carers in elderly centres. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) Please list by constituency the number of cases regarding demented elderly, other types of frail elderly and carers handled or followed-up by social workers in elderly centres last year (i.e. 2013-14);
- (2) According to the existing records of SWD, what is the total number of demented elders in Hong Kong? How many of them have not been assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services to be of moderate or more severe levels of impairment?
- (3) Please list by category the existing types of community care services provided by SWD for demented and frail elders. What is the respective percentage of each of these services to the total number of service places? Apart from increasing the number of places of the above services, how would SWD enhance the community care support for these groups of service users?
- (4) For enhancing the support in the coming year, how much additional funding and manpower are estimated to be provided to each elderly centre by SWD?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The distribution of active counselling cases handled by District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) by district, as at end-December 2013, is set out in the Annex. SWD does not have a breakdown of the active counselling cases handled by DECCs and NECs by the profile of the elderly persons.
- (2) SWD does not have any record of the total number of demented elderly persons in Hong Kong, nor information on how many of them have not been assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services to be of moderate or severe level of impairment.

- (3) The Administration supports frail elderly persons, including those with dementia, living in the community and their families through 67 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 for the elderly persons and their families are also provided by 160 elderly centres (i.e. 41 DECCs and 119 NECs). The services include training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resources centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc.

Since 2011-12, Dementia Supplement (DS) has been provided to all subsidised DEs/DCUs for the provision of more targeted services to elderly persons with dementia who are residing in the community. In 2014-15, the allocation of DS to DEs/DCUs will be \$15.7 million. DEs/DCUs may deploy DS to 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.

Moreover, additional resources have been earmarked in 2013-14 to extend the service hours of new DEs/DCUs for rendering better care and support to the frail elderly persons (including those with dementia) and their carers. The service hours will be extended from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Mondays to Saturdays, and these new DEs/DCUs will also open for service from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and public holidays.

Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes for enhancing carers' capability in taking care of elderly persons, including demented elderly persons. 119 elderly centres have participated in the Scheme and over 12 000 carers have been trained. The Scheme will be regularised in 2014-15, with details set out in paragraph (4)(d) below.

Since March 2011, three service teams under the three-year Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders (Frail Elders Pilot Scheme) have been providing a new package of home care services for elderly persons (including those with dementia) waiting for nursing home places so as to better serve their special needs and help relieve the pressure of their carers. The Administration will integrate the major service content of the Frail Elders Pilot Scheme with the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and implement strengthened integrated home-based care services to further enhance the support and care to frail elderly persons living at home. An additional full-year provision of some \$172 million is earmarked to provide 1 500 new places of EHCCS from March 2015 onwards.

In addition, the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) was rolled out in September 2013 in eight selected districts. The Pilot Scheme adopts a new funding mode, namely the "money-following-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 may choose the service provider, the type of service and the service package that suit their individual needs. Of the 62 Recognised Service Providers participating in the Pilot Scheme, six provide specialised service for elderly persons with dementia, offering a total of 82 day care places.

We do not have the statistics on the percentage of each of these services for the demented and frail elderly persons to the total number of service places.

- (4) Additional recurrent funding has been earmarked for the elderly centres to strengthen community support and services for elderly persons and their carers, including –
- (a) some \$53 million per year for 41 DECCs and 119 NECs to employ more social workers for strengthening the support for elderly persons living in the community;
 - (b) some \$82.5 million additional subvention per year for 51 Social Centres for the Elderly (SEs) to raise their standard of services to that of NECs, and to employ more social workers for service delivery;
 - (c) some \$22 million per year for 41 DECCs to employ more social workers for enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers; and
 - (d) some \$6.7 million per year to regularise the Scheme whereby 211 subvented elderly centres (i.e. 41 DECCs and 170 NECs (including the 51 SEs which will be upgraded as NECs, as referred to in (b) above)) will organise training activities for carers.

**Distribution of active counselling cases handled by DECCs and NECs by district
(as at end-December 2013)**

District	Number of active counselling case
Central & Western	625
Southern	855
Islands	827
Eastern	1 245
Wan Chai	398
Kwun Tong	2 660
Wong Tai Sin	2 076
Sai Kung	1 201
Kowloon City	936
Yau Tsim Mong	805
Sham Shui Po	1 386
Sha Tin	1 769
Tai Po	533
North	413
Yuen Long	791
Tsuen Wan	577
Kwai Tsing	1 592
Tuen Mun	805
Total	19 494

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0214)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 12):

It is mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to increase the proportion of subsidised nursing home (NH) places in existing contract homes, and provide additional subsidised NH places through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) Please list by the 18 districts the number of additional subsidised NH places in contract homes, the number of subsidised NH places provided through NHPPS and the percentage of such places to the same type of places in each district in 2014-15;
- (2) Please list by the 18 districts the average waiting time for subsidised NH places in each district in 2013-14;
- (3) With the number of additional subsidised NH places in contract homes and subsidised NH places to be provided through NHPPS, what will be the estimated percentage decrease of registered applicants on the existing waiting list for NH places and how much waiting time will be shortened on average?
- (4) For the additional subsidised NH places in contract homes and subsidised NH places to be provided through NHPPS in 2014-15, what will be the amount of additional expenditure involved for SWD?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The numbers of additional subsidised NH places provided through contract homes and NHPPS in 2014-15 are as follows –

Residential Care Services	Number of Additional Places in 2014-15
Subsidised NH places in contract homes	169 ^[Note 1]
Subsidised NH places through NHPPS	219 ^[Note 2]
Total	388

^[Note 1] The NH places, including two designated residential respite places, are located in Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing, Sha Tin and Sham Shui Po.

^[Note 2] SWD will invite applications from self-financing residential care homes for the elderly and NHs to provide NH places under NHPPS in 2014-15. As the location of such NH places will be known after the exercise, SWD cannot provide the percentage of such places to the same type of places in each district.

- (2) All applicants for subsidised NH places are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis and they may choose to wait for subsidised NH places in different districts at the same time. SWD does not keep the number of applicants by district or the waiting time for subsidised NH places in individual districts. As at 31 January 2014, the number of applicants on the waiting list for NH places was 6 335 and the average waiting time for admission to subsidised NH places was 35 months.
- (3) The waiting time for subsidised NH places is affected by a number of factors, including whether the applicants have special preference for location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether they accept subsidised places provided under NHPPS, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. While the additional provision of subsidised NH places should help shorten the waiting time, it is difficult for SWD to estimate the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the additional provision of places.
- (4) The additional annual estimated expenditure is \$66.5 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0215)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 13):

It is mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will increase the supply of subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) Please list by the 18 districts the number of additional subsidised C&A places to be provided through EBPS in 2014-15; what percentage of waiting time for subsidised places is expected to be shortened?
- (2) Please set out the cost per place per month under EBPS and the percentage increase for EA1 and EA2 places in 2014-15 as compared with the previous year.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2014-15, the Administration plans to purchase 300 EA1 places under EBPS. SWD will invite applications from private residential care homes for the elderly and select suitable homes through quality-based assessment. The exact number of places bought for each district will be determined having regard to the number of applications received and the demand for residential care places. 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, religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicants accept subsidised places provided under EBPS, whether they have 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 extent to which the waiting time could be shortened by the additional provision in the coming years.
- (2) In 2014-15, the cost per place per month for EBPS places will be \$9,506. The increase in the unit subsidy level for respective types of places in 2014-15 will range from 13.8% to 21.5% when compared with that in 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0216)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 15):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will integrate the enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) and the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (Pilot Scheme) and provide additional home care places. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details and the expenditure involved in such integration?

In addition, please provide the following information about EHCCS and the Pilot Scheme by constituency in the previous year (i.e. 2013-14) –

- (1) The waiting time for services;
- (2) The duration of service for service users;
- (3) The age distribution of service users;
- (4) The number of users who are currently recipients of 100% disabilities of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or Disability Allowance;
- (5) The number of users diagnosed with dementia;
- (6) 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 –

To further enhance the support and care for frail elderly persons living at home, an annual allocation of some \$172 million has been earmarked for providing an additional 1 500 places of EHCCS from March 2015 onwards as well as for strengthening the service content of both the new and existing EHCCS places through the integration of the major service content of the Pilot Scheme into EHCCS, such as on-site carer training.

- (1) Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for the Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS. As at end-January 2014, the average waiting time was about 5 months. SWD does not have the statistics on the waiting time for the Pilot Scheme.
- (2) to (6) SWD does not have the required information in respect of EHCCS or the Pilot Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0217)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 17):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will explore with the Elderly Commission (EC) the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care services (RCS) for the elderly. What are the details of the scheme? Could SWD estimate the expenditure required for the future scheme in the light of the experience gained from the Community Care Service (CCS) Voucher Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

As announced by Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, EC will conduct a study on the feasibility of introducing a RCS voucher scheme and to submit a report in a year's time. If it is considered feasible to run such a scheme, the Administration will provide the necessary resources. In this connection, the Administration has earmarked about \$800 million to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 RCS vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0218)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 18):

There are no additional service places in the 2014-15 Estimates for On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) nor for Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway). Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) Please list, by nature of work, type of disabilities and number of times of participating in the programmes (i.e. applicants participated in any one of these two programmes), the ratio of participants of these two programmes last year.
- (2) The job attachment allowance and the job trial wage subsidy under these two programmes were raised by the Government last year. Did the numbers of applicants of these two programmes increase after the increase in allowances? By how much was the waiting time lengthened?
- (3) How would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) assess the demand for these two programmes? Will SWD consider providing additional service places in the future? If so, how much additional expenditure will be needed?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2012-13, about 450 and 320 new service users participated in the OJT and the Sunnyway respectively. SWD does not have the requested information on other aspects.
- (2) The job attachment allowance and the job trial wage subsidy of OJT and Sunnyway have been raised since July 2013. For the period from August 2013 to December 2013, there were 318 new service users participating in the programmes. As compared with 307 new service users for the corresponding period in 2012, the number of new service users has been increased by 3.6%. These two programmes admit service users directly and SWD does not have the information about the waiting time for services.
- (3) 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, 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 (SW), supported employment, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, OJT and Sunnyway. At present, there are 12 137 places for vocational rehabilitation services including 432 places for OJT, 311 places for Sunnyway and 453 places for integrated vocational training centre (day service). We plan to increase the provision of SW by 60 places in 2013-14 and by 50 places in 2014-15 with additional full-year recurrent funding of \$2.5 million and \$2.1 million respectively. SWD will continue to keep under

review the demand for vocational rehabilitation services and seek additional resources for service enhancement as required.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0219)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 19):

It is stated in the Brief Description of Programme (4) that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (SPED). How many applications for hiring persons with disabilities have been made by employers since the implementation of the programme? Please list the number of beneficiaries of the programme and the total amount of subsidy approved by type of disability and nature of work of employees with disabilities, as well as procurement of assistive rehabilitation devices or workplace modifications, etc.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

To facilitate employees with disabilities in discharging their duties at the workplace and to enhance their work efficiency, SWD launched the SPED in June 2013 which provides employers of persons with disabilities with a one-off subsidy up to \$20,000 in respect of each employee with disabilities for procurement of assistive devices and/or workplace modifications.

Up to February 2014, we have invited three batches of applications and received a total of 43 applications. While the vetting of the third batch of applications involving 21 applications is still under way, we had approved a total subsidy of about \$0.25 million for 16 applications for the first two batches. Among the 16 employees with disabilities involved in the 16 approved applications, three are persons with physical disability and the remaining 13 are persons with visual impairment engaged mainly in community and charitable services, wholesale and retail, information technology, customer service, etc. About 86% of the approved subsidy was for procurement of assistive devices including magnifying softwares, video magnifiers, screen readers, computers, etc. while the remaining subsidy was for workplace modifications.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 0243)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (184) Traffic accident victims assistance scheme
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 16):

The provision under Subhead 184 Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme will decrease by 11.9% in the following year. The Social Welfare Department explains that it is “due to adjustments in respect of levies in previous years”. In this regard, would the Administration please advise the following –

1. What were the amounts of different levies for vehicles, trade licences, light rail vehicles, tramcars, trailers drawn by tramcars, government vehicles, and on driving licence fees including learner’s driving licences, temporary driving licences and permits to drive government vehicles for the past three years?
2. What were the numbers of cases with actual assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme and the amount involved for the past three years; and
3. The TAVA Scheme and the relevant ordinance were formulated and implemented back in 1979. With the increasingly diversified and developed transport network and road transport, will the Administration consider reviewing the ordinance and the Scheme, so as to extend the coverage to include all railway transport or even marine accidents? If yes, what is the time frame? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The amount of levies on vehicle licences and driving licences collected in the past three years was as follows –

Year	Amount of levies collected (\$ million)
2011-12	142.7
2012-13	139.8
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	104.9

2. The number of cases approved and the amount of TAVA payments in the past three years were as follows

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Year	Number of cases approved	Amount of assistance payments (\$ million)
2011-12	12 643	170.3
2012-13	13 057	193.1
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	9 925	159.6

3. The TAVA Scheme, established under the Traffic Accident Victims (Assistance Fund) Ordinance (the Ordinance), Cap. 229 of the Laws of Hong Kong, 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), 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.

The operation of and chance of accidents involving railways (excluding the Light Rail) and sea traffic 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) and marine accidents.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0244)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 14):

The Administration has launched a new round of short-term food assistance in March to enhance existing services. As such, would the Administration please advise –

1. The number of service points and food distribution points in total to be increased after the launch of the new service;

The additional expenditure incurred by the service operators in the coming year;

2. Is the Administration aware of the number of existing eateries, community canteens, merchants, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and district groups that are providing in-kind food assistance to the needy? How many of them are providing the service in collaboration with the service operators?
3. Does the Administration have future plans and measures in place for collaboration with service operators by more organisations, corporations, shops and community canteens? If yes, what are the details?
4. In recent years, a so-called “suspended” culture has emerged in society which aims to promote the concept of equal sharing of food to help those in need. Does the Administration have any plans and measures to encourage this culture? If not, will the publicity and promotion of such a concept be strengthened in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

1. At present, there are 451 service points set up under the short-term food assistance service projects (the projects), of which 103 are also venues for food distribution. There will be 20 additional food distribution points set up in the coming months. The Projects' 2013-14 expenditure (Revised Estimate) was \$94.5 million, while their 2014-15 estimated expenditure is \$74.4 million. Since October 2013, enhancements have been made. These include, among other things, increasing the service fee by 10%. The estimated expenditure in 2014-15 is lower than the Revised Estimate in 2013-14 mainly because one-off setting-up grants were provided in 2013-14 to the seven new projects which commenced operation in the year.
2. While SWD does not have information on the total number of eateries, community canteens, merchants, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and district groups that are providing in-kind food assistance for the needy in the territory, the operators of the short-term food assistance service projects are collaborating with 29 NGOs/district groups and 35 eateries/community canteen/merchants that are providing in-kind food assistance for the needy.
3. As a service strategy stated in the service agreement, service operators should build up service networks

with organisations, corporations, shops and community canteens to create synergy and provide more food options to meet the needs of target users. Moreover, SWD has been encouraging cross-sectoral projects to help the deprived through the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) which is under SWD's administration. Up to end-January 2014, 14 food assistance projects with collaborative efforts from the commercial and welfare sectors have been supported by PFD.

4. The "suspended" meals, originating in Italy a century ago, are being practised by some 30 food outlets in Hong Kong. Very often, the "suspended" meals are run in a small locality. There is no need assessment on the meal recipients, and the food outlets or the suspended meal coupon buyers will decide who to receive the meals. The Administration welcomes the culture which helps build up a caring and mutual-help community. SWD will provide relevant information e.g. the potential target groups in the locality for "suspended" meals operators if and when needed.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0708)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 68):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme under this Programme, would the Administration please advise –

1. the number of CSSA cases by case nature for the past two years –

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14
Old age		
Permanent disability		
Ill health		
Single parent		
Low-earnings		
Unemployment		
Others		
Total		

2. long-term cases having received payments for more than 24 months in the respective years by case nature –

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14
Old age		
Permanent disability		
Ill health		
Single parent		
Low-earnings		
Unemployment		
Others		
Total		

3. CSSA cases by case nature having had payments suspended or changed to other categories over the past 24 months –

Case nature	2012-13		2013-14	
	Number of cases having had payments suspended	Number of cases having changed to other categories	Number of cases having had payments suspended	Number of cases having changed to other categories
Old age				
Permanent disability				
Ill health				
Single parent				
Low-earnings				
Unemployment				
Others				
Total				

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

1. The number of CSSA cases by case nature in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Case nature	Year	
	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	153 237	151 259
Permanent disability	18 351	18 391
Ill health	25 217	25 157
Single parent	30 513	29 193
Low-earnings	9 942	8 891
Unemployment	23 293	21 149
Others	7 070	6 734
Total	267 623	260 774

2. The number of cases which had been on CSSA for more than 24 months in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Case nature	Year	
	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	129 668	128 744
Permanent disability	15 524	15 488
Ill health	18 785	18 933
Single parent	24 020	22 480
Low-earnings	7 921	6 948
Unemployment	15 329	13 600
Others	3 861	3 663
Total	215 108	209 856

The number of cases refers to CSSA cases with a continuous period of receiving CSSA for more than 24 months regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.

3. The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the number of CSSA cases having had payments suspended or changed to other categories over the past 24 months.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0222****(Question Serial No. 0709)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 69):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) Scheme in this programme, would the Administration please provide the number of CSSA unemployed recipients who have been on CSSA for over 12 months by district –

	Cases of one-person households	Cases of households with two persons or more	Recipients under the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme	Recipients with breakdown by gender	CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by age group					Total
					15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	
Central & Western										
Wan Chai										
Eastern										
Southern										
Yau Tsim Mong										
Sham Shui Po										
Kowloon City										
Wong Tai Sin										
Kwun Tong										
Kwai Tsing										
Tsuen Wan										
Tuen Mun										
Yuen Long										
North										
Tai Po										
Sha Tin										
Sai Kung										
Islands										
Total										

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

Statistics on CSSA unemployed recipients who have been on CSSA for more than 12 months, with breakdown by selected profiles, as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Table 1 The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by number of eligible members in a household

Geographical district	Number of recipients		
	Single person case	Family case	Total
Central & Western	95	50	145
Eastern	289	508	797
Islands	115	376	491
Kowloon City	348	387	735
Kwai Tsing	624	1 044	1 668
Kwun Tong	814	1 927	2 741
North	291	670	961
Sai Kung	183	468	651
Sha Tin	368	834	1 202
Sham Shui Po	1 134	1 031	2 165
Southern	121	243	364
Tai Po	144	301	445
Tsuen Wan	148	209	357
Tuen Mun	505	697	1 202
Wan Chai	80	29	109
Wong Tai Sin	528	936	1 464
Yau Tsim Mong	815	314	1 129
Yuen Long	781	1 805	2 586
Total	7 383	11 829	19 212

Table 2 The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by gender

Geographical district	Number of recipients		
	Male	Female	Total
Central & Western	94	51	145
Eastern	383	414	797
Islands	286	205	491
Kowloon City	425	310	735
Kwai Tsing	855	813	1 668
Kwun Tong	1 389	1 352	2 741
North	492	469	961
Sai Kung	312	339	651
Sha Tin	580	622	1 202
Sham Shui Po	1 322	843	2 165
Southern	168	196	364
Tai Po	230	215	445
Tsuen Wan	196	161	357
Tuen Mun	667	535	1 202
Wan Chai	83	26	109
Wong Tai Sin	735	729	1 464
Yau Tsim Mong	846	283	1 129
Yuen Long	1 411	1 175	2 586
Total	10 474	8 738	19 212

Table 3 The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by age group

Geographical district	Number of recipients				
	Age group				
	15 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59
Central & Western	5	4	22	36	78
Eastern	38	58	78	254	369
Islands	35	35	58	162	201
Kowloon City	28	37	75	213	382
Kwai Tsing	83	107	119	450	909
Kwun Tong	157	240	191	811	1 342
North	47	69	79	287	479
Sai Kung	39	55	35	169	353
Sha Tin	55	66	115	325	641
Sham Shui Po	70	99	227	612	1 157
Southern	27	37	27	107	166
Tai Po	24	39	60	130	192
Tsuen Wan	18	22	31	105	181
Tuen Mun	58	61	99	318	666
Wan Chai	0	4	16	31	58
Wong Tai Sin	60	101	93	417	793
Yau Tsim Mong	17	47	174	314	577
Yuen Long	154	170	277	674	1 311
Total	915	1 251	1 776	5 415	9 855

CSSA unemployed recipients refer to those who are unemployed or who are gainfully employed with earnings from employment less than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,845 as at end-December 2013 and \$1,920 starting from 1 February 2014). All unemployed CSSA recipients are required to join the SFS Scheme.

Unemployed recipients may have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health or being a single parent) in earlier years of receiving CSSA, and not all of them have been receiving assistance as a result of unemployment throughout the duration they are in the CSSA net.

The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0223****(Question Serial No. 0710)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 72):

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following since the implementation of OALA last year –

1. How many elderly persons have applied for OALA? Among them, how many applications have been approved and how many have been rejected? What are the reasons for rejection?
2. Please provide information of the table below –

	No. of cases converted from Old Age Allowance (OAA) to OALA, and as a percentage of the total number of OAA cases	No. of cases converted from Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) to OALA, and as a percentage of the total number of CSSA cases	No. of cases converted from Disability Allowance (DA) to OALA, and as a percentage of the total number of DA cases	Total
Elderly persons aged 65-69				
Elderly persons aged 70 or above				

3. Please provide the living condition of OALA recipients by type of accommodation (i.e. public rental housing, owner-occupied private properties, private rental housing and other accommodation, etc.).
4. How will the Administration conduct the review of OALA in the coming year? What are the details and the timetable of the review? How much expenditure and manpower are expected to be involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of OALA applications that have been and have not been approved were 410 043 and 28 310 respectively as at end-December 2013. Reasons for not approving some of the applications include applicants withdrawing the applications, failure of the applicants to pass the means-test, applicants not meeting the age/residence requirement, etc.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the number of OAA, Normal DA, or CSSA recipients aged 65 or above who have converted to OALA.

3. A breakdown of the number of OALA cases by type of accommodation is provided as follows –

Type of accommodation		Number of cases (as at end-December 2013)
Public housing estates		218 532
Private housing	Purchased	149 407
	Rented	26 438
Institutions		8 729
Others		6 937
Total		410 043

4. In his 2014 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Administration will review OALA by the end of this year to ascertain, among other things, whether the asset limits should be relaxed. Meanwhile, SWD is conducting a postal review for around 273 000 OALA recipients who were granted the allowance under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, which is expected to be completed by end-November 2014. The expenditure and manpower involved in conducting the review will be absorbed from within the existing resources of SWD.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0224****(Question Serial No. 0711)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 67):

It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Department will “help families in trouble” and the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) will provide “Compassionate Rehousing” (CR) and “Conditional Tenancy”(CT) to those in need. Eligible applicants will be recommended by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the Housing Department (HD) for the allocation of public rental housing (PRH) units. As such, would the Administration please advise –

1. Please provide the following information –

	Number of CR and CT cases received by IFSC	Average processing time of CR and CT cases by SWD	Number of CR and CT cases recommended by SWD	Number of PRH units provided to CR and CT cases by HD in the year

2. Owing to the increasing demand for CR and CT from applicants, and in view of the various difficulties encountered by IFSCs when handling these applications as well as the pressure confronted by frontline social workers, would the Administration consider reviewing the policy implementation and the handling process in order to streamline procedures in the coming year?
3. Whether the Administration will increase the funding allocation and manpower of IFSCs in the coming year. If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The 2012-13 statistics on CR and CT handled by IFSCs and other related service units (e.g. medical social service units) are as follows –

Year	Number of CR and CT cases received by IFSCs and related service units	Average processing time of CR and CT cases by SWD	Number of CR and CT cases recommended by SWD	Number of PRH units provided to CR and CT cases by HD in the year
2012-13	2 295	39 days	2 171 ^[Note]	2 204 ^[Note]

^[Note] The number of PRH units provided to CR and CT cases by HD in 2012-13 is greater than the number of cases recommended by SWD as some of the cases recommended in 2011-12 were allocated PRH units in 2012-13.

2. Since 2010, a Liaison Group (LG) at headquarters level and five Local Liaison Groups (LLGs) at district level have been in place with members from SWD, HD, non-governmental organisations and other concerned stakeholders. Both the LG and LLGs hold meetings regularly to examine and review the existing policy and referral handling mechanism. During the past four years, a number of enhancement and streamlining measures have been devised and implemented. These platforms will continue with a view to increasing the work efficiency.
3. The Estimate for IFSCs in 2014-15 is \$880.4 million, representing an increase of 4.7% as compared with 2013-14 Revised Estimate of \$841.2 million. In the past three years, there was an increase of 95 supervisors and frontline social workers in IFSCs (or +8.6%) because of service enhancement and the setting up of four new IFSCs. SWD will closely monitor the service needs and consider manpower enhancement and additional resources when necessary.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0225****(Question Serial No. 0870)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 55):

Regarding manpower planning and human resources in care services, the Government has estimated that an additional 1 000 care workers will be trained under the "first-hire-then-train" pilot scheme to meet the service needs. As such, please provide the following information –

Total allocation	HK\$		
Amount of allocation	Expenditure on direct subsidy for trainees HK\$	Administration costs of participating organisations HK\$	Expenditure incurred by training institutes HK\$
What are the threshold and minimum requirements for admission?			
Preliminary list of participating organisations and institutes and the number of places	Organisations/Institutes	Number of places	
How many training places will be available for attachment in Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) and private organisations respectively?	NGOs	Private organisations	
How many trainees are expected to continue their work as care workers after 3 years? Please also give the reasons.			

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

In the light of the positive response to the "first-hire-then-train" pilot scheme under the elderly services, the Administration has planned to expand and extend it to cover also rehabilitation services, providing an additional 1 000 places for young people who have graduated from Secondary 5 or Secondary 6 level. The

total expenditure involved is approximately \$147 million. The Social Welfare Department will invite proposals from non-governmental organisations to provide the service. As it is still at the planning stage and details are being worked out, SWD is not in a position to estimate how many trainees will continue to work as care workers upon completion of the project.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1159)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 91):

It is mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will "oversee the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. Is there a manpower shortage in the elderly care services? According to the Administration's estimation, how many more people are needed in order to alleviate the shortage?
2. Please provide the average age, median salary and the average number of working hours per week for workers in the elderly and care services in the past 2 years. If such figures are not available, will they be collected by the Administration in the future?
3. How many places are available under the Scheme and has sufficient number of young people been recruited? How many people have left the Scheme so far? How is the Scheme being promoted to encourage more young participants?
4. What are the employment conditions of participating trainees? How many of them are employed by private and subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) respectively?
5. What are the estimated number of places and the expenditure involved for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

SWD does not capture figures on the job vacancies of RCHEs or the average age, median salary and average number of working hours per week for workers in the elderly care services.

In the light of the positive response to the "first-hire-then-train" pilot scheme under the elderly services, the Administration has planned to expand and extend it to cover rehabilitation services, providing an additional 1 000 places for young people who have graduated from Secondary 5 or Secondary 6 level. The total expenditure involved is approximately \$147 million. SWD will invite proposals from non-governmental organisations to operate the scheme. It is at the planning stage and details are being worked out.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1160)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 88):

It is mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will regularise the pilot Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) and provide additional places under the BPS. Please provide the following information - the respective average waiting time for subsidised and BPS homes in 2013-14 by the 18 districts; the expected percentage decrease of applicants registered on the waiting list; the duration of waiting time to be shortened on average; and the expected additional expenditure to be required by SWD in 2014-15 as a result of regularisation and additional purchased places in RCHDs in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

As at end-February 2014, 245 places were purchased from private RCHDs under the pilot BPS. With the regularisation of the pilot BPS, the target number of BPS places will be increased to 450 in 2014-15. An additional recurrent funding of \$40 million has been earmarked for the project. Under the BPS, places are offered to applicants being waitlisted for long stay care home (LSCH) or hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH) who indicate preference for a BPS placement. There is no separate waiting list for BPS. The average waiting time for LSCH and HMMH in 2012-13 was 16.7 months and 83.8 months respectively. Since an applicant may indicate preference for more than one choice which may involve more than one district, SWD does not capture information on the average waiting time by district.

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 BPS places.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2553)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operations Expenses
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 93):

Regarding the funding for the Programme Worker measure, would the Administration please advise this Committee –

1. Please list the amount of funding for the Programme Worker (PW) measure by agencies in 2013-14.
2. Has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) evaluated the impacts on the service operation of the agencies upon the termination of the Programme Worker measure? Has SWD considered adjusting the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subventions for the agencies after taking such impacts into account? If yes, what are the details? How much funding will be involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The provisional allocation of the temporary PW posts by non-governmental organisation (NGO) in 2013–14 is set out in the Annex.
2. The temporary PW posts were created as a youth employment support measure during the economic downturn with the objective of helping young persons acquire relevant work experience in improving their employability in the open labour market. These additional posts were temporary and short-term in nature. They are not the core posts of welfare services units. Termination of these temporary posts would not affect the service and operation of the agencies. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, subvented NGOs may employ suitable manpower to provide quality service according to service needs. In the event that additional manpower is required by subvented NGOs in view of welfare service development and enhancement, SWD would follow the existing mechanism to address respective service demand as appropriate.

Provisional Allocation of Temporary PW Posts for 2013-14

S/N	Name of NGO	Provisional Allocation for 2013-14 (\$)
1	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	2,358,144
2	ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association (The)	1,435,392
3	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation	102,528
4	Asbury Methodist Social Service	2,255,616
5	Asia Women's League Limited	307,584
6	Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (HK) Limited	717,696
7	Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong (The)	307,584
8	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	1,948,032
9	Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited (The)	410,112
10	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)	22,761,216
11	Boys' Brigade Hong Kong (The)	820,224
12	Caritas - Hong Kong	26,144,640
13	Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre	512,640
14	Chi Lin Nunnery	205,056
15	Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Limited	922,752
16	Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (The)	1,332,864
17	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	12,405,888
18	Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited	820,224
19	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	410,112
20	Christian Family Service Centre	3,485,952
21	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	512,640
22	Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited	102,528
23	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited	410,112
24	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	615,168
25	Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong Limited (The)	2,665,728
26	ELCHK, Social Service Head Office	9,842,688
27	Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (The)	410,112
28	Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The)	1,127,808
29	Fu Hong Society	1,025,280
30	Fung Kai Public School	307,584
31	Hans Andersen Club	512,640

S/N	Name of NGO	Provisional Allocation for 2013-14 (\$)
32	Haven of Hope Christian Service	512,640
33	Helping Hand	512,640
34	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	615,168
35	Hong Chi Association	102,528
36	Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church	102,528
37	Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Limited (The)	- [Note]
38	Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The)	1,025,280
39	Hong Kong Children and Youth Services	7,382,016
40	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	102,528
41	Hong Kong Christian Service	8,817,408
42	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	7,997,184
43	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (The)	20,813,184
44	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	9,842,688
45	Hong Kong PHAB Association	1,537,920
46	Hong Kong Playground Association	9,432,576
47	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	14,046,336
48	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	2,050,560
49	Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The)	102,528
50	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	19,377,792
51	Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh - day Adventists	922,752
52	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	1,948,032
53	Kiangsu Chekiang and Shanghai Residents (Hong Kong) Association	205,056
54	Kowloon City Baptist Church	102,528
55	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The)	102,528
56	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	1,435,392
57	Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)	205,056
58	Methodist Centre	1,127,808
59	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	3,383,424
60	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The)	1,435,392
61	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	5,126,400
62	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	1,537,920
63	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	205,056
64	Operation Dawn Limited (The)	820,224
65	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	307,584

S/N	Name of NGO	Provisional Allocation for 2013-14 (\$)
66	Po Leung Kuk	1,845,504
67	Pok Oi Hospital	2,563,200
68	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	512,640
69	Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited	1,127,808
70	Salvation Army (The)	7,894,656
71	Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong (The)	205,056
72	Scout Association of Hong Kong	2,255,616
73	Sik Sik Yuen	1,537,920
74	Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (The)	410,112
75	St. James' Settlement	5,536,512
76	Stewards Limited	2,460,672
77	Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association	410,112
78	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service Company Ltd (The)	820,224
79	Tung Lum Nien Fah Tong Limited	102,528
80	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	102,528
81	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	11,688,192
82	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	102,528
83	Wai Ji Christian Service	615,168
84	Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong (The)	205,056
85	Yan Chai Hospital	2,460,672
86	Yan Oi Tong	2,973,312
87	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	3,383,424
88	Youth Outreach	1,127,808
89	Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited	2,563,200
90	Yuen Yuen Institute (The)	205,056
91	Zion Social Service Limited	922,752

[Note] The NGO no longer has any PW in post and therefore has no provisional allocation.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1564)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 1):

It is stated by the Financial Secretary in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$200 million for raising the subsidies for places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS).” As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many residential care places are currently purchased from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under EBPS in Hong Kong? How many are EA1 and EA2 homes respectively?
- (b) Please give the distribution of places purchased by the Government from private RCHEs by district;
- (c) Currently, how much government subsidies are provided for places purchased from EA1 homes (the urban area and the New Territories) and EA2 homes (the urban area and the New Territories) respectively?
- (d) In view of the increase in rent and costs of human resources in the past year, what has been the percentage increase in the average costs of places purchased in the past 3 years?
- (e) What are the details of allocating the some additional \$200 million for the subsidies for places purchased as proposed in the Budget?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) As at end-January 2014, among the 7 615 EBPS places purchased, 4 045 places were purchased from 52 EA1 Homes and 3 570 places were purchased from 83 EA2 Homes.
- (b) The number of EBPS places purchased from private RCHEs by district as at end-January 2014 is set out in the Annex.
- (c) In 2013-14, the unit subsidy per month for each EA1 place in urban areas and the New Territories were \$8,770 and \$8,047 respectively, and that for each EA2 place in urban areas and the New Territories were \$6,577 and \$5,968 respectively.
- (d) The average increase rates of unit subsidy for EBPS places in the past 3 years. i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, were 3.1%, 5.7% and 3.7% respectively.

- (e) Of the some \$200 million full-year recurrent funding proposed in the Budget for enhancement in care and support for the elderly, some \$75 million is earmarked for upgrading more than 1 570 subvented nursing home places to provide continuum of care and enhancing the service of 3 new contract homes, while some \$130 million is for raising the unit subsidy for all the places under EBPS and NHPPS.

With the additional allocation for raising the subsidies for bought places in 2014-15, the unit subsidy per month for each EA1 place in urban areas and the New Territories will be \$9,978 and \$9,454 respectively, and that for each EA2 place in urban areas and the New Territories will be \$7,692 and \$7,253 respectively. The unit subsidy for each NHPPS place will be \$14,800.

Distribution of EBPS places by district (as at end-January 2014)

District	Number of EBPS places
Central & Western	447
Eastern	304
Wan Chai	54
Southern	394
Islands	-
Kwun Tong	568
Wong Tai Sin	177
Sai Kung	-
Kowloon City	1 347
Sham Shui Po	328
Yau Tsim Mong	659
Sha Tin	-
Tai Po	98
North	306
Yuen Long	715
Tsuen Wan	859
Kwai Tsing	917
Tuen Mun	442
Total	7 615

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1565)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 2):

It is stated by the Financial Secretary in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “\$120 million for providing some 950 new subsidised residential care places for the elderly through the commencement of new contract homes, the purchase of additional places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), and as a pilot, the purchase of residential care places from elderly homes run by Hong Kong non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the Mainland.” Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) When will the 950 subsidised residential care places be expected to commence service?
- (b) How many of these places will be purchased from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional 950 subsidised residential care places?
- (d) What is the latest number of persons on the Central Waiting List for Subsidised Long-term Care Services and the waiting time at present?
- (e) Taking into account the plan of providing an additional 2 300 subsidised residential care places from 2012-13 to 2015-16 as announced by the Government last year, what is the estimated number of additional subsidised residential care places for the next 3 years respectively?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) to (c) The information related to the 950 additional subsidised residential care places are set out below –

Means	Year of service commencement		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
(1) Set up two new contract RCHEs	-	80	96
(2) Make use of the space in existing subvented and contract RCHEs	78	-	-
(3) Purchase under EBPS	300	-	-
(4) Purchase under Pilot Residential Care Service Scheme in Guangdong	400	-	-
Sub-total	778	80	96
Total	954		

- (d) As at end-January 2014, there were 6 335 and 23 558 applicants waiting for subsidised nursing home (NH) and care-and-attention homes (C&A) places respectively. The average waiting time for admission to subsidised NH and C&A places was 35 months and 20 months respectively. For C&A applicants who accept subsidised places provided under EBPS, the average waiting time was 8 months.
- (e) The planned provision of new subsidised residential care places from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement			
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
NH places	388	284	86	758
C&A places	783	32	10	825
Total	1 171	316	96	1 583

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1566)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 3):

It is stated by the Financial Secretary in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), and widening the scope of home care services for these additional places and the existing 5 600 places”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many frail elderly persons have been assessed by the current Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) as moderately or severely impaired?
- (b) How many persons are waiting for EHCCS places at present?
- (c) When will these 1 500 EHCCS places be expected to commence service?
- (d) How will the additional sum of some \$170 million be allocated between the existing and additional places?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) With reference to the information from the Central Waiting List as at end-January 2014, there were 30 400 elderly applicants having been assessed under SCNAMES to be of moderate or severe level of impairment.
- (b) Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for either the Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or EHCCS. As at end-January 2014, there were 1 671 elderly persons waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS and the average waiting time was about five months.
- (c) & (d) Of the some \$172 million additional annual provision, some \$88 million is for the provision of 1 500 new EHCCS places while the remaining provision is for enhancing the service content of the 5 600 existing EHCCS places. The Administration will integrate the major service content of the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders into EHCCS to implement strengthened integrated home-based care services, so as to further enhance the support and care for frail elderly persons living at home. The service contracts for these 7 100 places with enhanced service content will commence on 1 March 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1568)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 5):

Since the Court of Final Appeal (CFA)'s judgment in mid-December 2013 that new arrivals may apply for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) after residing in Hong Kong (HK) for one year, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has received a total of 3 112 applications, as at 24 February 2014, from people who had resided in HK for less than seven years. Would the Administration please advise this Committee –

- (a) How many additional CSSA applications are estimated to be received from new arrivals in each of the coming ten years?
- (b) How much additional financial provision for social welfare is estimated to be required for such new CSSA cases in the coming three years?
- (c) What other areas in social welfare are expected to be covered by CFA's ruling as well?
- (d) How much additional financial provision for social welfare is estimated to be required for such new cases in the coming three years?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)&(b) The actual financial implication of lowering the CSSA residence requirement from seven years to one year will, to a very large extent, depend on the financial condition of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. Since CFA's judgment was handed down on 17 December 2013 and up to 26 March 2014, SWD received 3 923 applications from persons who have resided in HK for less than seven years. A longer time to observe the trend of number of new applications will be required to ascertain the implications more accurately. SWD will closely monitor the situation. Sufficient funding to cater for the additional expenditure is provided for in the draft Estimates of SWD.
- (c)&(d) CFA clearly pointed out that the judgment was specific to the CSSA Scheme and should not be applied generally to the application arrangements for other social security schemes or welfare programmes.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1569)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 6):

In Chapter 2 of the Population Policy Consultation Document, the Administration encourages female homemakers to work or re-join the labour force in order to enlarge the workforce. The Administration has also proposed to introduce a Low-income Working Family Allowance to encourage grassroot families to remain employed. However, the child care services in the community are often inadequate. Meanwhile, the Chief Executive has also stated in the Policy Address (paragraph 88-89) that in order "to improve after-school care services provided by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for children aged 6 to 12, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will, from 2014-15, allocate additional resources to extend the service hours on weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays in some after-school care centres and provide additional fee-waiving and fee-reduction quotas". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) The additional resources allocated to this programme;
- (b) The estimated total expenditure;
- (c) The arrangement of extending service hours in after school-care centres and the geographical distribution concerned; and
- (d) The estimated number of people who can join the workforce as a result.

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) An additional full-year funding of about \$17 million will be provided for the enhanced after-school care services.
- (b) After-school care services are operated by NGOs on a self-financing and fee charging basis. Through the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS), SWD provides fee waiving quotas for the NGO operators to waive the charges for needy families when their children use the service. The annual funding allocation under the current FWSS is \$15 million. Together with the additional allocation of about \$17 million for the enhanced after-school care services as referred to in (a) above, the total funding allocation for the two fee waiving subsidy schemes is about \$32 million.
- (c) Under the enhanced after-school care services, extended service hours will be provided from after school (i.e. 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.) to 9:00 p.m. during weekdays; and for Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays, at least 10 hours of service until 9:00 p.m.. The service will be provided territory-wide.

- (d) There are various factors leading to the release of the workforce. SWD does not have the estimated number of people who can join the workforce as a result of the enhanced after-school care services as referred to (c) above.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0234****(Question Serial No. 3141)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 67):

It is stated in the Budget Speech that there will be an additional funding of \$120 million for providing 950 new subsidised residential care places for the elderly. Please set out below the number of places and the amount of funding involved.

	Places in new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	Places purchased under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Residential care places run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the Mainland
Year of provision			
Number of residential care places			
Amount of subsidy per place			
Total amount			

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Means	Number of places	Estimated time of service commencement	Estimated annual recurrent funding (\$ million)
(1) Set up two new contract RCHEs	176	2015-16 to 2016-17	39.14
(2) Make use of the space in existing contract RCHEs	15	2014-15	2.36
(3) Purchase under EBPS	300	2014-15	35.10
(4) Make use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs	63	2014-15	6.85
(5) Purchase under Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong	400	2014-15	32.64 [Note 1]
Total	954		116.09 ^[Note 2]

[Note 1] While an annual provision of \$32.64 million has been earmarked for the implementation of the pilot scheme, actual expenditure will depend on the number of intake of eligible elderly persons.

[Note 2] An additional full-year recurrent funding of 3.7 million is earmarked to enhance manpower support for initiatives of residential care services for the elderly, including the initiatives (1)-(5) mentioned above.

In 2014-15, the estimated costs per place per month for contract RCHEs, EBPS homes, subvented care-and-attention homes providing a continuum of care are \$13,629, \$9,506 and \$14,085 respectively. The unit costs of the bought places under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong depend on the care level of the relevant places concerned.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3142)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 68):

It is proposed in the Budget that 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) are to be provided. Please advise –

- (1) As at end-February 2014, how many elderly people were on the waiting list for the services?
- (2) Where in the 18 districts will the 1 500 additional places be provided in 2014-15? Will all of the places be provided in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for the Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)] and/or EHCCS. As at end-January 2014, there were 1 671 elderly persons waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS and the average waiting time was about five months.
- (2) The additional 1 500 EHCCS places, which will be provided in phases over a period of six months starting from 1 March 2015, are at the planning stage. Information on the geographical distribution of these additional places is not yet available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3143)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 69):

It is proposed in the Budget that an additional funding of \$200 million will be allocated –

- (a) To raise the subsidies for places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). What is the amount of subsidy per place? What is the total amount of subsidies?
- (b) To upgrade subvented nursing home (NH) places to provide continuum of care. What is the amount of subsidy per place? What is the total amount of subsidies?
- (c) To enhance the service of the 3 new contract homes. How many places are provided by these new contract homes? What is the amount of subsidy per place? What is the total amount of subsidies?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) An additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$130 million is earmarked to raise the unit subsidy of all places under EBPS and NHPPS. The unit subsidy per month for each EA1 place in urban areas and the New Territories will be \$9,978 and \$9,454 respectively, whereas that for each EA2 place in urban areas and the New Territories will be \$7,692 and \$7,253 respectively. The unit subsidy for each NHPPS place will be \$14,800.
- (b) An additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$64.8 million is earmarked to upgrade all the 1 574 subsidised places in subvented NHs to provide a continuum of care. The unit cost per month for each of such place will be \$20,519.
- (c) An additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$9.91 million is earmarked to enhance the service of 236 subsidised residential care places in three new contract homes. The unit cost per month is \$17,800.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0237****(Question Serial No. 3144)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 70):

Please set out in the table the number of people on the waiting lists and the average waiting time for different homes in the central waiting list for residential care homes for the elderly as at end-February 2014.

	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes	Nursing homes (NHs)
No. of people on the waiting list		
Average waiting time		

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

As at end-January 2014, the number of elderly applicants on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care services and the average waiting time were as follows –

Type of residential care places	C&A places	NH places
Number of applicants	23 558	6 335
Average waiting time	20 months	35 months

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0238****(Question Serial No. 3146)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 71):

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 end-December 2013.

Name of PHE	Singleton elderly household	Singleton household	Household with 2 elderly persons	2-member household	3-member household	4-member household	5-member household	More than 6-member 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 numbers) as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Ap Lei Chau	173	190	74	39	11	3
Bo Shek Mansion	44	11	2	-	-	-
Broadview Garden	7	11	3	-	-	-
Butterfly	568	507	94	17	1	-
Chai Wan	244	87	37	11	1	-
Chak On	208	221	26	3	1	-
Cheung Ching	200	202	82	44	14	6
Cheung Fat	199	105	33	14	1	-
Cheung Hang	288	120	62	18	10	2
Cheung Hong	547	525	119	41	18	7
Cheung Kwai	22	17	7	2	3	-

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Cheung On	202	90	23	9	-	1
Cheung Sha Wan	119	54	37	15	2	1
Cheung Shan	40	53	25	17	6	2
Cheung Wah	278	262	57	26	6	2
Cheung Wang	394	162	121	61	18	6
Ching Ho	788	477	350	169	40	10
Cho Yiu Chuen	117	57	21	11	1	-
Choi Fai	87	36	19	9	4	3
Choi Fook	352	199	101	30	7	2
Choi Ha	116	33	22	3	2	2
Choi Hung	585	481	134	46	25	8
Choi Ming Court	284	118	69	39	15	5
Choi Tak	503	341	110	27	16	2
Choi Wan (I)	256	233	113	45	24	7
Choi Wan (II)	126	122	69	27	4	2
Choi Ying	441	237	136	47	7	1
Choi Yuen	537	528	91	33	9	1
Chuk Yuen (North)	232	95	41	18	1	5
Chuk Yuen (South)	621	548	118	49	10	1
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	59	37	15	2	2	-
Chun Shek	204	127	36	5	3	-
Chung On	250	145	81	38	11	3
Clague Garden Estate	30	27	11	2	1	-
Easeful Court	3	14	11	13	3	2
Fortune	555	104	48	13	6	-
Fu Cheong	1 207	334	144	56	30	4
Fu Heng	361	120	54	32	5	2
Fu Shan	149	61	40	15	1	1
Fu Shin	277	272	72	27	8	1
Fu Tai	345	128	131	93	40	42
Fu Tung	62	34	32	17	6	2
Fuk Loi	232	186	61	10	4	-
Fung Tak	324	95	33	15	1	1
Fung Wah	76	14	9	4	1	1
Fung Wo	96	70	29	3	-	-
Grandeur Terrace	45	193	272	129	46	24
Hau Tak	315	144	75	47	12	2
Healthy Village	69	37	18	4	1	-
Heng On	73	66	44	13	5	1
High Prosperity Terrace	2	17	10	13	5	3

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Hin Keng	58	82	35	10	4	1
Hin Yiu	100	61	22	9	5	-
Hing Man	83	78	34	18	7	7
Hing Tin	39	35	28	8	1	1
Hing Tung	149	66	26	21	5	3
Hing Wah (I)	261	60	59	17	10	5
Hing Wah (II)	337	301	53	23	1	3
Ho Man Tin	582	227	85	30	17	4
Hoi Fu Court	410	220	72	24	16	7
Hoi Lai	221	189	177	130	45	16
Hong Tung	174	45	3	1	2	-
Hung Hom	427	148	61	24	8	2
Jat Min Chuen	244	159	37	12	2	1
Ka Fuk	211	75	43	16	5	3
Ka Wai Chuen	158	84	22	4	1	1
Kai Ching	335	222	101	23	6	1
Kai Tin	279	90	45	35	8	3
Kai Yip	498	420	62	17	2	-
Kam Peng	21	10	6	8	2	-
Kin Ming	513	265	236	133	45	25
Kin Sang	67	31	17	8	3	-
King Lam	419	99	30	18	3	-
Ko Cheung Court	21	64	67	38	18	10
Ko Yee	158	62	18	11	4	3
Kwai Chung	1 356	698	391	207	83	16
Kwai Fong	615	196	111	60	20	21
Kwai Hing	59	42	13	1	2	1
Kwai Luen	141	68	41	20	3	1
Kwai Shing (East)	718	296	111	42	30	7
Kwai Shing (West)	313	264	85	41	8	4
Kwong Fuk	359	364	120	48	13	6
Kwong Tin	150	57	44	22	10	3
Kwong Yuen	305	94	47	21	6	1
Kwun Lung Lau	106	38	18	22	3	3
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	328	222	54	33	8	1
Lai King	291	230	62	32	10	3
Lai Kok	372	275	58	18	2	2
Lai On	163	52	22	10	5	1
Lai Tak Tsuen	88	74	16	7	2	2
Lai Yiu	184	123	28	27	16	7

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Lakeside Garden	10	8	6	1	-	-
Lam Tin	334	153	100	44	6	1
Lee On	270	170	77	33	9	4
Lei Cheng Uk	223	176	45	25	4	1
Lei Muk Shue	775	439	215	121	38	12
Lei Tung	297	211	45	20	4	1
Lei Yue Mun	354	200	102	42	21	3
Lek Yuen	248	179	59	31	11	-
Leung King	486	181	71	39	12	7
Lok Fu	400	142	68	30	5	4
Lok Man Sun Chuen	224	141	37	12	3	3
Lok Wah (North)	85	99	52	38	11	2
Lok Wah (South)	831	860	67	11	2	-
Long Bin IH	82	17	6	2	-	1
Long Ping	318	410	156	62	13	2
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	273	231	72	34	3	1
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	435	197	80	29	5	3
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	345	247	100	59	8	9
Lung Hang	168	171	81	41	18	2
Lung Tin	65	20	3	2	1	-
Lung Yat	25	57	33	7	-	1
Ma Hang	47	17	11	3	1	-
Ma Tau Wai	138	151	57	16	3	2
Mei Lam	304	239	67	31	7	1
Mei Tin	561	326	236	104	33	6
Mei Tung	182	111	40	9	6	1
Ming Tak	148	61	24	5	4	2
Ming Wah Dai Ha	118	78	10	4	-	-
Model Housing	41	16	15	6	6	6
Moon Lok Dai Ha	66	33	14	1	1	1
Nam Cheong	120	79	23	10	7	2
Nam Shan	253	234	63	17	4	-
Nga Ning Court	27	8	5	8	-	-
Ngan Wan	19	22	8	5	1	-
Oi Man	249	255	145	51	16	6
Oi Tung	687	252	86	29	10	3
On Tin	7	33	33	22	10	3
On Ting	531	327	80	20	10	3
On Yam	367	155	86	47	30	22
Pak Tin	1 135	399	189	98	26	7

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Ping Shek	253	193	72	30	2	1
Ping Tin	775	275	114	52	13	3
Po Lam	201	190	57	23	4	4
Po Tat	829	352	268	121	54	19
Po Tin	1 717	293	64	15	5	-
Pok Hong	140	120	54	21	6	2
Prosperous Garden	72	14	1	1	-	-
Sai Wan	16	12	19	6	2	2
Sam Shing	87	93	28	16	4	1
Sau Mau Ping (South)	384	223	150	42	15	5
Sau Mau Ping	1 497	616	352	161	55	24
Sha Kok	624	504	99	49	4	3
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	31	19	8	6	3	1
Shan King	535	600	127	47	12	4
Shatin Pass	115	62	31	6	4	-
Shek Kip Mei	1 050	693	215	68	28	7
Shek Lei (I)	456	327	107	40	13	5
Shek Lei (II)	936	353	220	118	39	19
Shek Mun	160	111	49	23	5	-
Shek Pai Wan	392	192	87	41	19	9
Shek Wai Kok	365	390	107	45	17	2
Shek Yam (East)	311	76	40	16	11	1
Shek Yam	296	146	61	41	14	9
Sheung Lok	114	32	4	1	-	-
Sheung Tak	513	187	120	69	33	15
Shin Ming	185	125	38	11	-	1
Shui Pin Wai	336	212	52	9	7	5
Shun Lee	277	258	79	21	8	3
Shun On	265	234	54	16	4	4
Shun Tin	481	531	112	53	23	7
Siu Sai Wan	266	156	115	60	15	15
Sun Chui	411	363	113	49	20	5
Sun Tin Wai	169	146	79	28	8	2
Tai Hang Tung	398	129	30	10	4	6
Tai Hing	903	626	181	47	3	2
Tai Ping	19	26	13	7	4	1
Tai Wo	419	146	50	24	5	2
Tai Wo Hau	583	414	150	68	17	12
Tai Yuen	232	237	128	70	20	7
Tak Long	103	35	16	7	-	1

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Tak Tin	586	166	37	23	6	4
Tin Chak	402	213	173	73	19	8
Tin Ching	643	430	261	142	33	4
Tin Heng	71	230	291	180	64	52
Tin King	51	65	42	13	5	-
Tin Ping	118	75	49	22	5	1
Tin Shui	414	315	168	73	20	14
Tin Tsz	466	175	70	30	4	2
Tin Wah	479	159	99	50	14	13
Tin Wan	406	110	54	24	6	5
Tin Yan	917	411	172	54	13	1
Tin Yat	49	165	145	95	38	21
Tin Yiu	510	367	193	83	29	7
Tin Yuet	484	183	167	84	30	17
Tsing Yi	135	54	14	11	2	-
Tsui Lam	73	127	50	17	11	3
Tsui Lok	61	66	2	-	2	-
Tsui Ping (South)	354	156	55	34	6	5
Tsui Ping (North)	749	445	122	43	14	5
Tsui Wan	108	40	20	4	3	-
Tsz Ching	1 225	306	183	84	22	12
Tsz Hong	41	105	93	48	25	5
Tsz Lok	674	291	126	47	20	6
Tsz Man	172	81	51	31	11	4
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	6	3	1	-	-
Tung Tau	531	244	63	18	6	1
Tung Wui	309	59	26	5	1	1
Un Chau	1 052	421	152	52	20	9
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 204	335	132	64	24	10
Upper Wong Tai Sin	693	289	120	42	11	3
Verbena Heights	138	39	10	2	2	-
Wah Fu	384	374	165	68	12	8
Wah Kwai	246	64	20	6	3	-
Wah Lai	98	39	32	23	12	6
Wah Ming	274	135	70	32	5	1
Wah Sum	141	72	34	19	8	7
Wan Hon	270	192	11	5	-	1
Wan Tau Tong	156	51	12	8	2	-
Wan Tsui	224	205	69	47	10	3
Wang Tau Hom	360	167	100	53	15	6

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Wing Cheong	57	55	39	9	3	4
Wo Che	302	276	141	74	23	11
Wo Lok	182	137	40	8	1	-
Wu King	100	162	109	47	17	2
Yan On	216	125	63	20	2	-
Yat Tung	484	433	387	258	139	96
Yau Lai	727	603	230	87	39	18
Yau Oi	520	433	192	97	33	12
Yau Tong	419	221	99	57	27	4
Yiu On	123	94	33	14	2	1
Yiu Tung	473	150	67	37	12	9
Yue Kwong Chuen	32	19	5	2	1	-
Yue Wan	154	146	41	24	3	2
Yung Shing Court	225	53	21	38	13	6
Total no. of case	72 081	41 683	17 436	7 859	2 586	1 084
Total amount of expenditure (\$ million)	61.1	49.7	26.2	13.2	4.8	2.2

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0239****(Question Serial No. 3147)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 72):

As at end-December 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	Household with 2 elderly persons	2-member household	3-member household	4-member household	5-member household	6-and-above-member 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 were as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family	Number of CSSA cases residing in private housing and receiving rent allowance as at end-December 2013	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance in December 2013 (\$ million)
1	16 454	20.7
2	8 641	19.8
3	4 762	15.2
4	1 891	6.6
5	620	2.2
6 and above	272	1.2
Total	32 640	65.7

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0240****(Question Serial No. 3148)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 73):

It is mentioned that in 2014-15, rent allowance will be provided for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who are Tenant Purchase Scheme (TPS) flat owner-occupiers for over five years. Please set out in table form the number of these households and the amount involved as at end-February 2014.

	One elderly person	One-person	Two elderly persons	Two-person	Three-person	Four-person	Five-person	Six-person
Number of households								
Allowance per household								
Total amount								

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

Rent allowance will only be provided to eligible CSSA households who have been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than five years to meet the cost of accommodation starting from 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3149)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 74):

What are the numbers of children and youths waiting for foster care service respectively as at end-December 2013?

The number of places for foster care service has remained unchanged for the past 3 years (i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15). What are the reasons? Is it due to the unavailability of foster home or no children or youths willing to receive such services? Would the Administration assess the service effectiveness? If yes, when will the assessment be conducted?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

Foster care service provides residential family care for children (or youth) aged below 18. As at end-December 2013, there were 36 children waiting for matching of foster care homes.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided an additional 100 foster care places from 2010-11 to 2012-13 to assist families and children in need of the service. As the increased provision can cope with the demand, the numbers of foster care places in 2013-14 and 2014-15 remain unchanged. To recruit more suitable foster parents to provide timely residential care for needy children, SWD will continue to conduct publicity activities through various mass media and other channels. SWD will also continue to monitor the service demand and work closely with the service operators to assess the service effectiveness according to the agreed performance measures.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3150)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 75):

- (a) According to the Indicators, the numbers of children available for adoption placed into local homes within three months have remained unchanged for 2013-14 and 2014-15, but are lower than that of 2012-13. What are the reasons?
- (b) As at end-2013, how many children/youth were waiting for adoption into local homes and how many local families were applying for adoption of children or youth?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

- (a) As the number of children available for adoption placed into local homes within three months in the 2014-15 Estimate is projected on the basis of that in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate, the two figures are therefore the same. The number in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate dropped to 76 because there were fewer children available for adoption for various reasons including enhanced support services for needy parent(s) who might not need to resort to the relinquishment of parental right. Also, more time is required to match children with special needs with suitable prospective adoptive parents.
- (b) As at end-December 2013, there were 110 children waiting for local adoption and 218 applications received for local adoption.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3151)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 76):

Regarding clinical psychological support,

- (a) What were the numbers of children and youths waiting for the service respectively as at end-December 2013?
- (b) The number of assessment cases and treatment cases of the relevant support service in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are both lower than that of 2012-13. Is it due to inadequate professional psychologists or because there is a lack of service applicants?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) All new referrals received are given the first appointment within two months. In December 2013, 149 new referrals were received. Of these, 73 were child and adolescent cases (aged below 18).
- (b) In 2012-13, two experienced clinical psychologists (CPs) resigned and four others were on maternity leave or prolonged sick leave. This affected the rate of taking up new assessment cases as well as the number of treatment cases handled. Notwithstanding this, all urgent cases had been attended to. Starting from November 2013, the two vacant CP posts have been filled while the four CPs on maternity/sick leave have gradually recovered/resumed normal work. The numbers of assessment cases and treatment cases served in 2014-15 are expected to gradually pick up.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3152)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 77):

According to the Social Welfare Department, additional places in residential homes for children (RHCs) would be provided in 2014-15. However, the enrolment rate of RHCs has been maintained at 87%. How many children were on the waiting list for RHCs as at the end of 2013? How many additional places in RHCs will be provided in 2014-15? When will these places commence service?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The projected utilisation rate of 87% in 2014-15 Estimate is based on the actual utilisation rate in 2012-13 and it is an average figure for RHCs which comprise a variety of residential care services catering for children of different age groups with various service needs. As at end-December 2013, 186 children were waiting for RHCs. An additional 14 places will be provided from the second quarter and the fourth quarter of 2014-15 through in-situ expansion of existing RHCs located in accessible locations over the territory to enhance the support and care for needy children and families.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3153)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 78):

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) would enhance the provision of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP). As at the end of 2013, how many people were on the waiting list for the child care service, how many projects were being implemented in the community, and how much subsidy was allocated to each project by the Government? How will NSCCP be enhanced in the future? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP since October 2011, there has been one such project for each of the 18 districts. The service operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care service (HCCS) places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand. Since the launch of NSCCP till end-2013, SWD has not received any report of children having to wait for NSCCP service.

The expenditure for NSCCP in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate is \$26.5 million. Save for the amount set aside as fee subsidy to help low-income families, the service operators have the flexibility to deploy the remaining allocation of \$18.3 million to run their projects. Higher funding allocation was provided for service operators having exercised their flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places to meet actual district demand during the year.

In 2014-15, the Administration will enhance NSCCP by extending the age limit of children receiving the service from aged under six to aged under nine, increasing funding to operators to enhance social work support for the service, and providing at least 234 additional HCCS places. The above enhancements will involve an estimated full-year expenditure of \$4.8 million. The enhancement will take place starting from the second half of 2014-15 taking into account the necessary procedure.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3154)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 79):

Since 2012-13, the number of Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) operated by the government or the subvented sector has remained unchanged and the numbers of cases served, and groups and programmes have been more or less the same. The estimated figures for 2014-15 will also be the same. Does the scale of IFSCs limit the number of families reached or is it because the services provided by IFSCs are unable to meet the families' needs? When would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) review the effectiveness of IFSCs?

What is the annual expenditure of each IFSC operated by the government and the subvented sector? What are the manpower and posts involved?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The numbers of cases served and groups and programmes run by IFSCs in 2012-13 indicate the actual services delivered to the families in need. The 2013-14 Revised Estimate is derived from the actual outputs of services delivered to the needy families in the first two quarters of the year. The 2012-13 Actual and 2013-14 Revised Estimate indicate that the service demand, since the setting up of three new IFSCs in 2012-13, has become stable. Accordingly, it is projected that the service outputs of 2014-15 will remain at the 2013-14 level.

According to the "Review on the Implementation of the IFSCs Service Mode" completed by the consultancy team of the University of Hong Kong in 2010, the IFSCs service mode has received general support from service users, IFSC management, frontline social workers and stakeholders as meaningful and appropriate in directing and delivering family services in contemporary Hong Kong. It should continue to be adopted for publicly-funded family services in Hong Kong. SWD has no plan to commission another service review in the near future.

In 2013-14, the average expenditure for each IFSC run by SWD and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) is \$14.2 million and \$10.8 million respectively. At present, there are 738 frontline social worker posts in 41 IFSCs run by SWD. As regards the 24 IFSCs run by 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 have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3155)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 80):

Since 2012-13, the number of families served by the family support networking teams (FSNTs) has remained unchanged. The estimated figure for 2014-15 will also be the same. Does the scale of the FSNTs limit the number of families served or is it because the services of the FSNTs are unable to meet the families' needs? When will the Social Welfare Department review the effectiveness of the FSNTs?

What is the total annual allocation for the FSNTs? What are the manpower and posts involved? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

FSNTs provide outreaching services for vulnerable families and refer needy cases to welfare service units for follow-up as appropriate. To facilitate early identification of needy families and provide appropriate support for them, the Administration introduced the Family Support Programme in 2007. Regular review on the effectiveness of the FSNTs has been conducted and there is no significant increase in the service demand for FSNTs. There is no plan to increase the number of FSNTs.

The estimated expenditure for FSNTs in 2013-14 is \$6.85 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating FSNTs have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3156)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 81):

According to the Budget, the Government will inject \$800 million into residential care service vouchers for the elderly and a total of 3 000 residential care services (RCS) vouchers will be issued in phases within 3 years as a pilot project from 2015-16. How would the eligibility of the elderly be determined? Would the Government consult the elderly service providers or the elderly persons before introducing the service?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, the Elderly Commission (EC) will conduct a study on the feasibility of introducing a RCS voucher scheme and to submit a report in a year's time. If it is considered feasible to run such a scheme, the Administration will provide the necessary resources. In this connection, the Administration has earmarked about \$800 million to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 RCS vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18. Details of the RCS voucher scheme, including the eligibility criteria for joining the scheme, will be worked out taking into consideration EC's study report. The relevant stakeholders and other interested parties will be consulted in the process.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0249****(Question Serial No. 3157)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 82):

Regarding day care centres for the elderly (DEs)/day care units for the elderly (DCUs), please provide the following information –

- (1) How many elderly persons were on the waiting lists for the services as at end-February 2014?
- (2) Where in the 18 districts will the 229 additional places be provided in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) With reference to the information available, there were 1 669 elderly persons waiting for DEs/DCUs as at end-January 2014.
- (2) The geographical distribution of the additional day care places for the elderly which are expected to commence service in 2014-15 is as follows –

District	Number of Places
Sha Tin	77
Sham Shui Po	32
Sai Kung	60
Kwai Tsing	60
Total	229

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3158)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 83):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), please provide the following information –

- (a) As at end-February 2014, how many elderly persons were on the waiting list for IHCS?
- (b) The number of cases served has not increased since 2012-13. What are the reasons? Has the development scale of IHCS been restricted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or has there been no increase in the number of service recipients?
- (c) Will SWD evaluate and review whether there is a need to provide additional service places?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

- (a) IHCS includes IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) and IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC). As regards the numbers of elderly persons on the waiting lists, the figure for IHCS(OC) as at end-December 2013 was 4 838 and that for IHCS(FC) as at end-January 2014 was 1 671. It should be noted that these 1 671 eligible frail-tested elderly applicants could wait for both IHCS(FC) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS).
- (b) Though the service capacity of IHCS in 2014-15 will remain the same as that in 2012-13 and 2013-14, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to decide on the maximum capacity of IHCS(OC) for meeting the service needs of the elderly persons as appropriate. In addition to IHCS, the Administration also provides other community care and support services to facilitate frail elderly persons to age in the community. These include EHCCS, the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly which was launched in September 2013.
- (c) The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for IHCS with a view to meeting the service needs of the elderly persons as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0251****(Question Serial No. 3159)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 84):

Please set out in the table the waiting time of persons with disabilities and the current number of places for different residential care services as at end-February 2014.

	Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)	Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)	Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)	Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)	Care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB)	Halfway house for discharged mental patients (HWH)	Long stay care home for ex-mentally ill persons (LSCH)
No. of places in 2013-14							
No. of people on the waiting lists							
Waiting time							

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Item	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	HWH	LSCH
Number of places in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2 384	3 486	573	991	825	1 509	1 587
Number of applicants (as at end-December 2013)	1 642	2 170	495	455	128	671	1 540
Average waiting time in 2012-13 (in months)	83.8	86.4	26.6	48.0	5.4	8.2	16.7

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3194)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 47):

How is the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) being implemented? How many people have benefited from the support and services under PFD over the past year? Will a publicity campaign be rolled out in the community to draw wider public participation in getting matching grant? How is PFD expected to be implemented in the future in order to achieve the effects of helping the disadvantaged and matching with the donations?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

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 (NGOs) running welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In May 2010, \$200 million was injected into PFD to further encourage cross-sectoral collaboration in helping the disadvantaged. By end-February 2014, more than \$310 million were approved under PFD for implementing over 690 welfare projects, benefiting over 1 million persons in disadvantaged circumstances. Since each project runs over a time span ranging from less than one to two or more years, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the number of beneficiaries on a yearly basis.

To encourage more NGOs and business corporations to participate in PFD projects, SWD has promoted PFD through the mass media, and enlisted the support of various chambers of commerce, previous and potential business partners, and local business corporations through sharing sessions, various programmes as well as various district platforms. PFD has become popular with the welfare and business sectors. The Administration will continue to promote the development of tripartite partnership through the above activities.

The Administration plans to inject \$400 million into PFD, \$200 million of which will be dedicated to launching more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families, and will seek approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for the proposed increase in the commitment for PFD so as to encourage further cross-sectoral collaboration to launch more welfare projects for the disadvantaged.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1458)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 20):

My Legislative Councillor's office received complaint(s) from member(s) of the public about services of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). It was alleged that no improvement was observed despite complaint(s) lodged with the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). For the past three financial years, how many complaints have been received by LORCHE in total and how many of them have been put on record and followed up? Has the manpower shortage problem been reviewed? Will more posts be created in the coming year? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

In the past three financial years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2013-14 (up to end-January 2014)), LORCHE received and investigated 761 complaints in total. LORCHE had put on record all the complaints received and conducted investigation into these complaints. If the complaints were found to be substantiated, LORCHE would issue advisory or warning letters to the RCHEs depending on the nature and severity of the irregularities found. If the RCHEs continuously failed to rectify their irregularities, LORCHE would consider taking prosecution actions against these RCHEs according to the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap.459).

The Administration has enhanced the manpower of LORCHE by creating three additional inspector posts in 2011-12. In 2014-15, SWD will continue to monitor the service quality of RCHEs through a team of multi-disciplinary staff.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1463)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 24):

My office has received a complaint from a resident in Chai Wan about two young persons having been receiving social security assistance for a long time and are abusing the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme. It is alleged by the complainant that the young persons are working as a casual worker in a restaurant and as a part-time cashier in PARKnSHOP respectively. Both of them will just work for only two to three days per week, so that their earnings from the part-time jobs can be kept below the eligibility limit of CSSA. They have therefore been able to allegedly receive CSSA payments for many years. What measures does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) take to prevent abuse of CSSA by such employable young people? Has any review been conducted to close the loophole in the current policy?

How much resources and manpower were and estimated to be required for reviewing long-term CSSA cases (such as those who have been receiving CSSA for three years, five years or longer) involving young recipients in the past three financial years and the 2014-15 financial year? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? Can some checking/assessment work be done immediately?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

Among other eligibility criteria, all able-bodied CSSA applicants are required to take up full-time paid employment entailing no less than 120 working hours a month and with an income up to the amount as prescribed by SWD. Able-bodied CSSA applicants who are unable to meet the above criteria are required to actively seek full-time paid employment and participate in the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme to receive employment assistance services in order to be eligible for CSSA.

In January 2013, SWD enhanced employment assistance services for able-bodied CSSA recipients by integrating the various employment assistance projects under the SFS Scheme into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). Under the IEAPS, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) is specially designed to provide unemployed CSSA recipients aged 15 to 29 with motivational and disciplinary training and other employment assistance services. Non-governmental organisations operating the IEAPS projects will periodically review the progress of job searching of all unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients, especially those younger in age.

To further encourage employable CSSA recipients to secure employment, SWD will invite about 2 050 IEAPS participants (including those participating in My STEP) to join the three-year pilot Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of the IEAPS to Secure Employment with effect from April 2014 with funding from the Community Care Fund.

To combat fraud, SWD conducts checks on targeted cases, 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 “Information Form on Fraudulent Claims for CSSA” for the public to report fraud. Furthermore, SWD reviews all CSSA cases, including cases with young unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipient, periodically to check their eligibility status and re-assess the amount of CSSA payment payable to them. The resources and manpower required for reviewing long-term CSSA cases involving young CSSA recipients cannot be separately ascertained.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1464)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 26):

In 2013-14 and the new financial year, how many staff members under the establishment of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have been/will be deployed to assist Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients (excluding people with chronic illness and elderly persons) to seek employment? What are the details of the relevant posts and their remunerations?

On average how many stable jobs (e.g. continuous employment for more than 6 months or 1 year) are successfully secured for CSSA recipients by the relevant staff members in each financial year? If no information is available, could the Administration collect the data as soon as possible in order that the effectiveness of SWD in helping CSSA recipients seek employment can be assessed?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

In January 2013, SWD commissioned 26 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate 41 projects under the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to assist employable CSSA recipients to seek employment so as to become self-reliant. The estimated annual expenditure of IEAPS is about \$108 million. NGOs operating the IEAPS projects have flexibility to deploy the funding allocated in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

Since the commencement of the IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, a total of 14 294 persons had participated in the project and 4 371 (30.6%) of the participants had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling.

SWD does not have breakdown of the figures by financial year.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0121)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Question (Member Question No. 44):

Regarding domestic violence under this Programme, would the Administration please advise the following –

1. The number of male victims and their percentage share in the newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases in the past 2 years;
2. The number of males who have participated in the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) and Anti-Violence Programme (AVP), among whom how many of them are batterers/victims and their corresponding percentage share of the whole Programme in the past 2 years;
3. The number of support programmes and events specially provided and conducted for men by the Department and subvented organisations, and the number of male participants last year;
4. The number of hotlines dedicated to provide support services for men, the service provided by the hotlines, and the numbers of calls received and cases handled last year;
5. The number of men admitted to the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) last year.

Are the viewpoints of different genders being taken into account when family and child welfare services and schemes under this Programme are introduced and formulated? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Information sought is provided as follows –

1. According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, there were 2 734 and 3 836 newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases in 2012 and 2013 respectively. Among them, 434 and 692 were male victims, accounting for 16% and 18% of the total number of newly reported cases in 2012 and 2013 respectively.
2. In 2012-13 and during the period from April to December 2013, 387 males participated in VSP, accounting for 28% of the total number of participants. VSP mainly provides support services for victims while support service for batterers in respect of child visitation is also rendered. There is no breakdown of the number of batterers served.

In 2012-13 and during the period from April to December 2013, 98 male batterers participated in BIP, accounting for 88% of the total number of participants. In the same period, there was only 1 case involving a female batterer under AVP. As both BIP and AVP are tailor-made for batterers, all their participants are batterers.

3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) and subvented welfare organisations provide a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service, family support networking service, 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. Individual service units may organise groups and activities for men to address their specific needs. There was no statistical information on the number of support programmes and events that are specifically provided for male as well as the number of male participants.
4. The Men's Hotline operated by Po Leung Kuk (PLK) aims to provide counselling and support services for men suffering from emotional problems and to prevent them from using violence to solve the problems. From April to December 2013, 3 081 calls were received by the Men's Hotline of PLK.

Apart from the Men's Hotline of PLK, there are other hotlines operated by SWD or subvented non-governmental organisations which receive phone calls from both males and females. From April to December 2013, 73 496 calls were received by social workers of these hotlines. There was no statistical information on the callers' gender.

5. From April to December 2013, 102 and 52 men received short-term accommodation service in FCSC and MCISC respectively.

SWD has taken into account the specific needs and characteristics of men and women in providing family and child welfare services. For example, VSP adopts flexible service hours to cater for the different needs of men and women. BIPs with different contents are provided for male and female batterers to address their specific counselling needs. Gender issues and the concept of gender equality are incorporated in BIP as well as other programmes organised by Integrated Family Service Centres.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0122)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

The Administration provides allowances for persons with disabilities by administering the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme under this Programme. Would the Administration please advise –

1. The number of holders of Registration Card for persons with disabilities registered at the Central Registry for Rehabilitation (CRR) of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in the past 2 years with breakdown by type of disability;
2. The number of persons with disabilities receiving Disability Allowance (DA) in the past 2 years with the same breakdown by type of disability as in the above and by Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and Higher Disability Allowance (HDA). If such breakdowns are not available, would the Administration please collect such data as soon as possible;
3. The numbers of applications and renewals for DA being turned down in each of the past 3 years with breakdown by reason for turning down; and
4. The progress of the work on reviewing the eligibility criteria for DA over the past year and the expected date of completion of the review.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. According to the records of CRR, there were 66 269 and 69 770 persons with disabilities registered and issued with the Registration Card for People with Disabilities as at end-March 2013 and end-December 2013 respectively. A breakdown of these numbers by type of disabilities (regardless of the degree of disabilities) is set out in the following table –

	As at end-March 2013	As at end-December 2013
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	804	1 050
Autism	5 420	6 142
Hearing impairment	8 562	8 833
Intellectual disability	20 221	20 964
Physical disability	11 098	11 929
Mental illness	13 486	15 808
Specific Learning Difficulties	691	821
Speech impairment	5 121	5 390
Visceral disability/chronic illness	15 221	16 423
Visual impairment	4 031	4 225
Total ^[Note]	66 269	69 770

^[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. These are cumulative figures, instead of the number of Registration Cards for People with Disabilities issued in that year. The number of deceased cardholders has been discounted from the total.

2. The number of HDA cases is 18 867 in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013) and 19 189 in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) and the corresponding figures for NDA cases are 128 247 and 103 996.

DA and Registration Card for People with Disabilities are two different schemes with different purposes. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not compile DA case records using the categorisation adopted by CRR.

3. SWD does not keep information on the numbers of applications and renewals for DA being turned down.
4. The Labour and Welfare Bureau set up an inter-departmental working group to review the eligibility criteria for DA in 2013. The review is complex involving, among others, the criteria for assessing the disability levels as well as the projection of the number of beneficiaries and relevant financial implications. The working group has appointed a consultant to conduct a study on the experiences of other places and will take into account the findings of a new round of survey being conducted by the Census and Statistics Department on persons with disabilities, etc. The working group aims to complete the review by the end of 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0062)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Question (Member Question No. 16):

Regarding the Guangdong (GD) Scheme implemented under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme in this programme, would the Administration please advise –

1. The number of elderly participants and the total amount of allowance paid to date;
2. The number of elderly recipients under the GD Scheme who have passed away and those who have reverted back to receiving allowance in Hong Kong (HK) due to other personal reasons;
3. The administration expenses incurred for the implementation of the GD Scheme;
4. The content and the support of the publicity provided since the implementation of the GD Scheme;
5. Whether the Administration would consider extending the GD Scheme to more provinces in the Mainland in the coming year. If yes, what is the time frame? If no, why?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

1. As at 31 December 2013, the number of cases under the GD Scheme including cases being processed, was 16 416 and the total allowance paid was \$22 million.
2. As at 31 December 2013, there was no report on elderly recipient under the GD Scheme who had passed away or reverted to receiving allowance in HK due to personal reasons.
3. For 2014-15, a sum of \$35 million is earmarked for the administrative expenses (including expenditure on publicity, appointment of an agent for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in GD, and civil service posts required for planning and implementation) of the GD Scheme.
4. SWD had publicised the GD Scheme to target beneficiaries in both HK and GD through various means with details as follows –
 - a. broadcasting television and radio Announcement in the Public Interest (API), with television API also broadcasted on cross-boundary coaches;
 - b. issuing press release;
 - c. setting up a webpage for the GD Scheme including frequently-asked questions;
 - d. with the assistance of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in GD and the Information Services Department, issuing press release to GD mainstream media, placing publicity materials at different locations in GD, and setting up a link of the webpage for the GD Scheme in the homepage of the Department of Civil Affairs of GD Province and Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of GD Province; and
 - e. setting up hotline to answer enquiries from the public.

5. Against a unique background, the Administration has chosen to implement the GD Scheme in the GD Province to allow eligible HK elders residing there to receive the Old Age Allowance without having to return to HK. First, GD is the preferred destination of HK residents who choose to retire on the Mainland. Moreover, there are unique and close ties between GD and HK in geographical, economic and social terms. With a number of major transport infrastructural projects coming on stream, travelling between the two places will be more convenient and elderly persons who have moved to GD can still maintain close contact with their relatives and friends in HK and obtain support more easily. The close ties and unique relationship between the two places have also been enshrined in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation signed in April 2010. We are of the view that at present only GD has the characteristics in question.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0259****(Question Serial No. 0063)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 17):

Under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in this programme, there is presently the Portable CSSA (PCSSA) Scheme, which continues to provide cash assistance to eligible elderly CSSA recipients who choose to live in Guangdong or Fujian Province. Would the Administration please advise –

- (1) The number of elderly recipients under the PCSSA Scheme, the amount of assistance paid and the proportion of such cases to the total number of old age CSSA cases over the past three years;
- (2) The number of elderly recipients who left the Scheme due to death and recipients who have returned to Hong Kong to receive CSSA due to personal reasons over the past three years;
- (3) The provision of services and support to elderly recipients under the PCSSA Scheme, apart from CSSA, by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and the manpower and expenditure involved over the past three years; if no, how are the needs for social welfare services (if any) of those elderly being addressed?
- (4) Would the Administration further consider extending the Scheme to other Mainland provinces?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

- (1) 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 number of PCSSA recipients, total expenditure involved and the proportion of such cases to the number of CSSA elderly recipients from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Number of PCSSA recipients	2 511	2 304	2 157
Total expenditure (\$ million)	95	90	86 (estimated)
As a percentage to the number of CSSA elderly recipients	1.4 %	1.3%	1.2%

- (2) The statistics on PCSSA cases from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Number of cases left the PCSSA Scheme due to -			
(i) Death	321	251	173
(ii) Converted to CSSA due to personal reasons	121	114	86

- (3) SWD subvents the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS) to operate Cross-boundary and Inter-country Casework service to help people facing individual and family problems arising from geographical separation. Hong Kong residents, including elderly persons 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. The expenditure for ISS to operate the Cross-boundary and Inter-country Casework service in 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual) and 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) is \$5.2 million, \$5.5 million and \$5.7 million respectively.
- (4) SWD has no plan to further extend the coverage of the PCSSA Scheme to other provinces in the Mainland.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0260****(Question Serial No. 0483)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 61):

Regarding recipients under the unemployment category of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please provide information on the number of such recipients, their gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, wage, as well as residential location in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Statistics on CSSA unemployed recipients, with breakdown by selected profiles, as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Table 1: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of recipients
Male	12 186
Female	9 513
Total	21 699

Table 2: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 – 19	980
20 – 29	1 444
30 – 39	2 262
40 – 49	6 135
50 – 59	10 878
Total	21 699

Table 3: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	2 487
More than 1 - 2	1 701
More than 2 - 3	1 470
More than 3 - 4	1 464
More than 4 - 5	1 774
More than 5	12 803
Total	21 699

Table 4: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	269
Clerk	34
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	59
Delivery worker	195
Domestic helper/baby sitter	174
Driver	35
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	591
Salesperson	111
Waiter/waitress	105
Watchman/guard	27
Others	558
Jobless	19 541
Total	21 699

Table 5: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by earnings from employment

Earnings from employment	Number of recipients
\$0	19 541
Less than \$1,845	2 158
Total	21 699

Table 6: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district	Number of recipients
Central & Western	185
Eastern	902
Islands	535
Kowloon City	894
Kwai Tsing	1 805
Kwun Tong	2 975
North	1 072
Sai Kung	694
Sha Tin	1 313
Sham Shui Po	2 526
Southern	406
Tai Po	510
Tsuen Wan	447
Tuen Mun	1 397
Wan Chai	150
Wong Tai Sin	1 617
Yau Tsim Mong	1 400
Yuen Long	2 871
Total	21 699

CSSA unemployed recipients refer to those who are unemployed or who are gainfully employed with earnings from employment less than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,845 as at end-December 2013 and \$1,920 starting from 1 February 2014).

Unemployed recipients may have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health or single parent) in earlier years of receiving CSSA, and not all of them have been receiving assistance as a result of unemployment throughout the duration they are in the CSSA net.

The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0261****(Question Serial No. 0484)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 62):

Regarding recipients under the low-earnings category of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please provide information on the number of such recipients, their gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, occupation, wage, as well as residential location in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Statistics on CSSA low-earnings recipients, with breakdown by selected profiles, as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

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

Gender	Number of recipients
Male	6 523
Female	6 353
Total	12 876

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

Age group	Number of recipients
15 – 19	494
20 – 29	1 784
30 – 39	2 124
40 – 49	5 102
50 – 59	3 372
Total	12 876

Table 3 : CSSA low-earnings recipients with breakdown by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	723
More than 1 - 2	797
More than 2 - 3	778
More than 3 - 4	808
More than 4 - 5	1 056
More than 5	8 714
Total	12 876

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

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	1 517
Clerk	491
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	455
Delivery worker	728
Domestic helper/baby sitter	337
Driver	647
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	3 009
Salesperson	922
Waiter/waitress	874
Watchman/guard	828
Others	3 068
Total	12 876

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

Earnings from employment	Number of recipients
\$1,845 – less than \$4,200	4 639
\$4,200 – less than \$6,000	3 218
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	2 687
\$8,000 or above	2 332
Total	12 876

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

Geographical district	Number of recipients
Central & Western	103
Eastern	520
Islands	388
Kowloon City	494
Kwai Tsing	1 599
Kwun Tong	1 985
North	629
Sai Kung	525
Sha Tin	805
Sham Shui Po	1 061
Southern	277
Tai Po	356
Tsuen Wan	351
Tuen Mun	795
Wan Chai	30
Wong Tai Sin	1 043
Yau Tsim Mong	315
Yuen Long	1 600
Total	12 876

CSSA low-earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed and with earnings from employment 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. \$1,845 as at end-December 2013 and \$1,920 starting from 1 February 2014).

Low-earnings recipients may have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health or single parent) in the earlier years of receiving CSSA, and not all of them have been receiving assistance as a result of low-earnings throughout the duration they are in the CSSA net.

The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0485)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 63):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2013-14, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the numbers of CSSA households and recipients in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure incurred;
- (b) the numbers and percentage of households and recipients who are currently on CSSA and residing in each public housing estate in Hong Kong, and the expenditure incurred;
- (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 incurred; 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 incurred?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The 2013-14 CSSA expenditure, including the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment, is estimated to be \$19,783 million. We do not have breakdown of the expenditure by geographical district. The numbers of CSSA households and recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) by geographical district as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Geographical district	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Central & Western	3 241	3 832
Eastern	12 984	18 728
Islands	4 025	7 829
Kowloon City	13 247	18 064
Kwai Tsing	25 344	39 843
Kwun Tong	35 112	56 600
North	13 532	20 846
Sai Kung	8 266	13 257
Sha Tin	16 792	26 917
Sham Shui Po	24 043	34 537
Southern	8 080	11 119
Tai Po	8 964	13 266
Tsuen Wan	7 584	11 290
Tuen Mun	20 215	29 457
Wan Chai	1 701	1 885
Wong Tai Sin	20 302	31 188
Yau Tsim Mong	10 099	12 277
Yuen Long	25 029	41 898
Total	258 560	392 833

The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

- (b) We do not have breakdown of CSSA expenditure by public housing estate. The numbers and percentage of CSSA households and recipients in each of the public housing estates as at end-December 2013 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	541	13%	1 002	8%
Bo Shek Mansion	59	22%	73	11%
Broadview Garden	23	5%	38	3%
Butterfly	1 254	24%	1 935	17%
Chai Wan	402	25%	584	15%
Chak On	489	27%	746	18%
Cheung Ching	594	12%	1 136	8%
Cheung Fat	379	31%	577	19%
Cheung Hang	555	13%	869	6%
Cheung Hong	1 348	16%	2 268	10%
Cheung Kwai	57	13%	102	7%
Cheung On	482	37%	674	20%
Cheung Sha Wan	239	19%	419	14%
Cheung Shan	154	10%	337	7%
Cheung Wah	711	36%	1 167	22%
Cheung Wang	822	19%	1 455	11%
Ching Ho	1 915	27%	3 729	19%
Cho Yiu Chuen	222	9%	345	4%
Choi Fai	171	13%	295	7%
Choi Fook	718	21%	1 217	14%
Choi Ha	220	38%	321	23%
Choi Hung	1 382	19%	2 338	13%
Choi Ming Court	558	20%	984	11%
Choi Tak	1 041	18%	1 707	12%
Choi Wan (I)	745	13%	1 410	8%
Choi Wan (II)	404	14%	751	8%
Choi Ying	908	23%	1 557	15%
Choi Yuen	1 251	25%	2 037	16%
Chuk Yuen (North)	564	42%	867	24%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 443	24%	2 331	15%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	125	13%	195	7%
Chun Shek	406	19%	606	11%
Chung On	563	21%	1 022	11%
Clague Garden Estate	75	14%	130	8%
Easeful Court	52	10%	145	7%
Fortune	758	36%	991	21%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Fu Cheong	1 884	32%	2 685	16%
Fu Heng	677	37%	1 023	21%
Fu Shan	282	18%	468	12%
Fu Shin	735	31%	1 260	20%
Fu Tai	876	17%	1 847	10%
Fu Tung	176	11%	337	6%
Fuk Loi	536	17%	856	11%
Fung Tak	656	51%	898	33%
Fung Wah	126	33%	186	20%
Fung Wo	213	15%	334	11%
Grandeur Terrace	784	19%	2 136	14%
Hau Tak	638	15%	1 094	8%
Healthy Village	143	12%	226	7%
Heng On	372	40%	669	23%
High Prosperity Terrace	55	7%	165	6%
Hin Keng	357	47%	628	28%
Hin Yiu	208	26%	347	17%
Hing Man	262	13%	510	8%
Hing Tin	157	33%	304	21%
Hing Tung	290	14%	492	7%
Hing Wah (I)	449	20%	708	10%
Hing Wah (II)	768	22%	1 202	14%
Ho Man Tin	1 033	22%	1 539	12%
Hoi Fu Court	803	29%	1 272	15%
Hoi Lai	835	17%	1 961	11%
Hong Tung	233	50%	282	33%
Hung Hom	705	26%	1 057	15%
Jat Min Chuen	472	13%	732	7%
Ka Fuk	377	19%	600	9%
Ka Wai Chuen	292	18%	430	10%
Kai Ching	741	15%	1 220	10%
Kai Tin	497	22%	809	13%
Kai Yip	1 050	25%	1 598	17%
Kam Peng	50	20%	99	13%
Kin Ming	1 297	19%	2 671	13%
Kin Sang	174	30%	291	18%
King Lam	685	42%	939	28%
Ko Cheung Court	246	14%	660	10%
Ko Yee	271	23%	415	12%
Kwai Chung	2 925	22%	5 270	14%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Kwai Fong	1 086	18%	1 832	10%
Kwai Hing	138	39%	230	27%
Kwai Luen	286	20%	501	14%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 282	21%	2 009	11%
Kwai Shing (West)	754	15%	1 315	9%
Kwong Fuk	974	16%	1 746	10%
Kwong Tin	328	14%	563	8%
Kwong Yuen	576	44%	863	26%
Kwun Lung Lau	208	10%	360	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	699	15%	1 123	9%
Lai King	669	16%	1 136	10%
Lai Kok	778	28%	1 191	17%
Lai On	272	21%	399	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	205	8%	336	5%
Lai Yiu	420	15%	751	9%
Lakeside Garden	26	11%	47	6%
Lam Tin	667	22%	1 157	14%
Lee On	618	17%	1 069	9%
Lei Cheng Uk	597	47%	963	30%
Lei Muk Shue	1 715	44%	3 084	31%
Lei Tung	709	29%	1 052	17%
Lei Yue Mun	765	24%	1 345	15%
Lek Yuen	571	18%	971	12%
Leung King	924	34%	1 444	21%
Lok Fu	719	20%	1 084	11%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	458	13%	701	7%
Lok Wah (North)	312	11%	654	7%
Lok Wah (South)	1 861	27%	2 788	20%
Long Bin IH	125	25%	150	18%
Long Ping	1 069	25%	1 987	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	651	16%	1 114	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	879	53%	1 354	34%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	860	13%	1 511	8%
Lung Hang	521	12%	1 031	7%
Lung Tin	101	27%	125	16%
Lung Yat	133	16%	270	12%
Ma Hang	90	10%	134	5%
Ma Tau Wai	399	19%	708	14%
Mei Lam	703	17%	1 165	11%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Mei Tin	1 343	21%	2 540	14%
Mei Tung	370	26%	596	17%
Ming Tak	265	18%	402	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	228	11%	319	5%
Model Housing	108	16%	211	9%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	123	13%	189	8%
Nam Cheong	269	37%	439	23%
Nam Shan	605	23%	999	14%
Nga Ning Court	55	13%	94	6%
Ngan Wan	65	15%	110	8%
Oi Man	804	13%	1 537	8%
Oi Tung	1 130	29%	1 621	18%
On Tin	120	17%	330	11%
On Ting	1 035	21%	1 576	13%
On Yam	782	15%	1 449	9%
Pak Tin	1 969	26%	3 060	15%
Ping Shek	596	13%	1 004	8%
Ping Tin	1 325	24%	1 966	13%
Po Lam	560	29%	967	18%
Po Tat	1 757	24%	3 252	14%
Po Tin	2 227	35%	2 603	28%
Pok Hong	465	39%	822	25%
Prosperous Garden	92	14%	108	7%
Sai Wan	60	9%	144	7%
Sam Shing	254	14%	451	9%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	874	22%	1 563	15%
Sau Mau Ping	2 905	24%	4 911	14%
Sha Kok	1 356	22%	2 178	14%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	73	11%	137	5%
Shan King	1 428	23%	2 406	15%
Shatin Pass	237	19%	381	12%
Shek Kip Mei	2 167	25%	3 529	16%
Shek Lei (I)	1 016	21%	1 701	13%
Shek Lei (II)	1 824	23%	3 107	13%
Shek Mun	364	19%	643	13%
Shek Pai Wan	802	16%	1 348	8%
Shek Wai Kok	985	16%	1 748	10%
Shek Yam (East)	490	21%	715	11%
Shek Yam	600	23%	1 064	13%
Sheung Lok	159	47%	193	34%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Sheung Tak	1 014	18%	1 786	10%
Shin Ming	378	19%	598	14%
Shui Pin Wai	649	28%	1 019	17%
Shun Lee	705	16%	1 186	10%
Shun On	622	21%	1 011	13%
Shun Tin	1 308	19%	2 282	12%
Siu Sai Wan	694	12%	1 365	7%
Sun Chui	1 031	16%	1 820	10%
Sun Tin Wai	468	14%	861	9%
Tai Hang Tung	600	30%	856	17%
Tai Hing	1 844	22%	2 903	15%
Tai Ping	90	29%	183	17%
Tai Wo	794	40%	1 174	23%
Tai Wo Hau	1 342	18%	2 309	11%
Tai Yuen	759	16%	1 531	10%
Tak Long	180	9%	263	6%
Tak Tin	976	48%	1 354	33%
Tin Chak	982	25%	1 791	15%
Tin Ching	1 615	26%	3 047	18%
Tin Heng	1 031	18%	2 784	12%
Tin King	229	24%	443	15%
Tin Ping	391	34%	675	19%
Tin Shui	1 091	14%	2 070	8%
Tin Tsz	810	25%	1 188	13%
Tin Wah	877	24%	1 453	12%
Tin Wan	639	21%	940	11%
Tin Yan	1 678	31%	2 543	23%
Tin Yat	568	17%	1 523	12%
Tin Yiu	1 282	15%	2 368	9%
Tin Yuet	1 029	25%	1 937	16%
Tsing Yi	269	37%	415	23%
Tsui Lam	329	20%	670	13%
Tsui Lok	134	42%	203	26%
Tsui Ping (South)	661	14%	1 039	8%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 576	47%	2 375	32%
Tsui Wan	216	37%	324	22%
Tsz Ching	1 950	24%	2 951	13%
Tsz Hong	353	18%	882	12%
Tsz Lok	1 241	20%	1 966	11%
Tsz Man	380	19%	699	11%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	26	11%	41	5%
Tung Tau	1 014	43%	1 448	26%
Tung Wui	416	32%	538	20%
Un Chau	1 799	24%	2 710	14%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 860	28%	2 715	17%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 234	26%	1 887	15%
Verbena Heights	196	21%	266	14%
Wah Fu	1 111	12%	2 022	8%
Wah Kwai	412	38%	551	22%
Wah Lai	227	16%	469	10%
Wah Ming	647	39%	1 038	22%
Wah Sum	310	21%	551	11%
Wan Hon	498	50%	703	36%
Wan Tau Tong	292	45%	422	27%
Wan Tsui	601	17%	1 094	10%
Wang Tau Hom	795	14%	1 352	8%
Wing Cheong	177	16%	365	12%
Wo Che	910	15%	1 783	9%
Wo Lok	398	21%	611	13%
Wu King	481	11%	1 043	7%
Yan On	452	18%	749	12%
Yat Tung	2 000	17%	4 868	12%
Yau Lai	1 805	21%	3 298	14%
Yau Oi	1 407	15%	2 587	10%
Yau Tong	899	25%	1 561	15%
Yiu On	361	34%	601	20%
Yiu Tung	799	16%	1240	8%
Yue Kwong Chuen	68	7%	102	4%
Yue Wan	391	18%	687	11%
Yung Shing Court	382	22%	647	11%

(c) (i) We do not have breakdown of CSSA expenditure by geographical district. The number of households on CSSA (excluding cases under the Portable CSSA (PCSSA) Scheme) by nature of cases and geographical district as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Geographical district	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 176	231	306	181	79	222	46	3 241
Eastern	8 219	1 215	918	1 229	409	750	244	12 984
Islands	1 730	189	393	710	330	513	160	4 025
Kowloon City	8 082	960	1 232	1 333	354	1 028	258	13 247
Kwai Tsing	14 879	2 270	2 228	2 647	1 067	1 769	484	25 344
Kwun Tong	21 766	1 561	3 011	4 231	1 382	2 452	709	35 112
North	7 705	970	1 239	1 755	399	1 001	463	13 532
Sai Kung	4 269	809	925	967	410	569	317	8 266
Sha Tin	8 923	1 480	1 966	2 219	536	1 096	572	16 792
Sham Shui Po	13 711	1 132	2 585	2 477	752	2 759	627	24 043
Southern	4 827	1 156	728	607	263	309	190	8 080
Tai Po	5 638	535	939	910	200	478	264	8 964
Tsuen Wan	4 804	483	599	784	255	432	227	7 584
Tuen Mun	11 339	2 183	2 180	2 045	484	1 509	475	20 215
Wan Chai	1 084	74	124	92	26	216	85	1 701
Wong Tai Sin	12 542	1 072	1 860	2 257	762	1 399	410	20 302
Yau Tsim Mong	5 146	387	1 090	919	215	1 941	401	10 099
Yuen Long	12 359	1 679	2 774	3 824	967	2 692	734	25 029
Total	149 199	18 386	25 097	29 187	8 890	21 135	6 666	258 560

(c) (ii) The number of CSSA recipients (excluding cases under the PCSSA Scheme) by nature of cases and geographical district as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Geographical district	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 210	248	369	419	286	242	58	3 832
Eastern	9 803	1 647	1 506	2 910	1 350	1 218	294	18 728
Islands	2 242	320	864	1 793	1 128	1 272	210	7 829
Kowloon City	9 084	1 177	1 621	3 165	1 094	1 536	387	18 064
Kwai Tsing	19 065	3 086	3 693	6 363	3 592	3 182	862	39 843
Kwun Tong	29 067	2 204	5 096	9 991	4 295	4 749	1 198	56 600
North	9 601	1 309	1 975	4 216	1 184	1 834	727	20 846
Sai Kung	5 418	1 062	1 658	2 354	1 337	1 080	348	13 257
Sha Tin	11 358	2 080	3 537	5 210	1 661	1 994	1 077	26 917
Sham Shui Po	16 703	1 628	3 523	5 766	2 257	3 686	974	34 537
Southern	5 610	1 494	1 061	1 437	813	458	246	11 119
Tai Po	6 862	813	1 607	2 126	630	848	380	13 266
Tsuen Wan	5 898	716	943	1 846	804	705	378	11 290
Tuen Mun	14 420	2 652	3 168	4 729	1 525	2 354	609	29 457
Wan Chai	1 088	76	128	222	83	193	95	1 885
Wong Tai Sin	16 031	1 570	2 867	5 425	2 268	2 406	621	31 188
Yau Tsim Mong	5 418	430	1 248	2 000	642	1 996	543	12 277
Yuen Long	16 122	2 409	4 763	9 164	3 253	5 087	1 100	41 898
Total	186 000	24 921	39 627	69 136	28 202	34 840	10 107	392 833

The boundaries of the geographical districts for the tables under (c) are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

(d) (i) We do not have breakdown of CSSA expenditure by public housing estate. The number of households on CSSA by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	243	70	55	89	39	28	17	541
Bo Shek Mansion	55	-	1	1	2	-	-	59
Broadview Garden	14	2	-	4	2	-	1	23
Butterfly	792	61	121	163	17	82	18	1 254
Chai Wan	276	16	27	46	9	18	10	402
Chak On	336	11	33	76	1	29	3	489
Cheung Ching	336	35	41	84	31	58	9	594
Cheung Fat	244	32	28	35	8	29	3	379
Cheung Hang	336	46	42	48	31	43	9	555
Cheung Hong	890	68	84	151	37	95	23	1 348
Cheung Kwai	24	4	5	5	5	13	1	57
Cheung On	317	42	41	35	7	32	8	482
Cheung Sha Wan	155	4	13	39	15	8	5	239
Cheung Shan	97	10	9	12	13	8	5	154
Cheung Wah	433	27	71	88	29	49	14	711
Cheung Wang	365	67	86	126	55	110	13	822
Ching Ho	897	47	175	458	99	197	42	1 915
Cho Yiu Chuen	165	9	10	13	11	13	1	222
Choi Fai	96	8	23	13	9	22	-	171
Choi Fook	375	18	42	148	42	77	16	718
Choi Ha	145	12	20	17	7	19	-	220
Choi Hung	865	45	121	183	59	88	21	1 382
Choi Ming Court	272	37	81	66	47	48	7	558
Choi Tak	602	23	53	233	26	75	29	1 041
Choi Wan (I)	387	41	88	116	30	61	22	745
Choi Wan (II)	216	10	42	71	19	37	9	404
Choi Ying	490	17	81	187	35	89	9	908
Choi Yuen	823	61	90	156	20	79	22	1 251
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	30	90	50	22	44	14	564
Chuk Yuen (South)	876	58	118	237	54	90	10	1 443
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	95	5	-	6	6	13	-	125
Chun Shek	255	18	43	47	12	26	5	406
Chung On	246	63	63	75	24	68	24	563
Clague Garden Estate	64	1	2	6	1	1	-	75
Easeful Court	16	1	5	15	5	8	2	52
Fortune	555	29	67	41	18	44	4	758
Fu Cheong	1 256	79	193	140	81	125	10	1 884
Fu Heng	401	55	114	48	15	37	7	677
Fu Shan	180	12	26	36	9	15	4	282
Fu Shin	430	36	93	98	16	47	15	735

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Fu Tai	365	61	100	125	94	118	13	876
Fu Tung	83	9	23	34	13	13	1	176
Fuk Loi	365	28	51	56	9	19	8	536
Fung Tak	432	29	86	38	15	50	6	656
Fung Wah	79	11	13	8	2	9	4	126
Fung Wo	54	18	32	80	5	18	6	213
Grandeur Terrace	145	29	97	268	97	135	13	784
Hau Tak	353	45	78	74	30	49	9	638
Healthy Village	104	5	11	8	7	7	1	143
Heng On	194	32	46	47	14	19	20	372
High Prosperity Terrace	14	1	6	18	8	7	1	55
Hin Keng	198	20	40	40	17	30	12	357
Hin Yiu	103	13	29	43	5	13	2	208
Hing Man	121	26	21	49	22	19	4	262
Hing Tin	75	6	26	24	16	7	3	157
Hing Tung	172	21	25	35	17	19	1	290
Hing Wah (I)	261	56	34	39	22	34	3	449
Hing Wah (II)	503	48	46	111	20	36	4	768
Ho Man Tin	619	63	140	89	43	63	16	1 033
Hoi Fu Court	540	24	70	77	37	51	4	803
Hoi Lai	282	41	95	188	105	115	9	835
Hong Tung	213	2	6	8	1	3	-	233
Hung Hom	484	24	59	68	16	43	11	705
Jat Min Chuen	356	17	36	22	11	24	6	472
Ka Fuk	244	29	20	36	12	31	5	377
Ka Wai Chuen	227	8	21	12	7	16	1	292
Kai Ching	320	26	69	206	28	75	17	741
Kai Tin	309	27	60	41	25	32	3	497
Kai Yip	753	31	69	128	11	46	12	1 050
Kam Peng	28	2	5	3	1	10	1	50
Kin Ming	406	98	213	288	116	158	18	1 297
Kin Sang	92	15	19	24	5	17	2	174
King Lam	448	48	76	42	12	52	7	685
Ko Cheung Court	47	10	28	82	36	32	11	246
Ko Yee	186	12	13	31	9	17	3	271
Kwai Chung	1 276	210	330	566	205	294	44	2 925
Kwai Fong	611	88	138	92	63	83	11	1 086
Kwai Hing	83	10	11	17	7	10	-	138
Kwai Luen	135	10	26	58	16	31	10	286
Kwai Shing (East)	764	80	132	119	68	101	18	1 282
Kwai Shing (West)	447	47	62	107	31	53	7	754
Kwong Fuk	507	71	111	164	26	72	23	974
Kwong Tin	178	13	46	43	21	19	8	328

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kwong Yuen	308	60	74	50	13	38	33	576
Kwun Lung Lau	117	7	20	23	19	21	1	208
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	487	22	64	40	31	51	4	699
Lai King	436	32	42	81	22	47	9	669
Lai Kok	480	39	75	102	21	49	12	778
Lai On	173	20	30	24	8	16	1	272
Lai Tak Tsuen	145	17	18	6	7	12	-	205
Lai Yiu	260	25	33	37	31	28	6	420
Lakeside Garden	16	2	3	2	2	-	1	26
Lam Tin	398	15	57	110	33	46	8	667
Lee On	287	58	111	78	23	52	9	618
Lei Cheng Uk	334	39	43	74	25	68	14	597
Lei Muk Shue	847	126	188	272	102	140	40	1 715
Lei Tung	403	62	65	99	14	39	27	709
Lei Yue Mun	418	27	88	124	40	59	9	765
Lek Yuen	318	42	59	84	15	32	21	571
Leung King	523	73	111	109	17	72	19	924
Lok Fu	388	68	84	89	24	60	6	719
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	20	38	24	13	38	1	458
Lok Wah (North)	154	19	40	44	13	36	6	312
Lok Wah (South)	1 427	48	105	165	12	84	20	1 861
Long Bin IH	24	11	24	9	1	55	1	125
Long Ping	548	54	115	187	37	103	25	1 069
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	317	17	59	120	28	94	16	651
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	493	58	97	130	30	56	15	879
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	418	59	104	143	39	80	17	860
Lung Hang	240	18	66	94	31	42	30	521
Lung Tin	59	11	8	10	1	12	-	101
Lung Yat	44	3	7	49	5	19	6	133
Ma Hang	45	4	13	10	7	10	1	90
Ma Tau Wai	212	26	33	87	9	27	5	399
Mei Lam	400	33	74	111	18	51	16	703
Mei Tin	501	68	166	340	89	135	44	1 343
Mei Tung	234	13	24	53	13	24	9	370
Ming Tak	169	15	22	30	12	14	3	265
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	15	10	7	10	-	228
Model Housing	54	9	9	12	12	11	1	108
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	7	7	8	2	8	1	123
Nam Cheong	171	13	31	24	9	21	-	269
Nam Shan	335	23	58	114	18	51	6	605
Nga Ning Court	22	-	8	9	7	7	2	55
Ngan Wan	31	2	5	15	6	4	2	65

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Oi Man	405	51	83	146	46	65	8	804
Oi Tung	768	84	83	112	36	39	8	1 130
On Tin	24	3	6	44	20	18	5	120
On Ting	642	69	83	129	22	69	21	1 035
On Yam	460	55	61	72	61	58	15	782
Pak Tin	1 265	60	214	191	72	136	31	1 969
Ping Shek	395	28	42	59	20	46	6	596
Ping Tin	857	59	129	143	41	77	19	1 325
Po Lam	301	49	60	85	28	32	5	560
Po Tat	1 005	70	146	214	115	180	27	1 757
Po Tin	1 227	158	340	135	20	329	18	2 227
Pok Hong	274	13	67	66	13	23	9	465
Prosperous Garden	86	-	3	2	-	-	1	92
Sai Wan	25	3	9	8	8	6	1	60
Sam Shing	139	15	20	40	11	20	9	254
Sau Mau Ping (South)	439	19	81	182	46	83	24	874
Sau Mau Ping	1 767	141	268	293	159	234	43	2 905
Sha Kok	790	70	148	188	40	73	47	1 356
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	38	3	10	5	6	9	2	73
Shan King	814	93	161	192	37	102	29	1 428
Shatin Pass	116	4	25	58	7	23	4	237
Shek Kip Mei	1 273	70	220	331	60	176	37	2 167
Shek Lei (I)	616	80	74	132	33	64	17	1 016
Shek Lei (II)	957	107	175	249	117	175	44	1 824
Shek Mun	125	12	51	98	17	45	16	364
Shek Pai Wan	451	67	78	82	57	44	23	802
Shek Wai Kok	564	59	95	148	38	57	24	985
Shek Yam (East)	330	41	42	25	18	31	3	490
Shek Yam	371	44	49	58	37	33	8	600
Sheung Lok	129	8	5	8	1	7	1	159
Sheung Tak	550	54	115	112	87	83	13	1 014
Shin Ming	180	20	43	83	15	29	8	378
Shui Pin Wai	456	23	47	69	11	34	9	649
Shun Lee	438	28	56	93	22	57	11	705
Shun On	419	23	39	67	21	46	7	622
Shun Tin	836	49	119	148	46	94	16	1 308
Siu Sai Wan	300	80	86	123	41	59	5	694
Sun Chui	569	60	102	147	43	86	24	1 031
Sun Tin Wai	247	32	40	86	22	31	10	468
Tai Hang Tung	426	17	60	41	14	35	7	600
Tai Hing	1 210	93	140	200	47	125	29	1 844
Tai Ping	37	5	16	17	1	13	1	90
Tai Wo	546	38	88	53	11	44	14	794
Tai Wo Hau	766	97	131	159	59	100	30	1 342

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tai Yuen	353	50	131	95	44	71	15	759
Tak Long	77	7	33	26	4	29	4	180
Tak Tin	679	37	111	61	25	56	7	976
Tin Chak	443	53	127	173	49	119	18	982
Tin Ching	710	60	156	385	65	184	55	1 615
Tin Heng	201	41	139	300	141	187	22	1 031
Tin King	95	20	20	49	14	24	7	229
Tin Ping	209	21	48	54	17	35	7	391
Tin Shui	540	57	132	174	52	107	29	1 091
Tin Tsz	503	50	98	80	23	46	10	810
Tin Wah	486	51	112	101	31	82	14	877
Tin Wan	392	65	76	43	25	30	8	639
Tin Yan	843	82	199	298	32	206	18	1 678
Tin Yat	132	24	70	162	79	95	6	568
Tin Yiu	620	61	178	210	53	131	29	1 282
Tin Yuet	467	42	127	156	84	141	12	1 029
Tsing Yi	171	17	23	22	6	25	5	269
Tsui Lam	145	16	37	87	18	22	4	329
Tsui Lok	107	7	5	11	1	3	-	134
Tsui Ping (South)	432	29	60	65	29	41	5	661
Tsui Ping (North)	991	61	178	159	48	118	21	1 576
Tsui Wan	122	29	17	23	5	17	3	216
Tsz Ching	1 265	67	178	174	106	141	19	1 950
Tsz Hong	111	13	42	82	52	49	4	353
Tsz Lok	799	50	109	135	51	83	14	1 241
Tsz Man	209	13	41	45	26	40	6	380
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	7	2	2	1	2	26
Tung Tau	650	53	94	105	27	74	11	1 014
Tung Wui	319	14	27	22	6	22	6	416
Un Chau	1 226	81	164	130	53	122	23	1 799
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 351	73	164	101	41	109	21	1 860
Upper Wong Tai Sin	779	78	115	115	60	78	9	1 234
Verbena Heights	153	5	17	6	2	11	2	196
Wah Fu	571	100	103	166	79	70	22	1 111
Wah Kwai	284	30	41	23	12	20	2	412
Wah Lai	98	20	29	40	15	21	4	227
Wah Ming	373	57	59	80	22	42	14	647
Wah Sum	170	31	29	28	21	28	3	310
Wan Hon	444	4	11	25	3	7	4	498
Wan Tau Tong	189	32	30	18	8	13	2	292
Wan Tsui	302	59	47	106	30	48	9	601
Wang Tau Hom	413	66	73	112	40	75	16	795
Wing Cheong	63	6	14	46	8	33	7	177
Wo Che	372	72	157	143	50	73	43	910

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wo Lok	247	22	42	47	11	22	7	398
Wu King	191	25	56	104	31	62	12	481
Yan On	179	18	54	113	10	60	18	452
Yat Tung	575	86	229	492	267	324	27	2 000
Yau Lai	956	34	163	380	98	146	28	1 805
Yau Oi	734	80	137	202	78	148	28	1 407
Yau Tong	512	44	101	102	73	56	11	899
Yiu On	164	33	73	48	8	20	15	361
Yiu Tung	507	64	81	70	32	43	2	799
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	6	8	2	2	10	1	68
Yue Wan	197	36	31	82	12	28	5	391
Yung Shing Court	213	27	39	27	25	48	3	382
Total	87 950	8 386	15 761	21 272	6 991	12 783	2 605	155 748

(d) (ii) The number of CSSA recipients by nature of cases in each of the public housing estate as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	357	141	113	213	108	41	29	1 002
Bo Shek Mansion	65	-	1	2	5	-	-	73
Broadview Garden	24	2	-	8	3	-	1	38
Butterfly	1 139	85	207	334	35	106	29	1 935
Chai Wan	323	27	61	111	20	27	15	584
Chak On	480	21	51	152	2	36	4	746
Cheung Ching	544	54	78	205	103	138	14	1 136
Cheung Fat	321	57	52	85	19	39	4	577
Cheung Hang	472	59	79	103	82	63	11	869
Cheung Hong	1 321	113	164	336	125	178	31	2 268
Cheung Kwai	38	4	5	10	20	24	1	102
Cheung On	417	55	57	78	10	44	13	674
Cheung Sha Wan	202	7	26	95	54	24	11	419
Cheung Shan	193	26	14	35	48	11	10	337
Cheung Wah	646	38	115	191	82	77	18	1 167
Cheung Wang	532	114	141	296	157	192	23	1 455
Ching Ho	1 247	88	365	1 139	324	477	89	3 729
Cho Yiu Chuen	238	14	13	27	25	25	3	345
Choi Fai	139	7	36	34	29	50	-	295
Choi Fook	480	32	69	346	115	149	26	1 217
Choi Ha	176	19	24	44	22	36	-	321
Choi Hung	1 301	68	184	411	171	157	46	2 338
Choi Ming Court	379	58	147	151	142	93	14	984
Choi Tak	789	33	91	521	90	139	44	1 707
Choi Wan (I)	643	71	166	277	92	120	41	1 410
Choi Wan (II)	356	16	89	152	48	71	19	751
Choi Ying	665	24	138	433	115	170	12	1 557
Choi Yuen	1 230	98	157	330	61	133	28	2 037
Chuk Yuen (North)	405	46	143	122	66	65	20	867
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 261	93	183	504	137	135	18	2 331
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	135	9	-	15	23	13	-	195
Chun Shek	329	26	79	99	30	36	7	606
Chung On	309	126	132	187	73	143	52	1 022
Clague Garden Estate	102	4	4	16	3	1	-	130
Easeful Court	34	2	19	38	21	25	6	145
Fortune	661	38	85	105	38	61	3	991
Fu Cheong	1 528	130	270	321	184	239	13	2 685
Fu Heng	513	79	197	115	49	62	8	1 023
Fu Shan	252	20	48	89	33	18	8	468
Fu Shin	665	53	169	209	53	90	21	1 260
Fu Tai	541	112	208	332	337	298	19	1 847
Fu Tung	110	14	57	95	36	23	2	337
Fuk Loi	529	55	94	133	11	20	14	856
Fung Tak	529	48	115	89	34	74	9	898
Fung Wah	95	16	23	19	9	17	7	186
Fung Wo	69	24	41	166	7	18	9	334
Grandeur Terrace	344	93	266	701	337	368	27	2 136

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Hau Tak	465	74	162	196	88	97	12	1 094
Healthy Village	148	6	24	20	16	11	1	226
Heng On	253	70	91	124	45	42	44	669
High Prosperity Terrace	28	3	25	46	36	25	2	165
Hin Keng	322	29	72	92	43	58	12	628
Hin Yiu	143	21	52	96	17	15	3	347
Hing Man	183	42	40	107	85	49	4	510
Hing Tin	118	11	63	53	49	8	2	304
Hing Tung	222	44	52	87	53	32	2	492
Hing Wah (I)	335	83	56	98	67	68	1	708
Hing Wah (II)	699	69	78	238	52	61	5	1 202
Ho Man Tin	784	83	201	208	119	122	22	1 539
Hoi Fu Court	733	36	128	173	108	89	5	1 272
Hoi Lai	473	103	233	479	358	296	19	1 961
Hong Tung	248	1	10	15	5	3	-	282
Hung Hom	610	37	91	159	46	94	20	1 057
Jat Min Chuen	514	30	56	57	29	36	10	732
Ka Fuk	313	52	31	93	47	53	11	600
Ka Wai Chuen	303	17	40	27	14	28	1	430
Kai Ching	399	41	96	470	71	117	26	1 220
Kai Tin	385	48	106	108	87	72	3	809
Kai Yip	1 079	35	97	270	32	67	18	1 598
Kam Peng	47	3	10	8	4	24	3	99
Kin Ming	556	151	453	730	412	337	32	2 671
Kin Sang	138	24	23	59	12	33	2	291
King Lam	539	62	112	104	34	81	7	939
Ko Cheung Court	136	27	73	194	122	91	17	660
Ko Yee	233	22	22	74	22	35	7	415
Kwai Chung	1 716	322	603	1 332	677	519	101	5 270
Kwai Fong	775	130	261	231	246	173	16	1 832
Kwai Hing	127	15	16	38	20	14	-	230
Kwai Luen	169	18	46	138	60	52	18	501
Kwai Shing (East)	969	119	222	285	200	182	32	2 009
Kwai Shing (West)	681	71	114	243	99	92	15	1 315
Kwong Fuk	757	138	222	379	73	135	42	1 746
Kwong Tin	230	16	90	111	74	31	11	563
Kwong Yuen	346	87	132	118	33	74	73	863
Kwun Lung Lau	155	7	34	60	74	27	3	360
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	682	35	121	98	80	96	11	1 123
Lai King	649	51	72	192	70	87	15	1 136
Lai Kok	657	63	119	218	55	66	13	1 191
Lai On	209	38	49	51	26	23	3	399
Lai Tak Tsuen	219	29	34	15	20	19	-	336
Lai Yiu	356	46	68	88	118	62	13	751
Lakeside Garden	25	7	4	5	3	-	3	47
Lam Tin	545	30	120	268	96	81	17	1 157
Lee On	390	89	209	193	67	104	17	1 069
Lei Cheng Uk	472	66	66	165	68	103	23	963
Lei Muk Shue	1 189	217	336	659	348	264	71	3 084
Lei Tung	528	109	95	210	37	40	33	1 052
Lei Yue Mun	602	38	155	288	126	120	16	1 345

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lek Yuen	422	77	130	180	53	64	45	971
Leung King	676	112	190	258	74	109	25	1 444
Lok Fu	475	91	119	218	73	102	6	1 084
Lok Man Sun Chuen	458	30	52	57	48	55	1	701
Lok Wah (North)	276	29	100	115	48	71	15	654
Lok Wah (South)	2 093	63	141	335	27	111	18	2 788
Long Bin IH	24	13	37	19	2	53	2	150
Long Ping	901	97	216	443	98	181	51	1 987
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	462	24	87	267	77	171	26	1 114
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	634	84	129	302	98	87	20	1 354
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	598	99	160	361	112	147	34	1 511
Lung Hang	348	29	141	247	110	76	80	1 031
Lung Tin	58	16	7	19	-	25	-	125
Lung Yat	68	8	13	115	19	35	12	270
Ma Hang	52	8	14	25	16	18	1	134
Ma Tau Wai	329	47	55	199	22	48	8	708
Mei Lam	570	47	135	257	44	83	29	1 165
Mei Tin	642	106	333	789	307	283	80	2 540
Mei Tung	298	25	42	118	46	52	15	596
Ming Tak	219	19	39	67	30	23	5	402
Ming Wah Dai Ha	226	18	22	19	22	12	-	319
Model Housing	79	13	20	31	43	25	-	211
Moon Lok Dai Ha	129	9	10	17	9	10	5	189
Nam Cheong	242	18	49	61	34	35	-	439
Nam Shan	491	43	85	253	45	76	6	999
Nga Ning Court	26	-	13	24	16	12	3	94
Ngan Wan	43	6	6	31	13	4	7	110
Oi Man	642	112	161	358	125	129	10	1 537
Oi Tung	947	132	119	245	113	55	10	1 621
On Tin	57	5	13	113	68	61	13	330
On Ting	879	90	122	282	54	122	27	1 576
On Yam	633	106	131	198	226	127	28	1 449
Pak Tin	1 656	93	319	475	208	256	53	3 060
Ping Shek	595	34	70	131	62	106	6	1 004
Ping Tin	1 066	89	215	331	98	130	37	1 966
Po Lam	450	75	101	188	81	62	10	967
Po Tat	1 440	115	277	554	376	423	67	3 252
Po Tin	1 390	178	376	273	45	319	22	2 603
Pok Hong	433	16	116	158	44	36	19	822
Prosperous Garden	94	-	7	4	-	-	3	108
Sai Wan	43	6	27	22	31	12	3	144
Sam Shing	213	32	33	93	26	44	10	451
Sau Mau Ping (South)	589	45	145	428	152	154	50	1 563
Sau Mau Ping	2 403	224	486	725	506	486	81	4 911
Sha Kok	1 054	119	287	388	118	120	92	2 178
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	61	3	13	17	20	20	3	137
Shan King	1 215	145	295	429	117	162	43	2 406

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shatin Pass	141	9	35	135	23	30	8	381
Shek Kip Mei	1 761	108	360	743	195	298	64	3 529
Shek Lei (I)	874	133	134	296	105	121	38	1 701
Shek Lei (II)	1 252	176	292	611	404	290	82	3 107
Shek Mun	149	10	96	222	54	74	38	643
Shek Pai Wan	590	108	128	199	196	97	30	1 348
Shek Wai Kok	870	106	189	336	120	87	40	1 748
Shek Yam (East)	395	66	67	72	52	54	9	715
Shek Yam	523	98	93	154	121	51	24	1 064
Sheung Lok	145	10	5	20	2	11	-	193
Sheung Tak	734	95	215	288	270	165	19	1 786
Shin Ming	235	30	59	180	46	39	9	598
Shui Pin Wai	624	36	87	153	42	63	14	1 019
Shun Lee	644	45	108	202	63	110	14	1 186
Shun On	613	40	68	159	50	70	11	1 011
Shun Tin	1 286	85	209	335	136	197	34	2 282
Siu Sai Wan	424	155	166	326	150	133	11	1 365
Sun Chui	842	106	207	325	133	162	45	1 820
Sun Tin Wai	363	61	78	203	75	63	18	861
Tai Hang Tung	531	21	87	102	56	50	9	856
Tai Hing	1 750	155	211	442	129	179	37	2 903
Tai Ping	67	11	32	40	6	26	1	183
Tai Wo	705	72	163	108	30	79	17	1 174
Tai Wo Hau	1 109	158	237	366	208	172	59	2 309
Tai Yuen	569	105	298	248	145	145	21	1 531
Tak Long	88	7	39	65	19	38	7	263
Tak Tin	819	55	170	138	74	80	18	1 354
Tin Chak	646	96	248	393	134	242	32	1 791
Tin Ching	997	104	342	877	220	400	107	3 047
Tin Heng	467	121	409	722	501	522	42	2 784
Tin King	152	41	31	128	44	37	10	443
Tin Ping	305	38	94	113	53	58	14	675
Tin Shui	813	112	232	445	189	231	48	2 070
Tin Tsz	661	66	142	179	64	64	12	1 188
Tin Wah	617	97	204	267	93	151	24	1 453
Tin Wan	482	98	123	100	72	50	15	940
Tin Yan	1 107	112	283	646	97	271	27	2 543
Tin Yat	304	63	184	405	272	286	9	1 523
Tin Yiu	938	97	335	500	172	277	49	2 368
Tin Yuet	662	66	220	395	303	274	17	1 937
Tsing Yi	224	23	37	53	21	50	7	415
Tsui Lam	227	32	74	204	78	48	7	670
Tsui Lok	155	8	9	25	3	3	-	203
Tsui Ping (South)	537	53	118	171	74	77	9	1 039
Tsui Ping (North)	1 325	85	271	343	147	179	25	2 375
Tsui Wan	163	38	22	57	20	22	2	324
Tsz Ching	1 529	110	283	433	291	269	36	2 951
Tsz Hong	233	33	103	222	163	122	6	882
Tsz Lok	1 051	88	186	320	142	157	22	1 966
Tsz Man	302	26	68	126	80	85	12	699
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	17	-	7	6	7	1	3	41
Tung Tau	830	68	124	232	76	103	15	1 448
Tung Wui	355	19	45	59	17	34	9	538

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Un Chau	1 558	130	263	326	177	208	48	2 710
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 743	86	244	254	137	221	30	2 715
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 037	115	149	274	171	125	16	1 887
Verbena Heights	188	6	29	14	5	21	3	266
Wah Fu	848	188	197	405	243	110	31	2 022
Wah Kwai	321	52	64	47	36	27	4	551
Wah Lai	152	38	62	100	49	62	6	469
Wah Ming	519	110	96	180	45	73	15	1 038
Wah Sum	242	64	64	61	61	52	7	551
Wan Hon	600	6	18	48	13	13	5	703
Wan Tau Tong	242	40	46	39	22	29	4	422
Wan Tsui	439	107	96	251	103	87	11	1 094
Wang Tau Hom	538	107	127	304	120	132	24	1 352
Wing Cheong	90	14	31	110	33	67	20	365
Wo Che	535	143	337	359	154	162	93	1 783
Wo Lok	345	38	59	99	28	33	9	611
Wu King	328	46	152	252	96	144	25	1 043
Yan On	212	32	84	256	33	101	31	749
Yat Tung	903	187	583	1 270	928	943	54	4 868
Yau Lai	1 368	61	329	851	315	321	53	3 298
Yau Oi	1 114	146	269	462	263	277	56	2 587
Yau Tong	743	76	157	235	212	113	25	1 561
Yiu On	213	54	128	117	17	36	36	601
Yiu Tung	633	102	128	171	112	91	3	1 240
Yue Kwong Chuen	55	8	11	5	7	15	1	102
Yue Wan	281	57	68	201	32	45	3	687
Yung Shing Court	252	59	64	69	85	112	6	647
Total	121 382	13 861	28 001	50 132	22 021	24 043	4 552	263 992

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0263****(Question Serial No. 0486)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 60):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme in this programme, would the Government please provide the following figures by the 18 districts –

	Old Age Allowance (OAA) recipients aged 65-69	OAA recipients aged 70 or above	Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients aged 65-69	OALA recipients aged 70 or above	Disability Allowance (DA) recipients aged 65-69	DA recipients aged 70 or above	CSSA recipients aged 65-69	CSSA recipients aged 70 or above	Non-recipients of these social security benefits	Total no. of elderly population
Central & Western										
Wan Chai										
Eastern										
Southern										
Yau Tsim Mong										
Sham Shui Po										
Kowloon City										
Wong Tai Sin										
Kwun Tong										
Kwai Tsing										
Tsuen Wan										
Tuen Mun										
Yuen Long										
North										
Tai Po										
Sha Tin										
Sai Kung										
Islands										

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) OALA is a means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 65 or above introduced in April 2013. The income and assets requirements for OALA are the same as the former Normal OAA. Meanwhile, OAA (i.e. the former Higher OAA) provides a non-means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 70 or above. The numbers of OAA cases aged 70 or above, and OALA and DA cases aged 65 or above by age group and geographical district as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Geographical district	Number of cases				
	OAA cases aged 70 or above	OALA cases aged 65-69	OALA cases aged 70 or above	DA cases aged 65-69	DA cases aged 70 or above
Central & Western	11 134	1 544	6 929	242	1 232
Eastern	25 298	8 198	27 255	689	3 053
Islands	2 623	1 572	3 983	87	292
Kowloon City	16 153	4 653	15 850	334	1 728
Kwai Tsing	10 611	11 669	28 639	520	1 827
Kwun Tong	14 323	13 659	38 350	589	2 838
North	5 074	3 972	10 641	190	862
Sai Kung	7 068	5 954	13 697	282	1 160
Sha Tin	13 457	11 432	26 284	676	2 264
Sham Shui Po	11 786	5 338	18 088	339	1 521
Southern	8 057	3 866	13 350	320	1 402
Tai Po	5 549	4 086	10 312	291	910
Tsuen Wan	8 165	4 084	12 148	245	1 097
Tuen Mun	6 661	8 537	15 949	455	1 061
Wan Chai	9 233	755	3 690	123	929
Wong Tai Sin	10 639	8 142	29 977	328	1 917
Yau Tsim Mong	12 141	2 944	10 400	226	1 170
Yuen Long	8 788	6 661	16 122	391	1 234
Total	186 760	107 066	301 664	6 327	26 497

(b) The numbers of CSSA recipients aged 65 or above by age group and geographical district as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Geographical district	Number of recipients	
	CSSA recipients aged 65-69	CSSA recipients aged 70 or above
Central & Western	242	1 682
Eastern	1 309	7 215
Islands	400	1 278
Kowloon City	1 242	6 284
Kwai Tsing	2 937	12 270
Kwun Tong	4 580	18 828
North	1 384	6 133
Sai Kung	958	3 364
Sha Tin	1 911	7 873
Sham Shui Po	2 361	11 109
Southern	680	4 412
Tai Po	851	4 963
Tsuen Wan	752	4 192
Tuen Mun	2 473	8 670
Wan Chai	149	798
Wong Tai Sin	2 172	10 833
Yau Tsim Mong	839	3 577
Yuen Long	2 618	9 223
Total	27 858	122 704

The boundaries of the geographical districts in the tables under (a) and (b) are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

The number of CSSA recipients in the table under (b) does not include cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

(c) According to the Planning Department, the mid-year population aged 65 or above by age group by District Council district in 2013 is as follows –

District Council district	Population (Thousand)	
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70 or above
Central & Western	10.2	27.8
Eastern	27.8	71.7
Islands	4.6	11.2
Kowloon City	16.6	48.2
Kwai Tsing	24.6	55.7
Kwun Tong	29.4	78.5
North	10.3	25.2
Sai Kung	14.6	29.3
Sha Tin	27.9	54.0
Sham Shui Po	16.9	50.8
Southern	11.7	31.0
Tai Po	11.0	24.2
Tsuen Wan	12.4	30.5
Tuen Mun	20.3	34.3
Wan Chai	6.5	19.1
Wong Tai Sin	18.8	57.8
Yau Tsim Mong	13.6	35.2
Yuen Long	18.0	41.8
Total	295.2	726.3

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2810)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 49):

The Administration will increase the number of places of aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) from 690 to 722 in 2014-15. Please inform this Committee of the various geographical districts to be allocated with these additional 32 places. Please also list by District Council district the number of places available and the number of persons on the waiting lists for the various types of child care services.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

In 2014-15, 32 additional places will be provided through in-situ expansion in four existing aided standalone CCCs in Eastern, Central & Western, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong districts. The respective numbers of places in aided standalone CCCs, kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS), extended hours service (EHS), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) for each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) are set out in the Annex. SWD does not keep any waiting list for the aforementioned services as the overall provisions can meet the demand.

**Provision of Various Types of Child Care Services
(2014-15)**

SWD District	Number of places					
	Aided standalone CCC	KG-cum-CCC	OCCS	EHS	MHCCCs	NSCCP
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	48	3 904	42	124	67	954 [Note 4]
Eastern/Wan Chai	104	3 461	31	152	0	
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	160	4 351	47	124	14	
Kwun Tong	0	1 456	49	122	56	
Sha Tin	70	2 091	29	82	0	
Sham Shui Po	62	732	25	76	37	
Tai Po/North	48	1 680	35	124	14	
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	102	2 282	55	138	56	
Tuen Mun	64	1 481	31	78	14	
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	0	3 050	55	140	14	
Yuen Long	64	1 087	35	70	42	
Total	722 [Note 1]	25 575 [Note 2]	434 [Note 3]	1 230	314	

[Note 1] This includes the 32 additional places to be provided in 4 existing aided standalone CCCs in Eastern, Central & Western, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong districts in 2014-15.

[Note 2] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013 which were captured at the beginning of the current school year.

[Note 3] To maximise the service utilisation, SWD will adjust the geographical distribution of OCCS places in September 2014 in accordance with the changes in district demand after consulting the operators concerned. The total number of OCCS places will remain unchanged.

[Note 4]

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 service (HCCS) places and 14 centre-based care group (CCG) places at any one time during the year. In 2014-15, the Administration will enhance NSCCP by providing, among others, at least 13 additional HCCS places per district. Thus, there will be at least a total of 954 places, including 702 HCCS places and 252 CCG places over the territory.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2811)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 50):

What were the publicity and education expenditure involved in the prevention of domestic violence for the past 3 years (i.e. 2011-12 to 2013-14)? Please list the various measures to support victims of domestic violence and the number of persons receiving such services over the past year. What are the estimated expenditure and plans for domestic violence support services in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

In 2011-12 and 2012-13, the expenditure for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million each year. In 2013-14, it was around \$7.9 million, including a one-off allocation for the production of a new series of docudrama.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Service 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. Since these services are also available for families in need and there is no breakdown of the user types, there is no statistical information on the number of victims of domestic violence receiving such services.

In 2014-15, SWD will continue to provide the aforementioned services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. The total estimated expenditure for these services is \$2,342.8 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to services provided for victims of domestic violence cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2812)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No 51):

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Administration will set up three new Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) including two operated by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and one operated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). What are the details of the funding required, specific locations, districts served and staffing establishment of the three new centres?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

The three new IFSCs set up in 2012-13 are located in Kwun Tong, Yuen Long and Kowloon City.

In the 2013-14 Revised Estimate, the average expenditure for each IFSC run by SWD and NGOs is \$14.2 million and \$10.8 million respectively. 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 SWD in Kowloon City district. As regards the two IFSCs in Kwun Tong and Yuen Long districts run by 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 have flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2940)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operating Expenses
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 115):

What is the estimated provision of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for checking income and asset requirements of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

In addition to about 100 posts created in 2013-14 to launch OALA, about 40 additional posts will be created in 2014-15 (i.e. a total of about 140 posts) to implement OALA. Their duties include conducting postal review for some 273 000 recipients who were granted OALA under the Phase 1 – “Auto- conversion” arrangement to screen out those failing the means-test before expiry of the grace period by end-November 2014. The manpower will involve an annual estimated expenditure of \$43 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0268

(Question Serial No. 2941)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 116):

What is the estimated funding for the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GD)? What measures will the HKSAR Government adopt to help the elderly participants who might have to face problems having to do with food safety, environmental hygiene, training of medical staff and the law?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

We will launch a pilot scheme to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights (the Shenzhen Home), an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong non-governmental organisation (NGO)), to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to choose to live therein. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO. Actual expenditure will depend on the number of intakes of eligible elderly persons which is dictated by the wish and choice of the elderly persons concerned.

A legally binding service agreement has been signed between SWD and the Shenzhen Home. The agreement sets out clearly, among others, the service requirements, monitoring mechanism, and operator's obligations, etc. Also, the Shenzhen Home will need to obtain accreditation on its service provision from a certification body in Hong Kong which has been accredited under the certification of management system of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers. The ongoing accreditation process will help to ensure that the quality of residential care services at the Shenzhen Home is constantly maintained at acceptable standards. Other monitoring measures, such as self-assessment reports, customers' satisfaction surveys, etc., will be put in place. The Shenzhen Home is also required to provide transportation services for its residents under the pilot scheme to attend medical follow-up treatment at the North District Hospital when such needs arise, and to provide those residents with in-house medical consultation service by qualified registered medical practitioners.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2942)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 117):

What are the targets of the Social Welfare Department this year as regards the numbers of day care places for the elderly, subsidised residential care places for the elderly and care-and-attention (C&A) places to be provided? What is the estimated funding for the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) this year?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

A total of 229 additional subsidised day care places at new day care centres/units for the elderly and 1 171 additional subsidised residential care places (comprising 388 nursing home places and 783 C&A places) are expected to commence service in 2014-15.

The estimated annual expenditure for EBPS in 2014-15 is \$928.5 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2943)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 118):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has received applications from about 40 organisations under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme) and it is estimated that 17 000 service places for the elderly and persons with disabilities will be provided. What measures will SWD adopt to ensure that users of the redeveloped or expanded welfare facilities will be charged only reasonable and affordable fees?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

In accordance with the prevailing practice, for welfare services run on a subvented basis, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to comply with the guidelines set out in the Lump Sum Grant Manual to ensure that the redeveloped or expanded welfare facilities charge only reasonable and affordable fees.

For applicant NGOs which will provide welfare facilities on a self-financing basis, they need to submit detailed service proposals including, but not limited to, the details of the financing mode for consideration by SWD with a view to showing that the services will be operated on a non-profit-making basis, the collection of fees and charges is essential for the provision of the services and the level of such fees and charges is commensurate with the cost and quality of the services and the affordability of the users.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2944)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 119):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is currently funding three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide one-stop services to street sleepers. What future plans are in place to encourage more NGOs to provide relevant services? How many street sleepers have been registered by SWD or the relevant NGOs at present? Are there any plans to reach out to more street sleepers for registration?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The three Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs) will continue to closely work with NGOs providing relevant services for street sleepers, for example, Integrated Family Service Centres, Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects, Urban Hostels/Emergency Shelters, Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness and Residential Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres, with a view to better meeting the service needs of street sleepers and helping them give up street sleeping.

As at end-January 2014, the number of street sleepers on the Street Sleepers Registry was 745. The three ISTs, together with the Care and Support Networking Team, will continue to step up outreaching efforts to visit street sleepers and keep their records, including their service needs, in the Street Sleepers Registry.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2179)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 20):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 122) that the Elderly Commission (EC) will explore the feasibility of introducing residential care service (RCS) vouchers for the elderly. About \$800 million has been earmarked to issue a total of 3 000 residential care service vouchers in phases within 3 years from 2015-16.

What will be the value of each service voucher as conceived by the Administration? What will be the estimated number of elderly beneficiaries in 2015-16? How many service vouchers will be distributed to each elderly person per year? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, EC will conduct a study on the feasibility of introducing a RCS voucher scheme and to submit a report in a year's time. If it is considered feasible to run such a scheme, the Administration will provide the necessary resources. In this connection, the Administration has earmarked about \$800 million to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 RCS vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18. Details of the RCS voucher scheme, including the voucher value and other arrangements, will be worked out taking into consideration EC's study report.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2180)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 21):

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will implement a one-stop integrated support service (ISS) programme for persons with severe physical disabilities from families with financial difficulties including providing subsidies for the renting of medical equipment and the acquisition of related consumables.

Please list the details of the various support services, as well as the types and amounts of the subsidies, under this one-stop programme.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply:

An additional full-year recurrent funding of \$98.7 million is earmarked to launch an ISS programme through a case management approach to provide one-stop support service for persons with severe physical disabilities who are in need of constant care in the community and help alleviate the burden of their family members/carers. The ISS programme also serves to regularise two Community Care Fund programmes which provide special subsidy for persons with severe physical disabilities to rent respiratory support medical equipment and purchase medical consumables. SWD is drawing up the implementation details of this initiative.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0274

(Question Serial No. 2181)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 22):

Please set out in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) fraud cases by category, the percentage of fraud cases over the total number of active cases, and the amount of overpayment involved for the past 3 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply:

Breakdown of the number of established CSSA fraud cases from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is as follows –

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013)
Type of established fraud cases –			
a. Concealing or false claim of income	317	369	199
b. Concealing or false claim of total assets	262	426	234
c. Fraudulent claim for rent	59	78	43
d. Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence from Hong Kong, household conditions, etc.)	168	244	128
Total number of established fraud cases	806	1 117	604
Total number of active cases	275 383	267 623	260 774
Percentage of established fraud cases over the total number of active cases (%)	0.29	0.42	0.23
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	51.5	68.4	44.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2184)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 25):

Please set out in table form the number of new applicants, the average waiting time and the funding 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 2 years (i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply:

The information sought is set out in the Annex.

Information on Applicants for Various Rehabilitation Services

Type of service	No. of new applicants on the waiting list		Average waiting time (in month)		Expenditure (\$ million)	
	2012-13	2013-14 (from 1.4.2013 to 31.12.2013)	2012-13	2013-14 [Note]	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
HWH	595	508	8.2	-	154.7	160.7
LSCH	232	165	16.7	-	183.9	191.9
HMMH	261	183	83.8	-	177.8	190.9
HSMH	203	151	86.4	-	501.5	554.8
HSPH	107	82	26.6	-	94.5	100.8
C&A/SD	116	86	48.0	-	166.6	187.1
C&A/AB	221	164	5.4	-	118.1	122.7

[Note] The average waiting time for 2013-14 is not available at this stage.

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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0276****(Question Serial No. 2185)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Service for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 26):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that the Administration will allocate some \$200 million for upgrading subvented nursing home (NH) places to provide a continuum of care (COC). Please provide the distribution of such places providing COC by District Council district and the number of residential care places providing COC in Hong Kong as a result of the increases.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply:

An additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$64.8 million is earmarked to upgrade all the 1 574 subsidised NH places in 6 subvented NHs to residential care places providing COC. The geographical distribution of these 1 574 subsidised NH places is as follows –

District	Number of places
Kwun Tong	238
Wong Tai Sin	280
Sai Kung	270
North	254
Tsuen Wan	316
Tuen Mun	216
Total	1 574

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0277

(Question Serial No. 1265)Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion (Member Question No. 37):

The Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) has been launched and extended by phases since 2012. Would the Administration advise this Committee on the amount reimbursed to the public transport operators since the launch of the Scheme? Please provide a breakdown by elderly and eligible persons with disabilities.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuenReply:

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.

Since the launch of the Scheme and up to 19 March 2014, we had reimbursed the following amounts of revenue forgone to the public transport operators concerned:

Public transport operators	Reimbursement made as at 19 March 2014 (\$'000)	
	Elderly ^(Note 1)	Eligible persons with disabilities ^(Note 2)
MTR Corporation Limited	191,266	43,106
Franchised bus operators	347,376	131,859
Ferry operators	15,643	1,518

(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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1276)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.27):

Although the Administration intends to replace seven and procure six rehabuses, it is understood that such addition would not improve the concerned services. Will the Administration please advise:

1. What was the average waiting time for rebus scheduled route (SR) services last year? Is there any improvement in comparison with the preceding year? Will the Administration advise whether there is any plan to reduce the number of persons on the waiting list with the estimated number of persons on the waiting list for SR services in 2014 still remaining at the level of 60?
2. What were the percentages of numbers of orders not entertained out of the number of telephone orders made by citizens for rebus dial-a-ride (DAR) services in each of the past three years? How much time in advance on average will actually be required for a citizen to place an order for DAR service to make sure that the service will be provided?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

There are at present 135 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 offices, 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 average waiting time for SR services was about two months in 2013, which was about the same as compared with that in the preceding year. The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2014-15, three of which to be deployed for SR services. If the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the addition of the three rehabuses should be able to cater for all applicants currently on the waiting list for the services.

The percentages of the numbers of DAR orders not entertained out of the total number of DAR orders received in 2011, 2012 and 2013 were about 13.3%, 12.7% and 12.5% respectively. 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. It is difficult to provide a precise estimate on the number of days required in advance to secure the provision of DAR services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0279****(Question Serial No. 0115)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion (Member Question No. 7):

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-lamReply:

The above Programme (5) includes Rehabus services and the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("the Scheme"). For the provision of Rehabus services, the subvention for 2014-15 is estimated to be about \$68.81 million. The 2014-15 estimate for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is \$594 million, broken down as follows :-

Public transport operators	Estimates 2014-15 (\$'000)
MTR Corporation Limited	175,905
Franchised bus operators	395,933
Ferry operators	22,349
Total	594,187

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0280****(Question Serial No. 0116)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion (Member Question No. 8):

Please provide information on the utilisation of rebus services:

	2014 Estimate	2013	2012	2011	2010
<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:

	2014-15 Estimate	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
<u>Government Subvention Per Year</u> ^{Note 1}	\$68.81 million	\$55.97 million	\$55.93 million	\$61.16 million	\$46.51 million

	2014 Estimate	2013	2012	2011	2010
<u>Scheduled route services</u> ^{Note 2}					
Average daily passenger trips	1 214	1 179	1 139	1 084	1 054
Number of vehicles	87	84	80	77	74
Number of persons on waiting list as at year-end	60	60	62	58	73

	2014 Estimate	2013	2012	2011	2010
<u>Dial-a-ride services</u>					
Average daily passenger trips	1 230	1 190	1 152	1 117	1 129
Number of vehicles ^{Note 3}	39	36	34	33	32
Number of orders received	N.A.	108 920	118 918	126 827	123 246
Number of orders not entertained	N.A.	13 635	15 105	16 839	13 755

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 on Sundays and public holidays and when they are outside peak periods on weekdays.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0281

(Question Serial No. 2511)Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead(No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion (Member Question No.10):

1. The situation of orders for rebus dial-a-ride (DAR) services not entertained and their classification (e.g. attending medical appointments, travelling, attending activities, etc.) in the past five years
2. The situation of the turnover of rebus drivers in the past five years and the reasons.
3. The number of DAR orders not entertained due to driver shortage in the past five years.
4. What measures does the Administration have to improve the situation?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

The information sought is as follows:

1. Rebus operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) provides 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 number of orders for DAR services not entertained in the past five years classified by the intended purpose of using the services is tabulated as follows:

Intended Purpose of Using DAR Services	No. of orders for DAR services not entertained				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1. Receiving Medical Treatment	6 246	7 026	8 817	7 795	7 430
2. Attending Social Activities	2 385	3 056	3 701	2 898	2 534
3. Attending School/ Training	629	782	1 131	1 340	1 295
4. Going Home/ to Rehabilitation Centre	1 510	2 429	2 672	2 630	1 818

Intended Purpose of Using DAR Services	No. of orders for DAR services not entertained				
	5. Going to Work	81	106	140	81
6. Others	254	356	378	361	350
Total Number of Cases:	11 105	13 755	16 839	15 105	13 635

2. The total number of rehabus drivers who retired or resigned from service from 2009 to 2013 were 21 and 78 respectively. The HKSR does not keep records on the reasons of drivers' resignation.
3. There are various factors leading to DAR orders not entertained, including competing demands during peak hours. HKSR does not keep records on the number of DAR orders not entertained due to driver shortage.
4. The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2014-15. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during off-peak periods. Furthermore, the Administration will allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$4.2 million in 2014-15 to Rehabus for meeting the recurrent cost of the six new rehabuses and employing nine additional drivers and two additional management staff with a view to further enhancing its service and management. If the demand for the SR and DAR services remains at the present level, it is expected that the current waiting list for SR services will be cleared and the number of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained currently will be reduced by 35% in 2014-15.

Other management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, arranging full-time drivers to work overtime as and when appropriate and encouraging service users to jointly use the Rehabus services where applicable, will continue to be adopted in order to fully utilise the Rehabus fleet and provide services to more persons with disabilities in need.

The Administration will continue to review from time to time the fleet size, routes and mode of operation of Rehabus with a view to achieving sustainable improvement and maintain close collaboration with the public transport operators to improve the accessibility of transport facilities to facilitate more convenient use of the public transport services by persons with disabilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0282

(Question Serial No. 0772)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Bureau will extend the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to eligible persons with disabilities aged below 12 and to green minibuses in phases. In this regard, will the Administration inform this Committee of: 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; and the estimated expenditure on fare subsidies over the next three financial years?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

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); and Phase 3 of the Scheme was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and New Lantao Bus. Up to end-January 2014, 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 2014 ^(Note 1))	
	Elderly ^(Note 2)	Eligible persons with disabilities ^(Note 3)
MTR Corporation Limited	224 400	35 600
Franchised bus operators	384 700	47 900
Ferry operators	5 300	500

(Note 1) We have no breakdown on the days of the week.

(Note 2) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

(Note 3) 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.

As at 19 March 2014, we had reimbursed the following amounts of revenue forgone to the public transport operators concerned:

Public transport operators	Reimbursement made as at 19 March 2014 (\$'000)
MTR Corporation Limited	234,372
Franchised bus operators	479,235
Ferry operators	17,161

For 2014-15, the estimated amount for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is \$594.187 million. The estimated average daily passenger trips to be taken by beneficiaries under the Scheme in 2014 is 790 000. This has taken into account the planned extension of the Scheme to cover eligible persons with disabilities aged below 12 in May/June 2014.

We plan to extend the Scheme to cover also green minibuses in phases starting from the first quarter of 2015. We will in due course take the concrete phased implementation plan into account when estimating the amounts to be reimbursed to the public transport operators for 2015-16 and 2016-17.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0283****(Question Serial No. 2805)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion (Member Question No. 29):

What were the respective amounts reimbursed to the public transport operators concerned for their revenue forgone under the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-pingReply:

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.

For 2013-14, the estimated amount for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators for their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is as follows:

Public transport operators	2013-14 (Revised Estimate) (\$'000)
MTR Corporation Limited	147,961
Franchised bus operators	340,166
Ferry operators	18,010

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1158)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 90):

Under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15*, it is mentioned that the Administration will continue to monitor the operation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme). In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (1) The number of elderly people and persons with disabilities taking ferry services under the Scheme since its implementation, and the average daily passenger trips;
- (2) A breakdown by ferry routes of the number of elderly people and persons with disabilities benefited from the Scheme since its implementation;
- (3) The amount of reimbursement the Administration has provided to each ferry operator since implementation of the Scheme;
- (4) Whether the Administration will consider extending the Scheme to cover Kaito ferry services approved by the Transport Department to enhance convenience for the elderly and persons with disabilities in remote areas and encourage them to engage in outdoor activities.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) & (2) At present, over 1.02 million elderly people^(Note 1) and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities^(Note 2) may benefit from the Scheme. On 3 March 2013, the Scheme was extended to cover ferries. Up to end-January 2014, the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly people on the ferry services under the Scheme was 5 300, whereas that for eligible persons with disabilities was 500.
- (3) Since the launch of the Scheme on ferry services from 3 March 2013 till 19 March 2014, the Administration had reimbursed to the ferry operators concerned about \$17 million for their revenue forgone.
- (4) Most of the Kaito ferry services are operated in a highly flexible manner to meet ad hoc or recreational demand and their service frequency, fare and timetable are not regulated by the Administration. As the Administration reimburses revenue forgone to relevant public transport operators on an accountable basis, it is not appropriate to extend the Scheme to cover Kaito ferry services.

(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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1046)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 173):

Under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15*, the Administration will continue to monitor the operation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme). In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (1) The number of elderly people and persons with disabilities taking Mass Transit Railway (MTR) services under the Scheme since its implementation (in 2012-13 and 2013-14), and the average daily passenger trips.
- (2) The amount of reimbursement the Administration has provided to the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) since implementation of the Scheme (in 2012-13 and 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

- (1) At present, over 1.02 million elderly people^(Note 1) and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities^(Note 2) may benefit from the Scheme. The average daily passenger trips of the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities who used MTR services under the Scheme in 2012 and 2013 were 242 700 and 263 200 respectively.
- (2) Since the launch of the Scheme on MTRCL from 28 June 2012 till 19 March 2014, the Administration had reimbursed to MTRCL about \$86 million in 2012-13 and about \$148 million in 2013-14 for its revenue forgone.

^(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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1047)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 174):

Under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15*, the Administration will continue to monitor the operation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme). In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (1) The number of elderly people and persons with disabilities taking franchised bus services under the Scheme since its implementation (in 2012-13 and 2013-14), and the average daily passenger trips.
- (2) The amount of reimbursement the Administration has provided to each franchised bus operator since implementation of the Scheme (in 2012-13 and 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows :

- (1) At present, over 1.02 million elderly people^(Note 1) and 130 000 eligible persons with disabilities^(Note 2) may benefit from the Scheme. The average daily passenger trips of the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities who used franchised bus services under the Scheme in 2012 and 2013 were 396 300 and 439 000 respectively.
- (2) Since the launch of the Scheme on franchised bus services from 5 August 2012 till 19 March 2014, the Administration had reimbursed to the franchised bus operators concerned about \$139 million in 2012-13 and about \$340 million in 2013-14 for their revenue forgone.

^(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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0287

(Question Serial No. 1073)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.55):

In respect of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) implemented in 2013-14, please provide the information with the following tables:

- (1) Number of Mass Transit Railway (MTR), bus and ferry trips taken by the elderly and the amounts involved during weekdays and holidays under the Scheme:

		Franchised Bus	MTR	Ferry
Weekdays	No. of trips			
	Amount involved			
	Government expenditure			
Holidays	No. of trips			
	Amount involved			
	Government expenditure			

- (2) Number of MTR, bus and ferry trips taken by eligible persons with disabilities and the amounts involved during weekdays and holidays under the Scheme:

		Franchised Bus	MTR	Ferry
Weekdays	No. of trips			
	Amount involved			
	Government expenditure			
Holidays	No. of trips			
	Amount involved			
	Government expenditure			

- (3) The Department will extend the Scheme to children aged below 12 with 100 percent disabilities receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or Disability Allowance. Please provide the number of beneficiaries and the implementation date.
- (4) Under the three phases of the Scheme, what are the amounts of payment made to public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited for solving technical issues? What is the estimated expenditure for extending the Scheme to green minibuses (GMBs)?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

- (1) & (2) The number of trips on franchised buses, MTR and ferries taken by the elderly^(Note 1) and eligible persons with disabilities^(Note 2) under the Scheme and the estimated government expenditure for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators for their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme in 2013-14 are provided in the following two tables respectively :

- (a) Average daily passenger trips in 2013^(Note3)

	Franchised Bus	MTR	Ferry
Elderly	389 000	227 700	5 300
Eligible persons with disabilities	50 000	35 500	500

- (b) The 2013-14 revised estimate for reimbursing the revenue forgone

	Franchised Bus (\$'000)	MTR (\$'000)	Ferry (\$'000)
Elderly	244,512	120,628	16,353
Eligible persons with disabilities	95,654	27,333	1,657

- (3) The Administration is working proactively with the public transport operators concerned and the Octopus Cards Limited with a view to extending the Scheme to eligible children with disabilities aged below 12^(Note 4) in May/June 2014. The estimated number of beneficiaries is about 9 000.
- (4) The accumulated non-recurrent expenditure (including the 2013-14 revised estimate) for setting up the centralised settlement platform and related system enhancement for the Scheme is \$7.36 million.

There are at present over 150 GMB operators involving more than 480 routes and 3 000 vehicles. Many of them are small in business scale with different financial positions and accounting arrangements. The Transport Department is exploring with the GMB trade and the Octopus Cards Limited to resolve the technical, operational, accounting and auditing issues, and the expenditure involved on the basis of extending the Scheme to GMBs, in phases, starting from the first quarter of 2015.

^(Note 1) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

^(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance (DA) in the same age group.

^(Note3) We have no breakdown on the days of the week.

^(Note 4) Recipients under the CSSA Scheme aged below 12 with 100% disabilities and recipients of DA in the same age group.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2203)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

In 2014-15, the Transport Department will extend the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to green minibuses (GMBs) in phases. Please inform this Committee the earliest date of implementation, the details of those green minibus routes planned for implementation first and the timetable.

Asked by: Hon. YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply:

There are at present over 150 GMB operators involving more than 480 routes and 3 000 vehicles. Many of these operators are small in business scale with different financial positions and accounting arrangements. The Transport Department (TD) is exploring with the GMB trade and the Octopus Cards Limited to resolve the technical, operational, accounting and auditing issues involved in our proposed extension of the Scheme to GMBs, in phases, starting from the first quarter of 2015. TD will also need to separately discuss and agree with individual operators on the detailed arrangements. The exact number of GMB operators / GMB routes to be included in the first phase of the extension will be decided when there is a clear picture about the degree of technical readiness of the GMB operators.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0236)

Head: (710) Capital Works Reserve Fund : Computerisation
Subhead (No. & title): (A012ZG) Replacement of the Computerised Social Security System
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 14):

The allocation under Subhead A012ZG "Replacement of Computerised Social Security System" under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerisation was approved by the Legislative Council back in 2009 vide the paper FCR(2008-09)58. The paper pointed out that there was a pressing need to either upgrade or replace the system of the Department, and the new system was expected to be completed in 2012. However, about 40% of the allocation under this Subhead will still be unused at the end of next year as shown in the Estimates. Would the Government please advise the following –

- (1) Is there any delay in the project? What are the reasons and problems involved?
- (2) What are the most updated progress and timeframe for replacing the system? When will the replacement work for the whole system be completed?
- (3) Should there be any delay in the project, what are the additional expenditure and manpower involved? Is the allocation in the Original Estimate sufficient?
- (4) Please provide the most updated cost-benefit analysis for the project.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

- (1) There is delay in the project owing to the following reasons –
 - a. the need to include additional enhancement items which were implemented during the development of the new system;
 - b. the need for the Contractor to spend longer time than expected to understand the highly complex business/system logics; and
 - c. the difficulties encountered by the Contractor in integrating different modules of the system being developed.
- (2) Given the need to include additional enhancement items, the target rollout date of the new system has been revised from August 2013 to end-March 2014. The Contractor is still preparing for full-scale system test at present, and it is unlikely that the end-March 2014 target rollout date can be met.
- (3) The approved project estimate for Subhead A012ZG "Replacement of Computerised Social Security System" covers expenditure for hardware, software, implementation services, contract staff, etc. The approved project estimate should be sufficient to cover the additional requirements.

- (4) The Computerised Social Security System (CSSS) is a mission-critical system supporting the operation of social security schemes serving more than 1 million recipients. The system also provides management information to facilitate service monitoring and policy analyses and reviews, and supports the implementation of changes in policy. Since CSSS has reached the end of its serviceable lifespan of ten years, a new system must be developed to replace it in order to sustain the provision of social security services for financially vulnerable individuals and families and support continuous service enhancement.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0290****(Question Serial No. 2954)**

Head: (710) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Computerisation

Subhead (No. & title): (A012ZG) Replacement of the Computerised Social Security System

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 42):

The approved project estimate for "Replacement of the Computerised Social Security System" is over \$386 million. However, the actual expenditure as at 31 March 2013 was only some \$19 million. Within the remainder (over \$367 million) of the approved project estimate, the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 took up some \$51.7 million only and the Estimate for 2014-15 is some \$148 million only.

What is the time frame for spending the remainder of the approved project estimate? How will the progress of the project be expedited to provide better quality service to the public as soon as possible? Can a detailed breakdown of the resources allocated for different facilities covered in the project be provided? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

The approved project estimate for developing the new computer system is \$386.1 million. A breakdown of the Estimate is as follows –

Item	Approved Project Estimate (\$ million)
1. Hardware	69.5
2. Software	49.8
3. Communication network	5.1
4. Implementation services	208.1
5. Contract staff	14.9
6. Site preparation	15.3
7. Training	4.5
8. Consumables	0.5
9. Contingency	18.4
Total	386.1

The expenditure of the project, which may vary in individual years, is estimated on the basis of payment milestones for the service charges payable to the Contractor to develop the new system and other project expenditure required in the year. The payment milestones depend on the project progress. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will only pay the Contractor upon acceptance of the deliverables. The

Contractor is still preparing for full-scale system test at present, and it is unlikely that the end-March 2014 target rollout date can be met. SWD will closely monitor the work of the Contractor and provide full support to the project implementation in order to expedite the delivery of the new computer system.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4372)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 71):

Would the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (1) the estimated payroll cost for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare for 2014-15?
- (2) the estimated payroll cost for the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare for 2014-15?
- (3) the estimated payroll cost for the Political Assistant to Secretary for Labour and Welfare for 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

For budgetary purpose, the salary provision earmarked for the positions of Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau for 2014-15 is \$3.38 million, \$2.54 million and \$1.18 million respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0292

(Question Serial No. 5958)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 568):

What are the salaries of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Political Assistant of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

For budgetary purpose, the salary provision earmarked for the positions of Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau for 2014-15 is \$3.38 million, \$2.54 million and \$1.18 million respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5959)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 569):

Apart from salaries, how much has been spent on the media and community events of the Secretary in 2013-14? Please provide the details and amount spent on each event.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

Information on the Secretary's participation in media and community events (referred to as "events" hereunder) is mainly disseminated through press releases and/or the Government website¹. The expenses incurred for the Secretary's participation in such events were absorbed within the Bureau's recurrent expenditure, and no separate breakdown is available.

¹ Website: <http://www.lwb.gov.hk/eng/press/content.htm>

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6286)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 574):

- a) How much has the government spent specifically on gender equality training provided to civil servants in 2012-13 and 2013-14? How much does the government plan to spend in 2014-15?
- b) Does the government have any similar initiatives in the private sector? How much has the government spent in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and plan to spend in 2014-15, on these initiatives?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13 and 2013-14, around 1500 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 Housing Department, Labour Department, Information Services Department and Buildings Department. Gender-related training was also included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers. In addition, regular gender-related training was arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I. In 2013-14, two sessions of gender-related training were particularly arranged for senior civil servants including directorate officers. To enable all civil servants to receive gender-related training in a more flexible manner, there was an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues, and a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for all civil servants.

In 2014-15, we will continue with our efforts to provide gender-related training for civil servants. The resources required for providing the relevant training in 2014-15, as in the case of 2012-13 and 2013-14, will be absorbed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB).

- (b) In 2012-13 and 2013-14, the Women's Commission partnered with the Equal Opportunities Commission to attend the Human Resources Managers' Club under the Labour Department to brief non-governmental sector on gender mainstreaming and prevention of sexual harassment at the workplace. Various forms of publicity programmes to promote gender mainstreaming were implemented.

In 2014-15, we will also continue with our efforts to promote gender-related issues to non-governmental sector. The resources involved for providing these programmes in 2014-15, as in the case of 2012-13 and 2013-14, will be absorbed by LWB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6287)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 575):

- a) Does the Government make use of the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) advocated by the United Nations in the formulation and implementation of all areas of public policy? In which areas does it do so and in which areas does it not?
- b) Does the Government have a plan and timetable to require the use of the Checklist across all organs and institutions of the HKSAR Government? If yes, please provide details.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) 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 could 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 hitherto applied the Checklist to 50 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, the development of batterer intervention programme, etc.

In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of gender mainstreaming (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.

- (b) The Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue with its ongoing efforts to promote GM. Training will continue to be provided 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. Gender-related training will also be included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers. In addition, regular gender-related training will be arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I. To enable all civil servants to receive gender-related training in a more flexible manner, an online training programme on GM and gender-related issues, and a web-portal on GM will continue to be made available to all civil servants.

With a view to providing incentives for bureaux and departments to apply GM to their work, WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award in 2012-13 to give recognition to the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting GM, to showcase their successful application of 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. We will consider making such awards in future.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6288)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 576):

- a) How much has the Labour and Welfare Bureau spent on the Funding Scheme For Women's Development each year since its inception? How much does the Bureau plan to spend in 2014-15?
- b) How many successful and unsuccessful applications has the Women's Commission received under the Funding Scheme For Women's Development each year since its inception? Please provide the details and amount of funding received by each successful applicant.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) A total of \$2 million has been set aside by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) each year for the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) since 2012-13. Under the Funding Scheme, the Women's Commission (WoC) allocates around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations under the WoC Stream in organising regional and territory-wide activities. The project ceiling for each of the application is \$100,000 under WoC Stream. In addition, each of the 18 District Councils (DC) is allocated \$53,000 under the DC Stream for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. We will continue to set aside a total of \$2 million for implementing the Funding Scheme in 2014-15.
- (b) There were 42 and 47 approved projects under the Funding Scheme in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. Details of the approved projects are at Annex.

Depending on the nature, scale and amount of funding sought for individual projects, the approved funding for projects under the WoC Stream in 2012-13 and 2013-14 ranged from \$5,300 to \$87,000. As for projects under the DC stream in the same years, depending on the number of organisers of each district as well as the nature and scale of individual projects, the approved funding for projects ranged from \$4,400 to \$53,000.

**Projects approved under the Funding Scheme
for Women's Development**

2012-13

<i>WoC Stream</i>		
	Name of organisation (in alphabetical order)	Name of project
1.	Action for REACH OUT	Integrated Health Education for Female Sex Workers in Hong Kong
2.	Bring Me A Book Hong Kong Limited	Read Together, Quality Family Time – Community Outreach Training Project
3.	Caritas Community Centre – Aberdeen, Caritas Community Centre – Mok Cheung Sui Kun, Hong Kong Southern District Women's Association Limited	《New Era for Ethnic Minority Ladies》 - Health Promotion Programme
4.	Hong Kong Central and Western District Woman Association	The Celebration of 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Stay Beautiful in Menopause
5.	Hong Kong Island Women's Association	Amazing Body, Mind and Soul Women's Health Project
6.	Hong Kong Outlying Islands Women's Association Ltd	Dream Made Possible in Life
7.	Hong Kong Women Christian Council	Mental Health Ambassador Training Programme
8.	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	“Healthy Eating • Active Sporting” Women's Health Campaign
9.	Hong Kong Women Workers' Association	Improving the Hardware and Software of a Triple-duty Life
10.	HKYWCA Women Affairs Department	Women in S.H.I.N.E.
11.	International Social Service HK Branch Shamshuiipo (South) Integrated Family Service Centre	Community Care by Ripples Action
12.	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	You are What You Eat – Make Nutritive Choices for Low-carbon Lifestyle
13.	Lok Kwan Social Service	Everybody Gets Healthy!
14.	Po Leung Kuk	Holistic Health Project for Women
15.	Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O Women's Association Limited	Enjoy a Pleasing and Delightful Life with Full Awareness of Physical and Mental Health
16.	The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Union Women Affairs Committee	Live Out the Gap
17.	Tuen Mun District Women's Association Limited	Spectrum Care – Women's Community Volunteer Leadership Training Initiative
18.	Well Women Clinic of Tung Wah Group Hospital	Campaign on “Women's Health, Body and Mind”
19.	Women Service Association	Women Revitalization
20.	Zonta Club of Hong Kong	Embracing Your Life : Enjoy a Beautiful Life (Body, Mind and Spiritual Wellness Project)

DC Stream			
	District	Name of organisation (in alphabetical order)	Name of project
21.	Central & Western	Hong Kong Central and Western District Woman Association	Celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Breast Cancer Prevention Campaign
22.	Eastern	Carnation Women's Association	Magnificent Life of Women in Eastern District
23.		The Brightening Association (Hong Kong) Limited	Community Education
24.	Southern	The Hong Kong Southern District Community Women Association	Colourful Life Training Campaign <i>(English translation; only Chinese name is available)</i>
25.	Wan Chai	Wan Chai Yin Ngai Society	Femme@Wanchai
26.	Kowloon City	Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon	Arousing Health Awareness among Ethnic Minority Women in Kowloon City
27.	Kwun Tong	Hong Kong Christian Service Kwun Tong Happy Teens Club	Healthy Nation • Happy Map
28.	Sham Shui Po	Ching Fai Women Association Limited	Building & Bonding – Women Leadership Project
29.	Yau Tsim Mong	Working Group on Women's Affairs of Yau Tsim Mong District Council	"Women Wellness Programme" Sharing Day cum Movie Appreciation
30.	Wong Tai Sin	We're Family Association	Gender Equality and Health Plan
31.	Islands	Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee Working Group of Islands District Council	Islands District Women Development Scheme – Enhancement Programme Through Community Building
32.	Kwai Tsing	Harmonevergreen Service Association Limited	Beauty & Fitness School
33.		Kwai Shing Community Service Association	Energetic and Delightful Life Programme
34.		Tsing Yi Community Express	Computer and Internet Training Course for Women
35.		Union of Women (Cheung On)	Women Training Course
36.	North	North District Women's Association Ltd.	Healthy Living Programme
37.	Sai Kung	Sai Kung District Community Centre	Healthy Eating & Happy Life
38.	Sha Tin	Working Group on Community Involvement by Women, Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee, Sha Tin District Council	Women Volunteers Programme
39.	Tai Po	Wisenic Club	"Modern Women's Health Issue" Programme
40.	Tsuen Wan	Fuk Loi Moon Lok Yin Ngai Society	Women Enhancement Programme
41.	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun District Women's Association Limited	Sunshine Action in Tuen Mun
42.	Yuen Long	Yuen Long District Women's Association Limited	Healthy Living Carnival

<i>WoC Stream</i>		
	Name of organisation (in alphabetical order)	Name of project
1.	Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Workers (Hong Kong Island)	The Home CEOs
2.	CTU Education Foundation Limited	Women Leadership Training Scheme
3.	Hong Kong Central and Western District Woman Association	Health & Beauty Build from Inner Heart
4.	Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Association Women's Committee	"Healthy Life" Project
5.	Hong Kong Domestic Workers General Union	Domestic Work is Work
6.	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres	As Healthy as We Want
7.	Hong Kong Women Christian Council	Mental Health Ambassador Training Program Series – Family, Peers
8.	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Women's Health Campaign 2013
9.	HKYWCA Women Affairs Department	2013' Women in S.H.I.N.E.
10.	Kowloon Federation of Associations (Women Affairs Committee)	KFAWAC Women's Development Scheme 2013
11.	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	Low Carbon Cooking, Tenfold Fun
12.	New Arrival Women League	Balance Line for New Arrivals Women
13.	New Home Association	Happy with Health
14.	New Home Association (Kowloon East Service Centre)	Living In Innovative Lifestyle
15.	New Territories Association of Societies Women's Centre Limited	Healthy Living Project
16.	Po Leung Kuk	Vibrant Health and Beauty Project for Women
17.	The Association for the Advancement of Feminism	Healthy Life for Women
18.	The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Union Women Affairs Committee	Shine Your Life Show Your Capability
19.	The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	Empowerment of Girls and Women
20.	Tseung Kwan O Wai Yin Association	Patticoat Strive Shows Catchers
21.	Tuen Mun District Women's Association Limited	Spectrum Care – Women's Community Volunteer Leadership Training Initiative 2013 - 2014
22.	Women Service Association	Combination of Healthy Women

DC Stream			
	District	Name of organisation (in alphabetical order)	Name of project
23.	Central & Western	Hong Kong Central and Western District Woman Association	YOU Make Health Better: Cervical Health Awareness Campaign
24.	Eastern	Hong Kong Elegance Society	Loving Your Heart” Health Promotion Campaign (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
25.		The Hong Kong Eastern District Community Association Limited	Healthy Life of Women (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
26.	Southern	The Hong Kong Southern District Community Women Association	Colourful Life Training Campaign (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
27.	Wan Chai	Wan Chai District Council	Femme@Wanchai 2013/14
28.	Kowloon City	Kowloon City District Office	Wellness Women Information Packs Activity
29.	Kwun Tong	Social Service Committee, Kwun Tong District Council	Seminar on Women Wellness (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
30.	Sham Shui Po	Ching Fai Women Association Limited	Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. Start from Myself!
31.	Yau Tsim Mong	Working Group on Women’s Affairs of YauTsimMong District Council	“Women Wellness Programme” Sharing Day cum Health Talk
32.	Wong Tai Sin	We’re Family Association	Housewives – A New Look
33.	Islands	Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee Working Group of Islands District Council	Development Programme for Women 2013 (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
34.	Kwai Tsing	Harmonevergreen Service Association Limited	Beauty & Fitness School
35.		Kwai Shing Community Service Association	Energetic and Delightful Life Programme
36.		On Yam Estate Community Service Association	Women as Bright Sun Program
37.		Tsing Yi Community Express	Computer and Internet Training Course for Women
38.		Union of Women (Cheung On)	Women Training Course
39.	North	North District Women’s Association Ltd.	Women’s Action Scheme
40.	Sai Kung	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society – Tseung Kwan O (South) Integrated Family Service Center	Beautiful life Healthy Creation – Women Health Development Project
41.		Sai Kung & Tseung Kwan O Women’s Association Ltd.	Happy Woman Happy Community Project
42.	Sha Tin	Hong Kong Single Parents Association	“Mental Health, Community Care” – Women’s Development Project
43.		Working Group on Community Involvement by Women, Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee, Sha Tin District Council	Leadership & Volunteer Training (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)

<i>DC Stream</i>			
	District	Name of organisation (in alphabetical order)	Name of project
44.	Tai Po	Wisenice Club	Healthy Modern Women Programme(<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
45.	Tsuen Wan	FukLoi Moon Lok Yin Ngai Society	Women Enhancement Programme 2013
46.	Tuen Mun	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association TuenMun Integrated Social Service Centre	Happy Living in TuenMun
47.	Yuen Long	Yuen Long District Women's Association Limited	Enjoy Exercise Carnival

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0297****(Question Serial No. 6289)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 577):

- (a) How many students has the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP), pioneered by the Women's Commission, served each year since its inception? Please also provide statistics regarding students' age group, and employment status.
- (b) Does the government provide any subsidies for the CBMP? How does the government do so (subsidising participating institutions, providing bursaries, etc.)? Please provide statistics for the amount spent in each year since the Programme's inception.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) Up to the semester in March 2014, a cumulative enrolment of around 70 000 has been recorded, with a breakdown as follows –

Year	Enrolment	Cumulative Enrolment
2004	3 497	3 497
2005	4 345	7 842
2006	6 374	14 216
2007	6 545	20 761
2008	7 546	28 307
2009	7 154	35 461
2010	8 726	44 187
2011	9 691	53 878
2012	7 589	61 467
2013	6 351	67 818
2014 (up to March)	2 200	70 018

Statistics on students by age group in 2013 is set out below –

Age	Enrolment	Percentage
< 30	33	0.7%
30-39	158	3.3%
40-49	741	15.5%
50-59	2 395	50.1%
≥ 60	1 452	30.4%

Statistics on students by employment status in 2013 is set out below –

Working Status	Enrolment	Percentage
Homemaker	2 209	46.22%
Part-time worker	496	10.38%
Full-time worker	780	16.32%
Others (including retirees, unemployed)	485	10.15%
Not specified	809	16.93%

- (b) CBMP is run jointly by the Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK) and a private radio station. Around 70 women's groups and non-governmental organisations also collaborate in conducting face-to-face courses and optional learning activities.

CBMP was first operated in 2004 on a pilot basis. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration allocated in March 2007 around \$9.8 million to support the continued operation of CBMP, such that CBMP course fee could continue to be maintained at an affordable level. In 2009-10, the Administration allocated \$20 million to expand CBMP and provide fee remissions to those students with financial difficulties for 3 years. In 2012-13, CBMP became a recurrent project with an annual funding of around \$8 million which included course development fees for OUHK, service payments to the collaborating partners concerned, and provision of bursary to students in financial need, etc. In 2013, the bursary scheme disbursed 783 free course quotas amounting to \$271,350.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6290)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 578):

What public education and publicity programmes has the Government conducted to enhance public awareness of gender related issues in 2012-13 and 2013-14? How much has the Government spent on each of these programmes in the aforementioned years? How much does the Government plan to spend on these programmes in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

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 assisted WoC in publishing a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013" to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong, and producing a new corporate video to publicise the work of WoC. In addition, we arranged a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its application. Seminars on anti-sexual harassment were also organised in secondary schools to enhance students' awareness.

In 2014-15, LWB will assist WoC in preparing for the production of a television series on women issues and compiling a report to publicise the work of WoC. We will also continue with our efforts in promoting gender mainstreaming and organising seminars on anti-sexual harassment in secondary schools. Other ongoing efforts in organising various publicity and public education programmes on gender-related issues will also be continued.

The resources involved in carrying out the aforementioned programmes were and will continue to be absorbed by LWB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4330)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 65):

Regarding financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others under Subhead 000 Operational expenses, please advise on the following:

1. Please list by reason for application the number of cases and the amounts of such financial assistance given in 2013-14.
2. What are the criteria for providing such financial assistance? What are the reasons for the substantial revision of the estimate for 2013-14 from \$14 million to \$3.5 million? How many applications were rejected in 2013-14? Has the Administration reviewed the criteria for providing the financial assistance to see whether they are too stringent and therefore have discouraged some potential applicants?
3. What are the manpower resources and expenditure involved each year in providing financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. There was no application under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Family Members of Those Who Sacrifice Their Lives to Save Others (the Scheme) in 2013-14.
2. The eligibility criteria for the Scheme and the assessment principles are at Annex.

Taking into account the experience of previous years, the Estimates for the Scheme for 2013-14 was revised from \$14 million to \$3.5 million.

There was no application for the Scheme in 2013-14. No application was rejected in 2013-14.

The assessment principles were last revised in 2008 to ensure that they could best reflect the objectives and spirit of the Scheme.

3. The resources for operating the Scheme are absorbed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

Eligibility Criteria for the Financial Assistance Scheme for Family Members of Those who Sacrifice Their Lives to Save Others (the Scheme)

The eligibility criteria for application under the Scheme are –

- (a) the deceased was lawfully residing in Hong Kong at the time of death. This would include Hong Kong residents, visitors, imported workers but exclude illegal immigrants;
- (b) the death should result from the deceased proactively rendering assistance to save or protect the life of another person;
- (c) the deceased should have identifiable surviving member(s) as defined in Section 3 of the Employees' Compensation Ordinance; and
- (d) the award should be made regardless of whether the death was caused by the deceased's serious or willful misconduct. A number of Ordinances, compensation and assistance schemes contain specifications relating to death attributable to serious or willful misconduct. While some specify that this factor may have a bearing on the decision to make an award or the amount of payment, others do not take this into account. We intend to adopt a more generous approach and to disregard the deceased's conduct when considering such cases.

Individuals who die in the course of performing their 'normal' duties (such as disciplined service officers) and who demonstrate bravery or perform acts of exceptional sacrifice, over and above that normally required in the conduct of their duties, will also be eligible for benefits under the Scheme.

Assessment Principles for the Financial Assistance Scheme for Family Members of Those who Sacrifice Their Lives to Save Others

The following assessment principles serve as guidelines for the determination of applications by the Committee on Financial Assistance for Family Members of Those who Sacrifice Their Lives to Save Others (the Committee) –

- (a) the death-causing act of the deceased should be a proactive action;
- (b) the deceased should have voluntarily taken substantive risk in performing the act;
- (c) the intention behind the death-causing act should be to save or protect the life of another person;
- (d) the act to save or protect the life of another can be established if the deceased believed that he/she was acting to save or protect another life regardless of whether that person actually existed (e.g. a fireman entering a blazing building believing people might be trapped inside);
- (e) the cause of death should be attributable to the act of saving the life of another person;
- (f) an act with the intention of preventing an incident which could endanger the life of another, should be considered as an act to save or protect the life of another;
- (g) whether the attempt to save or protect the life of another person is successful (i.e. whether the person being saved survives) is irrelevant;
- (h) whether the deceased is under a professional duty to save or protect the life of another is irrelevant;
- (i) the time lag between the incident and the date of death should be disregarded; and

(j) the occurrence of the act should be witnessed or supported by evidence.

It is not possible to draw up an exhaustive list of principles to cover every situation. However, the above principles can form the basis for the Committee to make an assessment, and may be reviewed from time to time.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4335)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 28):

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Labour and Welfare Bureau will work with the Elderly Commission to prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan. What are the details of the Plan? When will the preliminary results be submitted? What are the expenditure and manpower involved in preparing the Plan?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The Elderly Commission (EC) will prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan within two years. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) proposes to create a small dedicated team, to be led by a directorate officer at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) rank and supported by one Senior Administrative Officer and one Personal Secretary I, for a period of two years to support EC in this and related tasks. The additional notional annual salary cost of the proposed time-limited AOSGC post at mid-point is \$1.7 million and the full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff on-cost, is about \$2.5 million. As for the two non-directorate posts, the additional notional annual salary cost at mid-point is about \$1.5 million and the full annual average staff cost of these two posts is about \$2.3 million. At its meeting held on 10 March 2014, the Legislative Council (LegCo) Welfare Services Panel supported the above proposal. LWB plans to submit the same to the LegCo's Establishment Subcommittee at its meeting on 30 April 2014 and then to LegCo's Finance Committee on 16 May 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4341)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 91):

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to follow up 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. What measures will be taken to implement the enhanced planning mechanism in 2014-15? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

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 expenditure involved is absorbed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0302

(Question Serial No. 3390)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 33):

The Hong Kong Government published the last White Paper on Social Welfare Development in 1991, and since then stopped making regular plans and reviews about social welfare development. It was not until 2010 that the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) issued a consultation paper on long-term social welfare planning in Hong Kong to conduct a comprehensive consultation on social welfare development, and published a Report on Long-term Social Welfare Planning in Hong Kong in 2011.

Social welfare development should keep pace with the needs of social development and changing population structure. The lack of long-term planning and regular review in the past ten years has rendered social service development unable to meet the needs of society.

1. Will the Government reinstate the mechanism for regular review of welfare plans and listen to the views of service users of all sectors and different communities?
2. Under the existing arrangements relating to the advisory framework and advisory committees, will the Government increase the transparency and extensiveness of consultation?
3. Will the Government consider reinstating the publishing of white papers on social welfare development to serve as guidance documents for social policies?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has, since 2012, implemented the enhanced mechanism as proposed by SWAC after consultation with the social welfare sector. 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. There are working meetings between LWB, the Social Welfare Department and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) with its member organisations to discuss and exchange views on the priorities of welfare services for the coming year, following which HKCSS puts forward its submission to the Administration. According to the mechanism recommended by SWAC, LWB consults relevant committees, including the Elderly Commission (EC), the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee and SWAC after consolidating all the views collected to ensure that the committees will review the planning and provision of welfare services from holistic and strategic levels. The comments made at the committees and collected from other sources are taken into account in formulating policies and measures.
2. The above process involves extensive consultations and is a transparent one.
3. In view of the rapidly changing social and economic environment in Hong Kong and the increasing complexity of social problems, the planning cycle of welfare policies and services should keep pace with development. The Administration reviews and updates its policies in different areas and measures

from time to time as appropriate and the major ones are announced in the annual Policy Addresses. In addition, the Government published the Rehabilitation Programme Plan in 1976 and has since kept the Plan under review. EC will prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan in the next two years. In this connection, LWB is implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme) whereby non-governmental organisations owning land are encouraged to provide more diversified services, particularly for the elderly and persons with disabilities, through redevelopment or expansion on their sites. Based on the rough estimation of the applicant organisations, if all the proposals received under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 17 000 additional service places would be provided for the elderly and persons with disabilities, including around 9 000 places for elderly services and 8 000 places for rehabilitation services. The Special Scheme will provide a concrete basis for longer-term planning for premises and manpower of welfare services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0303

(Question Serial No. 3457)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 141):

Please list the amount of resources allocated to Shine Skills Centres in the last 5 years and in the 2014-15 financial year, and the unit cost per student.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The requested information is provided as follows:-

	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimates)	2014-15 (Estimates)
Subvention Amount ^{Note 1}	\$87.6M	\$88.4M	\$96.1M	\$95.5M ^{Note 3}	\$97.0M	\$98.7M
Unit cost per full-time student ^{Note 2}	\$93,650	\$101,280	\$103,040	\$102,920	\$103,680	\$103,680
Unit cost per part-time student ^{Note 2}	\$8,220	\$8,350	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,560	\$8,560

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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5897)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 57):

How much resources are allocated for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities each year? What is the effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

It has all along been our policy objective to help persons with disabilities develop their capabilities as well as to build a barrier-free living environment with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to participate in full both in social life and personal growth, and enjoy equal opportunities. This is the spirit and core value enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) as well as the direction of further development of rehabilitation services in Hong Kong.

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.

Since the application of the Convention to Hong Kong in August 2008, the overall recurrent expenditure of rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities has increased from \$16.6 billion to \$24 billion in 2013-14. It is estimated that the recurrent expenditure will continue to rise to \$26.6 billion in 2014-15. Meanwhile, to promote the public awareness of the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention, the Administration has from 2009 onwards substantially increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from \$2 million to \$13 million.

As an ongoing measure, we will continue to monitor the demand and effectiveness of our rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5906)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 83):

It is mentioned in Paragraph 3, Article 27 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child that "States Parties, in accordance with national conditions and within their means, shall take appropriate measures to assist parents and others responsible for the child to implement this right and shall in case of need provide material assistance and support programmes, particularly with regard to nutrition, clothing and housing." The SAR Government has commissioned the Policy 21 Limited of the University of Hong Kong to conduct the Survey on Subdivided Units in Hong Kong. The Survey report reveals that the estimated number of persons living in subdivided units (SDU) was 171 300 with 12.1% of whom being children aged 0-14, which means more than 20 000 children were still living in SDU.

1. What strategies and plans do the Government have to completely resolve the housing problem of poor children?
2. What are the Government's short-term measures to enhance the quality of life of children living in SDU?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government considers that public rental housing (PRH) is the fundamental solution to the housing needs of those who are inadequately housed, including those who are living in subdivided units (SDUs). In the 2014 Policy Address, the Chief Executive has adopted a new total housing supply target of 470 000 units for the coming 10 years, with public housing accounting for 60%. To meet the new housing supply target, the Government aims to provide an average of about 20 000 PRH units and about 8 000 Home Ownership Scheme units per year. This would mean that the supply of public housing in the coming ten years will increase by 36% as compared to what was pledged by the Government last year. With the increase in the supply of public housing, the Government believes that this would help address the housing needs of those who are inadequately housed, including those families with children who are staying in SDUs.
2. The Community Care Fund (CCF) rolled out the "Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed" programme (inadequately housed programme) and the "One-off living subsidy for low-income households not living in public housing and not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Allowance" programme (living subsidy programme) in October 2012 and December 2013 respectively to relieve the financial pressure of low-income households, including those who are renting rooms/cubicles, cocklofts or bedspaces in private buildings. 58 997 persons have benefited under the inadequately housed programme including 9 605 who are under the age of 11, involving a total amount of subsidy of about \$150 million. Application for the living subsidy programme will close on 29 August 2014.

The proposed Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA), announced by the Chief Executive in his

2014 Policy Address, pays particular attention to help promote upward mobility of children and youths of these families to help break the vicious cycle of inter-generational poverty. Eligible families may receive a child allowance for each child in the family who is aged below 15 or aged 15-21 receiving full time education (but not post-secondary education). According to our initial estimate, over 180 000 eligible children in more than 200 000 low-income families may benefit from LIFA. The Administration is in the process of working out the detailed arrangements and will in due course seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to implement the scheme in 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5909)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 124):

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 5 years and the estimated expenditure for the coming financial year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (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.), population policy, women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies, services for new arrival women, correctional services for female offenders, promotion of breastfeeding, handling of domestic violence and sexual violence cases, childcare and after-school care services, primary care development strategy, stalking, tackling of municipal solid waste, etc.

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. With a view to providing incentives for bureaux and department to apply gender mainstreaming (GM) to their work, WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award in 2012-13 to give recognition to the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting GM, to showcase their successful application of 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.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, the Administration set in 2004 a gender benchmark of 25% as a working target for appointment to advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). The gender benchmark was subsequently, in June 2010, raised to 30%. As at the end of 2013, 32.4% of the appointments to ASBs were taken up by female members. The Administration will closely monitor the developments before deciding whether; and if so when, to increase the 30% gender benchmark.

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 March 2014, the cumulative number of enrolment for CBMP was around 70 000, 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 since CBMP was launched. 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.

A total of \$2 million has been set aside by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) each year for the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) since 2012-13. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocates around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant NGOs under the WoC Stream in organising regional and territory-wide activities. The project ceiling for each of the application is \$100,000 under WoC Stream. In addition, each of the 18 District Councils (DC) is allocated \$53,000 under the DC Stream for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate.

(c) The resources involved were and will continue to be absorbed by LWB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5910)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 126):

Please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) Has the Administration reserved any provision to subsidise women from the grassroots level to attend important international conferences?
- (b) If yes, what is the amount of provision? How are the participants selected?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau does not have any mechanism for subsidizing women from the grassroots level to attend important international conferences.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0308

(Question Serial No. 5911)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 127):

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 members 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 5 years and the coming financial year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Taking into account the advice of the Women's Commission, the Administration set in 2004 a gender benchmark of 25% as a working target for appointment to ASBs. The gender benchmark was subsequently, in June 2010, raised to 30%. As at the end of 2013, 32.4% of the appointments to ASBs were taken up by female members.

The Administration will continue with our proactive effort to attract capable women to participate in community and public service. Women's associations and professional organisations are welcome to nominate female members for inclusion into the Central Personality Index held by the Home Affairs Bureau. Bureaux / Departments are reminded from time to time of the requirement to vigorously consider appointing female members to ASBs under their purviews.

The resources required for carrying out the above work were and will be absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5912)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 128):

- a. When will the Administration use the "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" (the Checklist) to review the impact on women of existing laws and policies?
- b. What are the details of the review and the related estimated expenditure in the next financial year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

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 could 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 hitherto applied the Checklist to 50 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, the development of batterer intervention programme, etc.

In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of gender mainstreaming 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.

The resources involved will be absorbed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau as well as relevant bureaux and departments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5913)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 129):

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:

What resources did/will the Administration allocate to promote CEDAW in the past 5 years and in the next financial year? 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?

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 Administration is committed to the advancement of the interests and well-being of women in Hong Kong, and to discharging its obligations under CEDAW. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with relevant bureaux and departments, have put in place various policies and measures to fulfill the objectives under CEDAW. Ongoing efforts have been made to enhance public understanding and awareness of CEDAW. These include organising conferences, seminars and roving exhibitions in public libraries, district community centres and government premises, distributing bilingual booklets on the text of CEDAW and on HKSAR's reports submitted under CEDAW, etc. LWB has also supported a series of community activities organised by women's groups to enhance public understanding of CEDAW and to empower women at the district and regional levels.

As for children having witnessed domestic violence, welfare services, including counselling, childcare service as well as supportive or developmental programmes, are provided. If necessary, social workers will initiate statutory protection and make referral for other services, e.g. clinical psychology service, school placement, etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0311

(Question Serial No. 5917)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Chief Secretary for Administration

Question (Member Question No. 154):

Regarding the studies on retirement protection, please provide information about:

1. the expenditure spent on such studies in the past five years; and
2. the funding available last year for Professor Nelson CHOW Wing-sun's Study on the Future Development of Retirement Security in Hong Kong, which was commissioned by the Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force of the Commission on Poverty.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. A Thematic Household Survey on "Retirement Planning and Financial Situation in Old Age" was conducted by the Census and Statistics Department at the request of the Central Policy Unit (CPU) in 2011. The total expenditure involved was \$1.17 million and it was shared by the CPU, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau. The report was provided to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services in June 2013.
2. The Commission on Poverty (CoP) has commissioned a consultancy study by a team, with Professor Nelson Chow as the chief consultant, to assess various retirement protection schemes on the basis of the multi-pillar approach advocated by the World Bank and make recommendations on the way forward. The total expenditure is \$1.43 million. The consultancy team will submit its final report to the Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force of CoP for consideration by mid-2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0312

(Question Serial No. 5929)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 664):

Will the Labour and Welfare Bureau be responsible for processing applications for the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA)? What are the estimated annual administrative costs and staffing establishment for that scheme? Will the Government consider disbursing the allowance to eligible persons by cheque through the Inland Revenue Department based on the particulars provided in tax returns?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, the proposed Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) would involve a substantial amount of public funds and provide an extensive coverage. Although the Government has set the policy direction, careful deliberation is still required to work out the implementation and operational details. We are now in the process of working out the detailed arrangements.

The annual amount of allowance to be paid out is estimated to be around \$3 billion. We are currently working on the estimated expenditure required for operating the LIFA scheme, including manpower and administrative costs for planning and implementing the scheme. We will in due course seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to implement the scheme in 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5930)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 186):

To assist the Elderly Commission in preparing the Elderly Services Programme Plan, the Government has committed to providing additional manpower support and proposed to create 3 two-year time-limited posts, including 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C post, under the Labour and Welfare Bureau. Are there any follow-up arrangements when these posts lapse? Will the staff involved be transferred to the new office to co-ordinate the long-term planning of the Elderly Services Programme Plan?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Elderly Commission (EC) will prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan (Programme Plan) within two years. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) proposes to create a small dedicated team, to be led by a directorate officer at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C rank and supported by one Senior Administrative Officer and one Personal Secretary I, for a period of two years to support EC in this and related tasks. Recommendations put forward by the Programme Plan will be followed up by existing divisions and teams in LWB and the relevant bureaux and departments as appropriate. We will keep in view the manpower requirements as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0314****(Question Serial No. 5949)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 315):

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012 released by the Government, the average poverty rate in Hong Kong is 20.4%. Based on the findings of the 2011 Population Census, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service has conducted a study which indicates that the poverty rate of South and Southeast Asian minorities in Hong Kong was 23.9% in 2011. Of which, the poverty rate of Pakistanis was 51.1%, more than double the average poverty rate in Hong Kong. Will the Labour and Welfare Bureau introduce any poverty alleviation measures targeting ethnic minorities in the coming year? If yes, what is the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, the Government is determined to tackle the poverty problem. Our poverty alleviation policy is to encourage young people and adults to become self-reliant through employment, while putting in place a reasonable and sustainable social security and welfare system to help those who cannot provide for themselves. The initiatives put forward in the Policy Address cover a wide range of areas and will benefit various groups including, among others, ethnic minorities.

Under the purview of Labour and Welfare Bureau, a Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) is proposed for implementation. It aims to encourage self-reliance through active employment among low-income working families, while support will also be given to promote upward mobility of children and youths of these families to help break the vicious cycle of inter-generational poverty. All eligible Hong Kong residents, including those of ethnic minorities, may apply for LIFA. The annual allowance involved is estimated to be around \$3 billion.

The Labour Department (LD) will continue providing free and comprehensive services to help job seekers, including ethnic minority job seekers, find work through a network of 12 job centres, two industry-based recruitment centres, the Telephone Employment Service Centre, the Interactive Employment Service website and the numerous vacancy search terminals located throughout Hong Kong. In addition to the wide range of employment services available for all job seekers, resource corners and special counters are set up at all 12 LD job centres to assist the ethnic minority job seekers. Tailor-made employment briefings are organised to help the ethnic minority job seekers better understand the local labour market situation and improve job search skills. Ethnic minority job seekers may also meet the employment advisors in job centres to obtain personalised job search advice, information on training/retraining courses and/or to receive career aptitude assessment as appropriate. Those who have difficulties finding jobs are encouraged to participate in various employment programmes to enhance employability. Young ethnic minority job seekers having employment needs may also make use of a wide range of employment advisory and support services offered under the Youth Employment and Training Programme and the two Youth Employment Resource Centres.

In 2014-15, LD will canvass suitable vacancies for ethnic minority job seekers and organise two large-scale

and nine district-based job fairs targeting ethnic minority job seekers to help them find work. The estimated expenditure for staging large-scale job fairs targeting ethnic minority job seekers is \$0.36 million while the expenditure for organising district-based job fairs will be absorbed within the operating costs of job centres.

In parallel, the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) provides some 800 training courses including full-time placement-tied courses and half-day or evening “Skills Upgrading Scheme Plus” courses as well as generic skills training courses to eligible employees aged 15 or above with an educational attainment at sub-degree or below. Ethnic minorities who meet the relevant entry requirements are eligible to enrol in training courses that match their career aspirations and training needs. Trainees on completion of placement-tied courses are provided with a placement follow-up service for three to six months. Specifically, ERB plans to provide 25 dedicated training courses delivered in English to eligible ethnic minorities in 2014-15. A total of 800 training places have been earmarked for these courses and the expenditure involved is estimated to be about \$5 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6034)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 61):

In respect of the advisory and statutory bodies under the purview of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, please provide the name, functions and number of members with a breakdown by gender and age (below 30, 30 and above) of each of these bodies. Please also provide their total expenditure for the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

At present, there are 51 Advisory and Statutory Bodies (ASBs) under the purview of Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and departments concerned. The responsibilities of these ASBs are set out at Annex.

As at 13 March 2014, the ASBs under LWB have a total of 474 government appointed non-official members, among them 53% are male and 47% are female, and 0.6% are under the age of 30 and 99.4% are at or above the age of 30.

Most of the secretariat posts of the aforesaid ASBs are civil service posts and the posts are part of the establishment of LWB or departments concerned. The service of these civil servants to the ASBs concerned is part and parcel of their duties for the relevant subject areas and the expenditure involved cannot be separately accounted for.

**Advisory and Statutory Bodies (ASBs)
under the purview of Labour and Welfare Bureau**

No.	Name of ASBs	Responsibilities
1	Advisory Committee of the Kwan Fong Charitable Foundation - Kwan Fong Trust Fund for the Needy	(a) To advise on investments and disposals of capital and/or income, including the manner in which funds are disbursed for any identified purpose; and (b) to advise on any matters connected with the administration of the trust.
2	Advisory Committee of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged	(a) To examine and advise the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) on which applications for the Fund should be approved; and (b) to advise DSW on all matters relating to the operation of the Fund including reviewing and refining guidelines for assessing applications in the light of experience and changing circumstances.
3	Advisory Committee on Certification of Operators of Specified Plants and Equipment	To advise the Commissioner for Labour (CL) on matters concerning the accreditation of training bodies and syllabuses of training courses for operators of specified plants and equipment such as cranes, suspended working platforms, etc. under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59).
4	Advisory Committee on Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities	To advise DSW on – (a) the development of strategies to promote self-reliance of persons with disabilities; (b) the promotion of “SEPD” (Support the Employment of People with Disabilities), a registered trademark/brand name for the products produced and services provided by persons with disabilities; (c) the implementation of the “Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise” Project; and (d) the roles and responsibilities of the Marketing Consultancy Office (Rehabilitation).
5	Advisory Committee on Social Work Training and Manpower Planning	To advise Government on all matters relating to the education and training of social workers, including the planning of manpower to meet welfare service needs.
6	Central Committee on Information Technology for Rehabilitation Services	(a) To advise on information technology (IT)-related initiatives including the application for newly developed technology-assisted devices for the rehabilitation of persons with disability; (b) to vet applications in accordance with the respective terms and criteria for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) IT-related financial assistance schemes (i.e. Central Fund for Personal Computers and Jockey Club IT Scheme for People with Visual Impairment); and (c) to oversee the development of the “CyberAble.net”.
7	Child Fatality Review Panel	To facilitate the enhancement of social service systems pertaining to child welfare with focus on inter-sectoral collaboration and multi-disciplinary cooperation for prevention of occurrence of avoidable child death cases.
8	Clothing Industry Training Authority (CITA)	As stipulated in section 5 of the Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 318), the CITA shall have the following functions – (a) to provide training courses for the clothing industry; (b) to establish and maintain industrial training centres therefore;

No.	Name of ASBs	Responsibilities
		(c) to assist in the placement of persons completing training courses; and (d) to make recommendations with respect to the rate of levy.
9	Committee on Child Abuse	To examine the child abuse problem in Hong Kong and to map out strategies to address the problem.
10	Committee on Financial Assistance for Family Members of those who Sacrifice Their Lives To Save Others	To consider and approve applications for the Financial Assistance Scheme for Family Members of those who Sacrifice their Lives to Save Others.
11	Committee on Services for Youth at Risk	To examine current youth issues and recommend measures to address the changing and multifarious needs of young people as well as to enhance interfacing at service policy and working level.
12	Committee on Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	(a) To advise on the eligibility criteria for applications for ex-gratia relief payments to families with deceased Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) patients and the eligibility criteria for applications for assistance, including ex-gratia financial assistance, for recovered SARS patients and “suspected” SARS patients treated with steroids; (b) to consider applications for ex-gratia relief payments to families with deceased SARS patients and the applications for assistance, including ex-gratia financial assistance, for recovered SARS patients and “suspected” SARS patients treated with steroids and make recommendations to the Trustee; and (c) to advise the Trustee on any other matters relating to the administration of the Fund.
13	Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) Committee	(a) To handle applications for funding from the CIIF, including to examine and approve applications, to decide on the level of funding for each successful application, and to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the funded projects; (b) to advise the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW) on the most appropriate and effective means to facilitate the development of social capital in Hong Kong; and (c) to advise SLW on all matters related to the administration of the Fund.
14	Council of the Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped	To improve the welfare, education and training of persons with intellectual disability in Hong Kong, and the promotion of their employment prospects.
15	Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Boards	To be responsible for the administration of the CLEIC Scheme.
16	Disciplinary Board Panel (Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Management) Regulation)	To hear the matters relating to the discipline of a registered safety auditor or registered scheme operator under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Management) Regulation.
17	Disciplinary Committee Panel (under Social Workers Registration Ordinance)	To conduct disciplinary inquiry on complaints against registered social workers.
18	Elderly Commission	(a) To advise the Government on the formulation of a comprehensive policy for the elderly;

No.	Name of ASBs	Responsibilities
		<p>(b) to co-ordinate the planning and development of various programmes and services for the elderly; and</p> <p>(c) to monitor the implementation of policies and programmes affecting the elderly.</p>
19	Emergency Relief Fund Committee	To advise the DSW on matters relating to the administration of the Fund.
20	Employees Compensation Assistance Fund Board	To administer, in accordance with the Employees Compensation Assistance Ordinance (Cap. 365), the Employees Compensation Assistance Fund which provides for the protection of employees' entitlement to compensation for employment-related injury, and for the making of relief payment to eligible persons in relation to common law damages for such injury.
21	Employees' Compensation Insurance Levies Management Board	<p>(a) To collect the levy remitted by insurers;</p> <p>(b) to make recommendations to the Chief Executive (CE) in Council with respect to the rate of levy; and</p> <p>(c) to distribute its net resources to the bodies specified in the Employees' Compensation Insurance Levies Ordinance (Cap. 411).</p>
22	Employees Retraining Board	<p>As stipulated in section 4 of the Employees Retraining Ordinance (Cap. 423), the functions of the Employees Retraining Board (the Board) are –</p> <p>(a) to hold the Employees Retraining Fund (the Fund) upon trust to administer the Fund in accordance with the objects of Cap. 423;</p> <p>(b) to receive the levy imposed on employers and remitted by the Director of Immigration;</p> <p>(c) to consider the provision, administration and availability of retraining courses and supplementary retraining programmes intended or designed for the benefit of eligible employees in adjusting to changes in the employment market by acquiring new or enhanced vocational skills;</p> <p>(d) to identify particular occupations or classes of occupation that have high vacancy rates and in respect of which eligible employees may secure employment or re-employment by attending retraining courses or supplementary retraining programmes as trainees to acquire new or enhanced vocational skills;</p> <p>(e) to liaise with training bodies, other related organisations and Government departments with respect to the design, administration and availability of retraining courses and supplementary retraining programmes;</p> <p>(f) to determine the requirements to be satisfied by eligible employees for the purposes of applying to attend retraining courses or supplementary retraining programmes and receive retraining allowances, and the amount of retraining allowances to be paid to those eligible employees as trainees;</p> <p>(g) to pay retraining allowances to trainees;</p> <p>(h) to engage the services of training bodies for the purpose of providing or conducting retraining courses;</p> <p>(i) to defray the costs of the provision of retraining courses and supplementary retraining programmes;</p> <p>(j) to perform such other functions as are imposed on the Board under Cap. 423; and</p>

No.	Name of ASBs	Responsibilities
		(k) to appoint, by notice in the Gazette, a training provider whose function is to provide training or retraining under a supplementary retraining programme.
23	Guardianship Board	To appoint guardians for adults aged 18 and over who are mentally incapable of making their own decisions about their personal affairs, financial matters or medical or dental treatments in accordance with Part IVB of Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136).
24	Hong Kong Paralympians Fund Management Committee	<p>(a) To oversee the usage of the Fund and evaluate the Fund in terms of achieving its objectives;</p> <p>(b) to receive the financial reports of the Fund and apportion the annual budget for the three categories of grants, viz. development of target sports, subsistence grant to athletes with disabilities and employment facilitating grant for retired athletes with disabilities;</p> <p>(c) to review the assessment criteria for the grants;</p> <p>(d) to review the classification and eligibility of target sports programme; and</p> <p>(e) to review any other categories of grants if required.</p>
25	Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Advisory Committee	<p>(a) To advise SLW on the administration of the Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Ordinance (Cap. 386); and</p> <p>(b) to advise SLW on applications for the status of an eligible beneficiary under the said Ordinance.</p>
26	Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Appeal Board	To hear appeals from applicants of the Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions under the Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Ordinance (Cap. 386) who are aggrieved by the decision of SLW.
27	Joint Committee on Information Technology for the Social Welfare Sector	<p>(a) To promote the use of IT in the welfare sector for better management and delivery of services to meet service objectives;</p> <p>(b) to formulate strategy and oversee the implementation plan for IT investment and development in the sector, including infrastructure, communications, system applications, accessibility and humanware;</p> <p>(c) to formulate strategy and oversee the implementation plan for enabling service recipients to access IT to improve their quality of living; and</p> <p>(d) to coordinate the use of Lotteries Fund for IT investment and IT projects in the welfare sector.</p>
28	Labour Advisory Board	To advise the CL on matters affecting labour, including legislation as well as Conventions and Recommendations of the International Labour Organisation.
29	Lotteries Fund Advisory Committee	To advise DSW on applications from welfare organisations for allocations from the Lotteries Fund and on charitable fund-raising issues including the allocation of flag days.
30	Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee	<p>(a) To monitor the implementation of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) and identifies areas for improvement;</p> <p>(b) to discuss and suggest solutions to problems arising from implementation of the LSGSS;</p> <p>(c) to facilitate communication and sharing of information and experience relating to implementation of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) among SWD, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), their staff and service users under the LSGSS;</p>

No.	Name of ASBs	Responsibilities
		<p>(d) to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Review Report on the LSGSS published by the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee in December 2008; and</p> <p>(e) to draw up a Best Practice Manual for NGOs in implementing the LSGSS.</p>
31	Manpower Development Committee	<p>To advise the Government on –</p> <p>(a) manpower needs of Hong Kong and policies for developing human resources to meet these needs;</p> <p>(b) funding and mode of provision for vocational training and retraining, post-secondary education and continuing education;</p> <p>(c) establishment and implementation of a qualifications framework and a quality assurance framework; and</p> <p>(d) any other matters referred to the Committee by SLW.</p>
32	Minimum Wage Commission	To report to the CE in Council its recommendation about the Statutory Minimum Wage rate when required by the CE to do so under the Minimum Wage Ordinance (Cap. 608).
33	Occupational Deafness Compensation Board	To administer, in accordance with the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 469), the Occupational Deafness Compensation Fund which provides compensation to those persons suffering from noise-induced deafness due to employment in specified noisy occupations and direct payment or reimbursement of expenses incurred in purchasing, repairing and replacing hearing assistive devices; and to conduct or finance relevant educational, publicity and rehabilitation programmes.
34	Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC)	<p>Established under the OSHC Ordinance (Cap. 398) to foster a safer and healthier working conditions in Hong Kong. The purposes of the Council are –</p> <p>(a) to foster greater awareness among the community;</p> <p>(b) to promote the application of modern technology;</p> <p>(c) to promote education and training;</p> <p>(d) to disseminate technical knowledge;</p> <p>(e) to develop strategies and formulate programmes;</p> <p>(f) to provide consultancy services; and</p> <p>(g) to encourage and facilitate co-operation and communication between the Government, employers, employees and relevant professional and academic bodies,</p> <p>in furtherance of the encouragement and promotion of higher standards of safety and health for people at work.</p>
35	Pensions Assessment Board (Volunteer and Naval Volunteer Pensions Ordinance)	To perform the functions imposed or conferred on it in respect of the payment of the grant under the Volunteer and Naval Volunteer Pensions Ordinance (Cap. 202).
36	Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board	To administer, in accordance with the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 360), the Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund which provides compensation to persons suffering from pneumoconiosis and/or mesothelioma; to conduct or finance relevant educational, publicity research and rehabilitation programmes; and to make recommendations with respect to the rate of levy imposed on the construction and quarry industries.
37	Pressure Equipment	To advise the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Authority, who is

No.	Name of ASBs	Responsibilities
	Advisory Committee	concurrently CL, on matters pertaining to the proper administration of the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance (Cap. 56) and the effective control of pressure equipment.
38	Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund Board	(a) To administer, in accordance with the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Ordinance (Cap. 380), the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund which provides ex gratia payment to employees whose employers become insolvent; (b) to make recommendations to the CE with respect to the rate of business registration certificate levy; and (c) to review upon request from applicants the decision of the CL in respect of applications for ex gratia payment from the Fund.
39	Rehabilitation Advisory Committee	To advise the government on rehabilitation policy for persons with disabilities.
40	Review Committee on Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	To consider applications for review of the decision of the Committee on Trust Fund for SARS in relation to the applications for ex-gratia relief payments to families with deceased SARS patients and the applications for assistance, including ex-gratia financial assistance, for recovered SARS patients and “suspected” SARS patients treated with steroids and to make recommendations to the Trustee.
41	Safety Officer Advisory Committee	To advise CL on such matters as he may refer to it from time to time for the purposes of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Officers and Safety Supervisors) Regulations.
42	Social Security Appeal Board	To consider individual appeals against the decisions of SWD on eligibility and payment of social security benefits.
43	Social Welfare Advisory Committee	(a) To keep social welfare services under continuous review; and (b) to advise the Government, through SLW, on all matters of social welfare policy.
44	Social Work Training Fund Committee	To manage the Social Work Training Fund in accordance with the Social Work Training Fund Ordinance (Cap. 1100) to support the training of social workers.
45	Social Workers Registration Board	To discharge statutory duties in respect of registration and disciplinary control of registered social workers.
46	Standard Working Hours Committee	To follow up on the Government’s policy study on standard working hours (SWH), promote public understanding of this complex subject and related issues, and advise the CE on the working hours situation in Hong Kong including whether a statutory SWH regime or any other alternatives should be introduced.
47	Steering Committee on Child Development Fund (CDF)	To oversee and monitor the implementation of the CDF.
48	Tang Shiu Kin & Ho Tim Charitable Fund Management Committee	To advise on the management of the trust, including to draft and prepare rules governing conditions of payment, amount or range of assistance, investments, disposals and any other matters connected with the administration of the trust.
49	The Lump Sum Grant Independent Complaints Handling Committee	(a) To handle LSG related complaints that cannot be dealt with satisfactorily by subvented non-governmental organisations; and (b) to relay their decisions and recommendations to SWD for appropriate follow-up action to enhance the LSGSS.
50	Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Advisory Committee (TAVA)	To advise DSW on matters relating to the administration of the TAVA Scheme and the administration of the TAVA Fund.

No.	Name of ASBs	Responsibilities
51	Women's Commission	To enable women in Hong Kong to fully realise their due status, rights and opportunities in all aspects of life.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6414)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 335):

The Budget points out that the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) 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. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. The new policy areas referred to in promoting the implementation of the Checklist and GM concept to more policy areas; and
2. Regarding the GFPs Network, what are the ranks of the relevant staff, the number of staff in each rank, and the salary expenditure involved in various government departments for the past 3 years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. 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 could 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 hitherto applied the Checklist to 50 specific policy or programme areas. These include the promotion of smoking cessation, the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and the development of batterer intervention programme, etc. The policy areas to which the Checklist was applied last year were investor education, diseases prevention and promotion of breast feeding.

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 2014-15, we will continue to promote the Checklist and the concept of GM to bureaux and departments.

2. The Administration has set up a GFPs network in all bureaux and departments since 2003. At present, each bureau and department has designated an officer as GFP and the majority of them are directorate

officers. The number of GFPs by rank as at the end of 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, as well as the estimated number of GFPs in 2014-15 are appended in the table below –

Rank	Number of GFPs in bureaux and departments			
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (Estimated)
Directorate Officers	62	61	61	61
Non-directorate Officers	13	13	13	13
(Total)	75	74 ^{Note}	74	74

Note: The reduction of the number of GFPs by 1 in 2012-13 was due to the merge of the former Office of the Telecommunications Authority and the Broadcasting Division of the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority into the Office of the Communications Authority which took effect from 1 April 2012.

The resources involved were and will continue to be absorbed by relevant bureaux and departments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6415)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 336):

It is mentioned in the 2014 Policy Address that the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Women's Commission (WoC) are conducting a survey to find out the reasons why Hong Kong women leave the labour market and the factors that attract them to take up employment again. The findings will serve as reference for policy formulation. Please advise on the estimated expenditure and progress of the survey, as well as the anticipated dates of completion and release of the findings.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

LWB and WoC are conducting a time-use survey in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department to study the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents, the circumstances surrounding women's decision to take part in or withdraw from the workforce as well as those factors which would attract them to join or re-join the workforce. The survey is expected to be completed by the end of 2014. The estimated expenditure of the survey is around \$ 1.9 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6488)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 495):

Regarding the Funding Scheme for Women's Development, what were the total number of funded projects under the Scheme, the name of each project, the name of the organisation or department organising or co-organising the project and the expenditure involved in each project in the past year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In 2013-14, a total of \$2 million has been set aside by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) each year for the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme). Under the Funding Scheme, the Women's Commission (WoC) allocates around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations under the WoC Stream in organising regional and territory-wide activities. The project ceiling for each of the application is \$100,000 under WoC Stream. In addition, each of the 18 District Councils (DC) is allocated \$53,000 under the DC Stream for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate.

There were 47 approved projects under the Funding Scheme in 2013-14. Details of the approved projects are at Annex.

Depending on the nature, scale and amount of funding sought for individual projects, the approved funding for projects under the WoC Stream in 2013-14 ranged from \$5,300 to \$87,000. As for projects under the DC stream in the same year, depending on the number of organisers in each district as well as the nature and scale of individual projects, the approved funding for projects ranged from \$10,600 to \$53,000.

**Projects approved under the Funding Scheme
for Women's Development**

2013-14

<i>WoC Stream</i>		
	Name of organisation (in alphabetical order)	Name of project
1.	Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Workers (Hong Kong Island)	The Home CEOs
2.	CTU Education Foundation Limited	Women Leadership Training Scheme
3.	Hong Kong Central and Western District Woman Association	Health & Beauty Build from Inner Heart
4.	Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Association Women's Committee	"Healthy Life" Project
5.	Hong Kong Domestic Workers General Union	Domestic Work is Work
6.	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres	As Healthy as We Want
7.	Hong Kong Women Christian Council	Mental Health Ambassador Training Program Series – Family, Peers
8.	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Women's Health Campaign 2013
9.	HKYWCA Women Affairs Department	2013' Women in S.H.I.N.E.
10.	Kowloon Federation of Associations (Women Affairs Committee)	KFAWAC Women's Development Scheme 2013
11.	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	Low Carbon Cooking, Tenfold Fun
12.	New Arrival Women League	Balance Line for New Arrivals Women
13.	New Home Association	Happy with Health
14.	New Home Association (Kowloon East Service Centre)	Living In Innovative Lifestyle
15.	New Territories Association of Societies Women's Centre Limited	Healthy Living Project
16.	Po Leung Kuk	Vibrant Health and Beauty Project for Women
17.	The Association for the Advancement of Feminism	Healthy Life for Women
18.	The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Union Women Affairs Committee	Shine Your Life Show Your Capability
19.	The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	Empowerment of Girls and Women
20.	Tseung Kwan O Wai Yin Association	Patticoat Strive Shows Catchers
21.	Tuen Mun District Women's Association Limited	Spectrum Care – Women's Community Volunteer Leadership Training Initiative 2013 - 2014
22.	Women Service Association	Combination of Healthy Women

DC Stream			
	District	Name of organisation (in alphabetical order)	Name of project
23.	Central & Western	Hong Kong Central and Western District Woman Association	YOU Make Health Better: Cervical Health Awareness Campaign
24.	Eastern	Hong Kong Elegance Society	Loving Your Heart” Health Promotion Campaign (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
25.		The Hong Kong Eastern District Community Association Limited	Healthy Life of Women (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
26.	Southern	The Hong Kong Southern District Community Women Association	Colourful Life Training Campaign (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
27.	Wan Chai	Wan Chai District Council	Femme@Wanchai 2013/14
28.	Kowloon City	Kowloon City District Office	Wellness Women Information Packs Activity
29.	Kwun Tong	Social Service Committee, Kwun Tong District Council	Seminar on Women Wellness (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
30.	Sham Shui Po	Ching Fai Women Association Limited	Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. Start from Myself!
31.	Yau Tsim Mong	Working Group on Women’s Affairs of Yau Tsim Mong District Council	“Women Wellness Programme” Sharing Day cum Health Talk
32.	Wong Tai Sin	We’re Family Association	Housewives – A New Look
33.	Islands	Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee Working Group of Islands District Council	Development Programme for Women 2013 (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)
34.	Kwai Tsing	Harmonevergreen Service Association Limited	Beauty & Fitness School
35.		Kwai Shing Community Service Association	Energetic and Delightful Life Programme
36.		On Yam Estate Community Service Association	Women as Bright Sun Program
37.		Tsing Yi Community Express	Computer and Internet Training Course for Women
38.		Union of Women (Cheung On)	Women Training Course
39.	North	North District Women’s Association Ltd.	Women’s Action Scheme
40.	Sai Kung	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society – Tseung Kwan O (South) Integrated Family Service Center	Beautiful life Healthy Creation – Women Health Development Project
41.		Sai Kung & Tseung Kwan O Women’s Association Ltd.	Happy Woman Happy Community Project
42.	Sha Tin	Hong Kong Single Parents Association	“Mental Health, Community Care” – Women’s Development Project
43.		Working Group on Community Involvement by Women, Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee, Sha Tin District Council	Leadership & Volunteer Training (<i>English translation; only Chinese name is available</i>)

<i>DC Stream</i>			
	District	Name of organisation (in alphabetical order)	Name of project
44.	Tai Po	Wisence Club	Healthy Modern Women Programme <i>(English translation; only Chinese name is available)</i>
45.	Tsuen Wan	Fuk Loi Moon Lok Yin Ngai Society	Women Enhancement Programme 2013
46.	Tuen Mun	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association TuenMun Integrated Social Service Centre	Happy Living in Tuen Mun
47.	Yuen Long	Yuen Long District Women's Association Limited	Enjoy Exercise Carnival

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0319

(Question Serial No. 6489)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 496):

The Bureau states that it will conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies. What are the total number of meetings and exchanges in which the Bureau had participated, names of organisers and co-organisers or agencies, details of these meetings and exchanges and the expenditure and manpower involved in the past year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

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 2013-14, five meetings were held between WoC and local women's groups to discuss topical issues concerning women's interests such as women employment, women safety, gender mainstreaming, etc.

WoC has also completed its fifth round of district visit to all 18 District Councils (DCs) in Hong Kong in 2013-14. During the visits, WoC introduced its work to DC members and exchanged views on various women's issues with the latter.

To further enhance collaboration among local women's groups, NGOs and WoC, a total of \$2 million has been set aside by LWB for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) each year since 2012-13. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocates around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant NGOs in organising regional and territory-wide activities. In addition, each of the 18 DCs is allocated \$53,000 for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate. A total of 47 projects were approved under the Funding Scheme in 2013-14 which included a wide range of activities under the theme of "Women Wellness" to enhance the participants' awareness of their physical and mental health. The activities included workshops, seminars, health checks, sharing sessions, training programmes, physical exercises, exhibitions, carnivals, competitions, surveys, day camps, visiting elderly, interest classes and voluntary services, etc.

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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6501)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 475):

What is the number of gender focal points (GFPs) in each of the government departments in the past 5 years? Will the Administration increase the number of GFPs in the coming year? If so, what are the details?

Name of Government Department	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

To facilitate the promotion of gender mainstreaming in the Government, the Administration has set up a GFP network in all bureau and departments since 2003. At present, each bureau and department has designated a GFP. There is no plan to increase the number of GFPs in the coming year.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6502)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 476):

Please give details of the gender-related training provided by the Labour and Welfare Bureau for civil servants over the past 3 years. How will the Bureau enhance such kind of training in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In the past 3 years, more than 2200 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, Housing Department, Labour Department, Information Services Department and Buildings Department. Gender-related training was also included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers. In addition, regular gender-related training was arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I. Two sessions of gender-related training were particularly arranged for senior civil servants including directorate officers in 2013-14. To enable all civil servants to receive gender-related training in a more flexible manner, there were an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues, and a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for all civil servants.

In 2014-15, Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue with the above-mentioned efforts to provide gender-related training for civil servants which have proved to be effective in enhancing civil servants' awareness and sensitivity of gender-related concepts in their daily work. We will also explore with CSTDI and the bureaux and departments as to how we can strengthen our effort in this regard.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5641)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 54):

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15, the Bureau will “oversee the planning for the extension of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to eligible persons with disabilities under the age of 12 and to cover green minibuses”. Would the Administration advise this Committee on the definition of eligible persons with disabilities? Does the seven-year residence requirement apply? If yes, following the Court of Final Appeal’s earlier ruling concerning the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), are persons with disabilities with less than 7 years’ residence be able to enjoy the said \$2 fare concession? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The eligible persons with disabilities under the Scheme are recipients under the CSSA Scheme aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities and recipients of the Disability Allowance in the same age group. There is no separate residence requirement under the Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0323****(Question Serial No. 5665)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 79):

With respect to the research studies conducted in relation to welfare policies, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following: Please list in detail the research studies, subject matters, expenditure involved in each study and the organisation(s) responsible for the studies in the past two years. What are the details of the research studies to be conducted in the coming two years and the estimated expenditure for each of the studies?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The studies conducted under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on welfare policies in the past two years and the expenditure involved were as follows –

Study	Commencement and Completion Date of Study	Name of Consultant	Expenditure from 2012-13 to 2013-14 (\$'000)
Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	Commenced in 2008 and completed in 2012	Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1,575 (Total expenditure: \$3.50 million)
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	354 (Total expenditure: \$1.209 million)
Survey on the time use pattern and women employment	Commenced in May 2013 and to be completed in end 2014	MOV Data Collection Center Limited	690 (Estimated total expenditure: \$1.89 million)
A study on the practice outside Hong Kong on financial assistance for persons with disabilities	Commenced in September 2013 and to be completed in early 2014	The University of Hong Kong	550 (Estimated total expenditure: \$1.10 million)
Survey Study on Ageing of Service Users with Intellectual Disabilities	Commenced in March 2014 and to be completed in July 2014	PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	91 (Estimated total expenditure: \$0.13 million)

LWB plans to conduct two other studies in the next two years which are: (1) study on the feasibility of a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly; and (2) study on issues related to the formulation of an Elderly Services Programme Plan. The Elderly Commission will advise on the study scope for each of these studies later this year, after which LWB will work out the estimated expenditure involved.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0324****(Question Serial No. 4584)****Head:** (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified**Programme:** (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Social Welfare, (3) Women's Interests, (4) Manpower Development, (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres, (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board and Environmental Advisory Service, (7) Subvention: Vocational Training Council (Vocational Training)**Controlling Officer:** Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Labour and Welfare**Question (Member Question No. 81):**

1. Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of the bureau and the departments under its purview over the past 3 years, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department and year	Estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Actual expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Cap on entertainment expenses (including beverages) per head for the year	Cap on gift expenses per guest for the year	Number of receptions held and total number of guests entertained in the year

2. Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of the bureau and the departments under its purview in 2013-14, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department	Date of reception (day/ month/ year)	Departments/ organisations and titles of the guests entertained (grouped by department/ organisation and indicating the number of guests)	Food expenses incurred in the reception	Beverage expenses incurred in the reception	Gift expenses incurred in the reception	Venue of the reception (department office/ restaurant in government facilities/ private restaurant/ others (please specify))

3. Please provide the estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts for 2014-15 using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department	Estimated provision for expenses on entertainment and gifts	Cap on entertainment expenses per guest	Cap on gift expenses per guest

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines when providing official entertainment in the form of meals. Government officers are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy when entertaining guest(s) for official purposes in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance. According to the existing general guidelines, the expenditure limits on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips. The actual expenditure in the past three years and the provision earmarked for 2014-15 on official entertainment under Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and its departments are listed in the table below:

Year	LWB	Social Welfare Department	Labour Department
2011-12	\$0.25 million	\$0.14 million	\$0.20 million
2012-13	\$0.29 million	\$0.11 million	\$0.13 million
2013-14 (as at 17.3.2014)	\$0.18 million	\$0.10 million	\$0.12 million
2014-15	\$0.20 million	\$0.19 million	\$0.36 million

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. As we do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, we do not have the relevant statistics.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0325

(Question Serial No. 4603)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Social Welfare, (3) Women's Interests, (4) Manpower Development, (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres, (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board and Environmental Advisory Service, (7) Subvention: Vocational Training Council (Vocational Training)

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 103):

Regarding the studies (if any) conducted by the bureau and the departments under its purview 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 2 financial years (2012-13 and 2013-14):

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 (2014-15)? 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 Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and its departments on public policy and strategic public policy with funds allocated in 2012-13 and thereafter were as follows –

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Total Consultant 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?
LWB							
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Tender	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund (CDF) Pioneer Projects	3,500	2008	Completed	The findings and recommendations have been 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 City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)	1,209	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	Invitation of quotations	Household Survey for the Manpower Projection to 2022 (MP2022)	1,200	2013	Completed	Taking into account the survey results, the Government will complete MP2022.	The Government is compiling the findings of MP2022, which will be published.
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	Survey on time use pattern and women employment	1,890	2013	In progress	Not applicable (N/A)	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	A study on the practice outside Hong Kong on financial assistance for persons with disabilities	1,100	2013	In progress	N/A	N/A
PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	Invitation of quotations	Survey Study on Ageing of Service Users with Intellectual Disabilities	130	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A

Social Welfare Department							
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	789	2011	In progress	N/A	N/A
Sau Po Centre on Ageing, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Case Mix Study on the Community Care Services for the Elderly	1,430	2013	In progress	The result of the Study would assist the Administration in determining the suitable level of different voucher values for the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.	N/A
Labour Department							
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Study on the knock-on effect of Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW) on pay hierarchies in the retail and restaurant 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.
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Study on the impact of the revised SMW rate on pay hierarchies in the retail and restaurant sectors	610	2013	In progress	N/A	N/A

- (b) In 2014-15, funds have been reserved for those projects “in progress” in the table above. In addition, the following projects are planned to be conducted –

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Total 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?
LWB							
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on the feasibility of a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly	N/A	2014-15	Under planning	N/A	N/A
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on issues related to the formulation of an Elderly Services Programme Plan	N/A	2014-15	Under planning	N/A	N/A
Labour Department							
See Network Limited	Tender	Standard Working Hours Committee (SWHC)’s public engagement campaign on working hours	2,988	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	SWHC’s study on the working hours situation in Hong Kong	5,680	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A

- (c) The criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects include assessment of the technical proposals (such as the knowledge and experience of the research institutions/consulting firms in the subject area, the proposed approach, methodology and work programme in conducting the studies and the past performance of the institutions/consulting firms) and the fee proposals.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0326****(Question Serial No. 4640)****Head:** (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified**Programme:** (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Social Welfare, (3) Women's Interests, (4) Manpower Development, (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres, (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board and Environmental Advisory Service, (7) Subvention: Vocational Training Council (Vocational Training)**Controlling Officer:** Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Labour and Welfare**Question (Member Question No. 137):**

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 your bureau and the departments under its purview have been involved.

- (a) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes, please provide information in 2011-12 to 2013-14 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)	Expenditure involved	Mainland official and department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, 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 in 2014-15, please provide information as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland official and department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Will the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If so, 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 Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary co-operation? If so, what are they? What were the manpower and expenditure involved over the past 3 years? How much financial and manpower resources have been earmarked in the Estimates for 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and its departments 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	Expenditure involved	Mainland official and department/organisation involved	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, 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
Guangdong (GD) Scheme	<p><u>Details and objectives</u> To provide Old Age Allowance (OAA) for eligible Hong Kong elderly people aged 65 or above who choose to reside in GD.</p> <p><u>Relationship with the Framework Agreement</u> The Framework Agreement promotes, inter alia, cooperation between the two places on welfare matters. The GD Scheme will be a positive development in this direction.</p>	The revised estimate for allowance payment for the GD Scheme in 2013-14 was about \$175 million.	Not applicable (N/A)	The Scheme was launched on 1 October 2013.	We briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the GD Scheme on 12 March 2012.	<p>Legislative changes are not required.</p> <p>With effect from 1 October 2013, eligible Hong Kong elderly people aged 65 or above who choose to reside in GD can receive the OAA there, without having to return to Hong Kong each year.</p>

(b) Details of the cross-boundary projects/programmes in 2014-15 are as follows –

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland official and department/organisation involved	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Will the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If so, 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
GD Scheme	We will continue to implement the GD Scheme.	The estimated allowance payment for the GD Scheme in 2014-15 is about \$476 million (including payment of one additional month of the allowance which is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the LegCo), while the administrative cost earmarked is \$35.4 million.	N/A	As above.	As above.	As above.
Pilot Residential Care Service Scheme in GD	<u>Details and objectives</u> To purchase places from an elderly home (the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights) in Shenzhen which is operated by a Hong Kong non-governmental	While an annual provision of some \$35 million has been earmarked for the implementation of this pilot scheme, actual expenditure will depend on the number of intake of	N/A	The Social Welfare Department will invite eligible elderly persons to consider joining the pilot scheme in the second quarter of 2014 and arrange	The pilot scheme was announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address. We have briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the LegCo on 23 January 2013 on the pilot scheme as one of the policy initiatives set out in 2014 Policy	No legislative changes or policy changes are required.

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland official and department/organisation involved	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Will the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If so, 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
	<p>organisation (NGO) - Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation - to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to live in the home concerned. We are exploring similar arrangements with another home run by a Hong Kong NGO in Zhaoqing.</p> <p><u>Relationship with the Framework Agreement</u> The Framework Agreement promotes, inter alia, cooperation between the two places on welfare matters. The pilot scheme will be a positive development in this direction.</p>	eligible elderly persons.		placements starting from the third quarter of 2014.	Address. SWD will provide details about the Scheme to the eligible elderly persons through their responsible workers.	

- (c) Apart from the projects/programmes listed above, there are no other modes of cross-boundary co-operation handled by LWB and its departments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0327****(Question Serial No. 6364)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 251):

The revised financial provision for 2013-14 represents a substantial decrease of 13.8% over the original estimate. What are the reasons for the decrease? Please give an account of the items which attributed to the decrease and provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2013-14 is 13.8% (or \$47.6 million) lower than the original estimate, mainly owing to the less-than-expected expenditure in 2013-14 and deferred requirements of some expenditure items. Details are listed in the table below.

Description	Amount reduced (\$ million)
Departmental expenses for various projects/programmes and recurrent subvention under social welfare	22.7
Other charges including the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients and the "financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others"	16.2
Non-recurrent items including reduced cash flow requirement for Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (which is partly offset by increase in provision for the Child Development Fund)	6.9
Personal emoluments	1.8
Total :	47.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0328

(Question Serial No. 6370)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 257):

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Administration will 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.

Since 2009-10, LWB has substantially increased the annual allocation for the relevant public education activities to about \$13 million to promote the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ("the Convention"). This includes the 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 2014-15, 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. The expenditure will be absorbed within the \$13.5 million earmarked for public education on rehabilitation in 2014-15, and the manpower involved in implementing these public education activities will be absorbed by the existing resources of LWB.

As to other government departments and public organisations which also organise public education programmes for promoting mental health and full integration of persons recovering from mental illness into the community, the expenditure and manpower involved will be absorbed under their respective expenditure heads.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6371)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 258):

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, 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:

From 2011-12 to 2013-14, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Women's Commission (WoC) organised 1 consultation forum and 13 exchange sessions with women's groups and related non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to solicit views on various issues of concern to women, such as women employment, parental responsibility model, women safety, women's participation in public affairs, and gender mainstreaming, etc.

In December 2012, LWB assisted WoC in organising a large-scale conference entitled "Tapping Women's Wisdom for a Better Future" for participants to exchange views on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in various policy areas. Around 500 participants from women's groups, relevant NGOs as well as government bureaux and departments attended.

From 2011-12 to 2013-14, WoC was consulted on various policies and programmes including population policy, women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies, services for new arrival women, correctional services for female offenders, promotion of breast feeding, handling of domestic violence and sexual violence cases, childcare and after-school care services, primary care development strategy, review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance, stalking, tackling of municipal solid waste, time-use survey, and Funding Scheme for Women's Development etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0330****(Question Serial No. 4413)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 119):

The sincerity and determination of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in promoting women's interests should be queried. Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2014-15, all items are exactly the same as those of the previous year except the item of preparation of the third report to the United Nations which is a time-bound job.

The Bureau's negligence of women's interests can also be seen from its financial provisions for this programme in the past 5 years. For each year, the actual expenditure was much lower than the original estimate in terms of both amount and percentage change.

Therefore I demand that the Bureau should explain the reason for this. Was there money that should be spent but was not spent? Or was there any work falling behind schedule?

Table: Amounts and Percentage Changes of Provision for Women's Interests

	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Provision (\$m)	20.7	24.8	24.1	25.3	29.6
Actual year-on-year increase / decrease (%)	+4%	+20	-3	+5	Not yet known
Estimated provision (\$m)	23.8	29.7	28.5	29.6	29.6
Estimated year-on-year increase / decrease (%)	+21.4	+29	+16.3	+17	+17

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been collaborating with the Women's Commission (WoC) to promote on an ongoing basis 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. The Administration has hitherto applied the Checklist to 50 specific policy or programme areas which include the

promotion of smoking cessation, the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and the development of batterer intervention programme, etc.

A total of \$2 million has been set aside by LWB each year for the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) since 2012-13. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocates around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations under the WoC Stream in organising regional and territory-wide activities. The project ceiling for each of the application is \$100,000 under WoC Stream. In addition, each of the 18 District Councils (DC) is allocated \$53,000 under the DC Stream for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate.

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. Since 2012-13, CBMP has become a recurrent project with an annual funding of around \$8 million. English and Putonghua courses have been developed for the ethnic minority and new arrival women from 2012-13 onwards. Up to March 2014, the cumulative number of enrolment for CBMP was around 70 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes.

On public education, LWB has been working closely with 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 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.

LWB has been keeping in view the actual expenditure pattern and adjusting the expenditure in the light of changing circumstances in the past years. The difference between the original estimates and the actual expenditures/revised estimates over the past 4 years was mainly due to savings achieved in the aforementioned programmes and activities, participation in regional and international conferences as well as departmental expense and personal emoluments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0331

(Question Serial No. 4414)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Women's Interests
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 120):

Please provide details of the staff establishment and operational expenses under Programme (3): Women's Interests:

1. Among the 13 officers under Programme (3), how many are on the directorate pay scale? What are their respective ranks?
2. Please list out the respective amounts of the following: salaries, allowances, job-related allowances and personnel related expenses.
3. Regarding item (2) above, please state the amounts provided for directorate civil servants and the respective percentages.
4. Please list out the amount of departmental expenses under this Programme.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought for Programme (3) is provided as follows –

1. There is one directorate post at the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC).
- 2 and 3. In 2014-15, the provision earmarked for salaries, allowances and personnel related expenses is \$9.8 million, of which around \$1.8 million (or 18%) is related to the AOSGC post.
4. In 2014-15, the provision earmarked for departmental expenses is around \$19.8 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0332****(Question Serial No. 4415)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 122):

Please provide information on the following:

1. Please set out in table form the departments which applied the "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" (the Checklist) of the Women's Commission (WoC) in 2013-14 and the policy and programme areas involved.
2. According to the information I received from the Bureau last year, only 15 bureaux and departments applied the Checklist in 17 areas during the 4 years from 2009-10 to 2012-13. Even though the Secretary for Labour and Welfare has appealed to and reminded bureaux and departments to apply the Checklist to every suitable policy area and work, it can be seen from the above figures that the effectiveness of the promotional efforts is doubtful. In this regard, may I know, besides making appeals, what else the Bureau will do to motivate those bureaux and departments which have not applied the Checklist to do so?
3. Have the bureaux and departments allocated resources to implement this initiative? If yes, please set out in table form the establishment and number of staff, and the amount of allocation involved. If not, has the Bureau considered making it a mandatory requirement?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Details of the application of the Checklist in 2013-14 are appended below –

Bureaux/Departments	Policy/Programme Areas
Financial Services and Treasury Bureau	Investor Education
Department of Health	Promotion of Breast Feeding
Department of Health	Diseases Prevention

2. The Administration has hitherto applied the Checklist to 50 specific policy or programme areas. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of Gender Mainstreaming (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 procurement of uniforms for disciplinary forces, etc.

With a view to providing incentives for bureaux and departments to apply GM to their work, WoC launched the Gender Mainstreaming Award in 2012-13 to give recognition to the efforts of government bureaux and departments in promoting GM, to showcase their successful application of 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.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has continued with its ongoing 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. Gender-related training is also included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers. In addition, regular gender-related training is arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I. To enable all civil servants to receive gender-related training in a more flexible manner, an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues and a web-portal on gender mainstreaming are made available for all civil servants.

3. The resources involved in applying GM have been and will continue to be absorbed by respective bureaux and departments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4513)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 323):

By what means will the Administration encourage the public and community organisations to participate in the work of the Elderly Commission? What strategies will be adopted to provide incentives for their participation? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

To promote the message of active ageing, the Elderly Commission (EC) and the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) launched the Elder Academy Scheme (Scheme) in early 2007. School sponsoring bodies and organisations providing elderly services 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. At present, a total of 108 elder academies have been set up in primary and secondary schools and in tertiary institutions, providing more than 10 000 learning places every year. Pursuant to the 2014 Policy Address, an additional \$50 million has been injected in March 2014 into the Elder Academy Development Foundation to strengthen the support for the Scheme. The total funding expenditure of the Scheme since 2007 amounted to around \$15 million.

In early 2008, EC and LWB launched the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP). Through cross-sectoral collaboration, NAAP develops support networks at the community level. The elderly play a leading role in NAAP projects. A total of 75 districts 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 \$6.7 million, are being carried out throughout the territory from 2012-14. Meanwhile, the next phase of NAAP is being planned for launching in 2014-15, and the estimated amount of funding is about \$3 million.

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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4514)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 324):

Will the Administration please advise on the expenditure involved for the Elderly Commission in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Elderly Commission (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).

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, EC is tasked to formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan within two years, and to conduct a study on the feasibility of introducing a residential care services voucher scheme in a year's time. EC is planning to engage consultants to assist it with these tasks. The expenditure for 2014-15 for the consultancy studies, to be borne by LWB, is not yet available as they are still under planning. At its meeting held on 10 March 2014, the Welfare Services Panel of the Legislative Council (LegCo) supported the government's proposal to create, within LWB a small dedicated team, to be led by a directorate officer at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C rank and supported by one Senior Administrative Officer and one Personal Secretary I, for a period of two years to support EC in these tasks. LWB plans to submit the proposal to LegCo's Establishment Subcommittee at its meeting on 30 April 2014 and then to LegCo's Finance Committee on 16 May 2014. The additional full annual average staff cost of these three time-limited posts is about \$4.8 million.

LWB collaborates with EC on the latter's initiatives to promote active ageing. In early 2007, LWB and EC launched the Elder Academy Scheme (Scheme) to enable elderly persons to pursue a healthy and active retirement life through lifelong learning. In 2014-15, 70 on-going projects with funding support from the Scheme will continue to be implemented, involving a funding expenditure of around \$4.2 million. In addition, funding will continue to be allocated to new projects. The amount of funding required mainly depends on the number of funding applications received and the actual amount granted to the approved applications. Expenditure incurred by the Scheme is borne by the Elder Academy Development Foundation under the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated.

In early 2008, EC and LWB launched the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP). Through cross-sectoral collaboration, NAAP develops support networks at the community level. The next phase of NAAP is being planned for launching in 2014-15, and the estimated amount of funding is about \$3 million. Expenditure for the NAAP is borne by LWB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4533)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 359):

Regarding the work to promote active ageing by continuing to collaborate with the Elderly Commission, please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required in 2014-15, 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 for the effort in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) collaborates with the Elderly Commission (EC) on the latter's initiatives to promote active ageing. In early 2007, LWB and EC launched the Elder Academy Scheme (Scheme) to enable elderly persons to pursue a healthy and active retirement life through lifelong learning. At present, a total of 108 elder academies have been set up in primary and secondary schools and in tertiary institutions, providing more than 10 000 learning places every year. Pursuant to the 2014 Policy Address, an additional \$50 million has been injected in March 2014 into the Elder Academy Development Foundation to strengthen the support for the Scheme. In 2014-15, 70 on-going projects with funding support from the Scheme will continue to be implemented, involving a funding expenditure of around \$4.2 million. In addition, funding will continue to be allocated to new projects. The amount of funding required mainly depends on the number of funding applications received and the actual amount granted to the approved applications. Funding expenditure of the Scheme in the past three financial years (2011-12 to 2013-14) amounted to around \$6.1 million.

In early 2008, EC and LWB launched the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP). Through cross-sectoral collaboration, NAAP develops support networks at the community level. A total of 69 district projects, involving around \$6.7 million, were funded in the past three financial years (2011-12 to 2013-14). Meanwhile, the next phase of NAAP is being planned for launching in 2014-15, and the estimated amount of funding is about \$3 million.

Apart from the above, in 2012-13, EC sponsored the production of "Golden Age", a television series that promote active ageing, by the Radio Television of Hong Kong. The expenditure involved is about \$1 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6124)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 146):

Please set out the expenditure involved in the major activities/work mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 and 2014-15 under this Programme.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2013-14 and 2014-15, \$8 million and \$2 million have been allocated each year for the Capacity Building Mileage Programme and the Funding Scheme for Women's Development respectively. The expenditure involved in other activities/work mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 and 2014-15 were and will continue to be absorbed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6127)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 325):

Regarding the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF), please advise this Committee of the following:

- (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 2014, CIIF has received a total of 1 166 applications, of which 286 (24.5%) and 880 applications (75.5%) were approved and rejected respectively. The total amount approved is about \$300 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4287)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 71):

It is mentioned under the programme that the provision for the coming year is \$4.3 million (17.0%) higher and this is "mainly due to increased support for the work of the Women's Commission". Will the government advise on the following:

- (1) the details of the expenditure and manpower of the Women's Commission (WoC) in the past year;
- (2) what kind of increased support will be provided for WoC in the coming year and whether manpower resources are involved?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been collaborating with WoC to promote the interests and wellbeing of women through a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. In 2013-14, LWB continued to assist WoC in implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme, the Funding Scheme for Women's Development, public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues, etc. The resources required for implementing these initiatives were absorbed by LWB which provided secretariat support for WoC.
- (2) In 2014-15, in addition to implementing ongoing initiatives, LWB will assist WoC in producing a television series on women issues and compile a report to publicise the work of WoC. We will also continue with our efforts in promoting gender mainstreaming, organising seminars on anti-sexual harassment in secondary schools as well as conducting a survey on the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents and women employment. The resources involved in implementing these initiatives will be absorbed by LWB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6193)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 141):

Regarding official entertainment expenses of the Bureau and its departments, will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (1) the number of exceptions where official entertainment expenses of public officers for lunch and dinner exceeded the respective ceilings per head, the number of exceptions with approval of directorate officers, the exceeded amounts and the reasons for the excess over the past three years? Please provide the information by bureau/department/public organisation, etc.
- (2) the number of non-compliance with the guidelines on the bestowal of gifts or souvenirs by public officers during the conduct of official activities, and the number of and reasons for exceptions with approval of directorate officers over the past three years? Please provide the information by bureau/department/public organisation, etc.

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The Civil Service Regulations (CSRs) set out the principles, rules and approval procedures relating to official entertainment. The Heads of Departments have the delegated authority to authorise all expenditure from the departmental entertainment vote. In addition, according to the Government's internal guidelines, the expenditure limits on entertaining guests should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner. Government officers are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy when entertaining guest(s) for official purposes in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance. Where there are sufficient justifications for exceeding the expenditure limits, the departments are required to consider those applications according to the established mechanism and to document properly the detailed justifications for granting such approval.

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation.

In the past three years, no officer of the Labour and Welfare Bureau and its departments was subject to disciplinary action for alleged contravention of the CSRs or other government requirements in relation to claiming reimbursement of entertainment expenses or offering gifts/souvenirs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6220)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 183):

The Government has announced that it would make all government information released for public consumption machine-readable in digital formats. In respect of this,

- (1) Please provide in the table below details of the government information to be released for public consumption by your Bureau/Department.

Bureau/ Department	Information items that can be released for public consumption	Description of the information	Period of the information	Is the information released in digital formats currently and date of release	If not, will it be converted into digital formats	Digital format already/planned to be used (please choose)			
						Machine-readable, non-proprietary formats (e.g. CSV)	Machine-readable, proprietary formats (e.g. MS Excel, Word)	Non-Machine-readable formats (e.g. JPG, PDF, PNG)	Open-standard formats (e.g. XML)

- (2) Would the Administration indicate the manpower and expenditure involved for releasing government information for public consumption in 2014-15? Will more resources and manpower be provided to your Bureau/Department for handling this task so that the plan can be more effectively implemented?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows :

- (1) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) all along provides members of the public and stakeholders with information on its policies, organisation, latest news and related documents through its LWB website. The information is made available in various digital formats (including MS Word, JPG, PDF, HTML, etc.). As the information is in large quantity and diversified in nature, no detailed breakdown could be provided.
- (2) The preparation and release of relevant information for public consumption is part of the work of LWB's staff. The manpower and expenditure involved will continue to be absorbed within LWB's existing resources.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6230)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 200):

Regarding the Bureau's expenditure on the procurement of computer software and hardware, could the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Has the Government developed standardised internal guidelines on procurement setting out the criteria for procuring or renewing computer software and hardware? If yes, what are the details? Have the guidelines required that the Bureau need to renew its computer software and hardware in a timely manner?
- (b) Given that the computer software and hardware supplier Microsoft will terminate its support service for its Windows XP operating system, please provide the respective numbers of computers in the Bureau which are using (1) Microsoft Windows XP operating system; (2) the operating systems launched by Microsoft before 2001; and (3) other operating systems (please specify the version), as well as the respective percentages of these 3 types of computers against the total number of computers in the Bureau. Does the Bureau have any plan to renew the outdated version of the above operating systems?
- (c) What are the expenditure and criteria for procuring different types of tablet computers by the Bureau? What are the model numbers and the purposes of the tablet computers? Is there any classified information stored in these tablet computers? If yes, what are the details? Are the tablet computers used by the Bureau installed with information security software? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) According to the prevailing government guidelines, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will, on a yearly basis, formulate information technology (IT) project portfolio for the next 3 years and plan for the related IT projects to ensure that these IT projects can practically and effectively meet the business needs and operational arrangements of the bureau. With regard to the planning for IT replacement projects, we will examine and assess various potential risks and devise associated mitigation measures. From the technology perspective, the potential risks that should be taken into consideration include product compatibility, maintenance and support, replacement products for ensuring continuity and availability of market supply. In procuring or replacing computer hardware and software, LWB follows the government procurement guidelines to make the most cost-effective purchase through open and fair competition, and takes into account the importance and priority of the IT projects.
- (b) Given that the computer software/hardware supplier Microsoft will terminate its support service for Windows XP operating system, LWB is now upgrading the operating systems of all desktops and notebooks from Windows XP to Windows 7. As at 31 March 2014, about 90% of them have been

upgraded and the whole upgrading exercise will be completed by early April 2014. At present, LWB is not using personal computers with operating systems launched by Microsoft before 2001 or other operating systems.

- (c) In 2013-14, two tablet computers running on operating platform of Apple were procured by LWB at about \$11,000. They were procured through the standing offer agreements administered by the Office of Government Chief Information Officer.

The tablet computers procured are mainly used to support internal operations including sending and receiving emails, short message service, calendaring and Internet browsing. In procuring or replacing tablet computers, LWB follows the government procurement guidelines to make the most cost-effective purchase through open and fair competition.

In general, LWB does not store confidential information in mobile devices (including tablet computers). If there is such an operational arrangement, LWB strictly follows the requirements of the Security Regulations. Where necessary, LWB will deploy mobile device management solutions and take appropriate security measures, such as enabling the password lock on mobile devices, wiping device data after a specific number of failed login attempts, and enabling the anti-virus and malicious code detection and repair engine. The expenditure for installing information security software in tablet computers is normally included in the procurement and maintenance costs. LWB does not have the breakdown on such expenditure.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6541)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 130):

In connection with the provision of public information and gathering of public opinions by means of the Internet, please advise on the following:

- (a) the information regarding the social media platforms set up and operated by your bureau/departments/public bodies or their agents (such as out-sourced contractors or consultants) for the past year in tabulated form (see Annex 1).

Commencement of operation (Month/Year)	Status (keep updating /ceased updating) (as at 31 January 2014)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments /public bodies/ government consultations)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+ /LinkedIn /Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 31 January 2014)	No. of "Likes"/ No. of subscribers/ Average monthly visits (as at 31 January 2014)	Compiling summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 31 January 2014)
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- (b) whether the "Guidelines on the Use of Social Media" available on Government intranets give instructions to your department on the ceilings on expenditures for using social media or web-based platforms, such as registration fees, advertising expenditures and value-added services. If yes, what are the details? If not, will the guidelines be revised to set out the reasonable levels of expenditures derived from the use of social media.
- (c) In recent years, governments around the world have introduced systems through which citizens may hand in their online proposals. They have also undertaken that they will give a formal online response if a certain number of citizens have indicated their support of the proposals. Has the Administration examined ways to improve the existing channels for collecting public opinions on the Internet and evaluate the feasibility of the system of collecting online proposals mentioned above? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The information sought is provided below:

- (a) The social media platforms set up and operated by Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Social Welfare Department (SWD), Labour Department (LD) and public bodies under our purview are provided at the Annex.
- (b) On using social media, the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer provides technical advice and support to bureaux and departments through the provision of information security and other general guidelines, including setting up a thematic webpage to share information on as well as tips of using social media. The expenditure to be spent on using social media depends on the business needs and operational arrangements of our bureau and departments.
- (c) While we will continue to collect and respond to public views through established channels (such as regular communication with stakeholders) or holding public consultation sessions as appropriate, we will assess the feasibility and effectiveness of different channels in collecting and responding to public views on an ongoing basis. We will also take follow-up action on the views from members of the public as appropriate.

Information on Social Media Platforms set up and operated by LWB/SWD/LD and public bodies under their purview in 2013-14

No.	Commencement of operation (Month/Year)	Status (keep updating / ceased updating) (as at 31 January 2014)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 31 January 2014)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 31 January 2014)	Compiling summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation* (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 31 January 2014)
(1)	May 2009	Keep updating	Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC)	OSHC Channel	YouTube	To disseminate occupational safety and health messages. Updates: 113	No. of subscribers: 114	No	Two executive staff of OSHC	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(2)	December 2009	Keep updating	SWD	Social Welfare Department	YouTube	To publicise new TV-APIs and educational materials produced by SWD Updates: 89	Average monthly visits: 2 008	No	Two Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff at the Information Officer rank	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(3)	March 2010	Keep updating	Clothing Industry Training Authority (CITA)	HK CITA	YouTube	To publicise information about CITA. Updates: 39	No. of subscribers: 10	No	One executive staff of CITA	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(4)	May 2010	Keep updating	CITA	CITA	Facebook	To publicise information about CITA.	No. of “Likes”: 780	No	One executive staff of CITA	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.

No.	Commencement of operation (Month/Year)	Status (keep updating / ceased updating) (as at 31 January 2014)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 31 January 2014)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 31 January 2014)	Compiling summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation* (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 31 January 2014)
(5)	June 2010	Keep updating	LD	勞工處「青年就業起點」(Y.E.S.)	Facebook	To disseminate information on the Youth Employment Resource Centres, including the latest training and job fair information and results of training selection interview. No record of updates was kept.	No. of “Likes”: 6 714	Yes	Four staff of the participating non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	The manpower involved was absorbed within the contract cost.
(6)	July 2010	Keep updating	LWB	聯合國《殘疾人權利公約》青少年大使	Facebook	To promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the “Inclusive Life - Show Your Different Abilities” Youth Education Campaign. No record of updates was kept.	No. of “Likes”: 247	No	One staff of the contractor	The manpower involved was absorbed within the contract cost.
(7)	August 2010	Keep updating	SWD	社署署長呼籲支持義工運動	Facebook	To encourage members of the public to participate in volunteer work Updates: 23	No. of “Likes”: 1 651	No	One Senior Social Work Officer	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.

No.	Commencement of operation (Month/Year)	Status (keep updating / ceased updating) (as at 31 January 2014)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 31 January 2014)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 31 January 2014)	Compiling summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation* (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 31 January 2014)
(8)	September 2010	Keep updating	Vocational Training Council (VTC)	職業訓練局 -- 「Teen 才再現」計劃	Facebook	To promote courses and to publicise information on relevant activities. No record of updates was kept.	No. of subscribers: 690	No	One executive staff of VTC	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(9)	March 2012	Keep updating	Employees Retraining Board (ERB)	ERBchannelHK	YouTube	To publicise the promotional activities of ERB Updates: 11	No. of “Likes”: 33	Yes	One executive staff of ERB	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(10)	July 2012	Keep updating	The Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF), LWB	CIIF 充滿人情味的基金	Facebook	To serve as a platform to engage stakeholders and promote the work of CIIF and the concept of social capital. Updates: On average one to two times per week	No. of “Likes”: 1 441	Yes	One NCSC staff at the Executive Officer rank	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(11)	August 2012	Ceased updating	LWB	Mental Health Month	Facebook	To promote the public education activity – “2013 Mental Health Month”. No record of updates was kept.	No relevant record has been kept	No	Staff of the participating NGOs	The manpower involved was absorbed within the contract cost.

No.	Commencement of operation (Month/Year)	Status (keep updating / ceased updating) (as at 31 January 2014)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 31 January 2014)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 31 January 2014)	Compiling summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation* (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 31 January 2014)
(12)	December 2012	Keep updating	CITA	HK CITA	Twitter	To publicise information about CITA. Updates: 20	No. of subscribers: 30	No	One executive staff of CITA	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(13)	July 2013	Keep updating	Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board (PCFB)	PCFB	Facebook	To publicise services and activities of PCFB Updates: 1	No. of "Likes": 7	Yes	One executive staff of PCFB	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(14)	July 2013	Keep updating	PCFB	PCFB	YouTube	To disseminate information on the prevention of pneumoconiosis and mesothelioma. Updates: 1	No. of subscribers: 1	Yes	One executive staff of PCFB	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(15)	January 2014	Keep updating	LD	Selective Placement Division	YouTube	To publicise successful employment cases involving persons with disabilities. Updates: Since the YouTube was newly launched in January 2014, there was no update as at 31 January 2014.	No. of subscribers: 3	No	One Assistant Labour Officer I	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.

* The staff concerned are responsible for the projects in addition to their principal duties.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6555)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 170):

In respect of the public relations expenses of various government departments in the past year, please inform this Committee of:

- (1) The expenses your department spent on advertisement on mainstream or online media as well as the relevant details in table form (please see Annex 1):

Published / Broadcasted Time (Month / Year)	Status (one-off / ongoing / completed) (as at 31 January 2014)	Government or Public Organisation (including policy bureau / department / public organisation / government advisory body)	Name of Advertisement	Name of Publisher or Broadcasting Media (newspaper / radio station / TV station / advertising panel / car wrap advertising / website, etc)	Purpose and Frequency of the Advertisement (as at 31 January 2014)	Rank and No. of Responsible Person(s) (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved (as at 31 January 2014)
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- (2) The expenses your department spent on sponsoring media to provide programmes or materials as well as the relevant details (please see Annex 2):

Programme / Materials Published / Broadcasted Time (Month / Year)	Status (one-off / ongoing / completed) (as at 31 January 2014)	Sponsoring Government or Public Organisation (including policy bureau / department / public organisation / government advisory body)	Name of Programme / Materials	Name of Publisher or Broadcasting Media (newspaper / radio station / TV station / website, etc)	Purpose and Frequency of the Sponsorship (as at 31 January 2014)	Rank and No. of Responsible Person(s) (as at 31 January 2014)	Expenses involved (as at 31 January 2014)
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(3) The expenses on and details of the Advertorial of your department (please see Annex 3):

Programme / Materials Published / Broadcasted Time (Month/Year)	Status (one-off / ongoing / completed) (as at 31 January 2014)	Government Organisation (including policy bureau / department / public organisation / government advisory body)	Name of Programme / Materials	Name of Publisher or Broadcasting Media (newspaper / radio station / TV station / website, etc)	Purpose and Frequency of the Programme / Materials (as at 31 January 2014)	Rank and No. of Responsible Person(s) (as at 31 January 2014)	Non-government organisation / Personnel Responsible for Writing Advertisement Script (if any)	Expenses involved (as at 31 January 2014)
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Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) Details of advertisement on mainstream or online media under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and public bodies under its purview in 2013-14 are provided at Annex 1.
- (2) Details of sponsoring media to provide programmes or materials under LWB and public bodies under its purview in 2013-14 are provided at Annex 2.
- (3) Details of Advertorials under LWB and public bodies under its purview in 2013-14 are provided at Annex 3.

(1) Information on advertisements on mainstream or online media under LWB and public bodies under its purview in 2013-14

No.	Government or Public Organisation	Published / Broadcasted Time (Month / Year)	Name of Advertisement	Broadcasting Media (newspaper / radio station / TV station / advertising panel / car wrap advertising / website, etc)	Purpose and Frequency of the Advertisement (as at 31 January 2014)	Status (one-off / ongoing / completed) (as at 31 January 2014)	Rank and No. of Responsible Person(s)* (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved (as at 31 January 2014) (\$'000)
1.	LWB	April - November 2013	(1) Second Series of 5-Minuters about Deaf Culture & Sign Language; Documentary Series: "A Wall-less World IV"; and 5-Minuters on employment of persons with disabilities	Various public transport facilities (graphic and digital advertising)	To promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; use of sign language and deaf culture; and employment of persons with disabilities. Continuous from April to November 2013.	Completed	One Non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff at Senior Executive Officer (SEO) rank	2,651
			(2) Child Development Fund (CDF)	Websites	To facilitate the recruitment of mentors and participating children for the new batch of CDF projects. Around 1.4 million impressions in websites from October to November 2013.	Completed	One SEO	60
2.	Clothing Industry Training Authority (CITA)	July and October 2013	Promotion of the full-time programmes of CITA	Newspaper, magazine, radio, Further Studies Guide	To promote the full time programmes of CITA. 4 times in printed media and 30 times radio broadcasts in July and October 2013.	Completed	One CITA Officer	66

No.	Government or Public Organisation	Published / Broadcasted Time (Month / Year)	Name of Advertisement	Broadcasting Media (newspaper / radio station / TV station / advertising panel / car wrap advertising / website, etc)	Purpose and Frequency of the Advertisement (as at 31 January 2014)	Status (one-off / ongoing / completed) (as at 31 January 2014)	Rank and No. of Responsible Person(s)* (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved (as at 31 January 2014) (\$'000)
3.	Employees Retraining Board (ERB)	April 2013 - April 2014	(1) Promotion of courses and district activities	Newspaper, outdoor billboards, various public transport facilities, websites, publications of business associations and trade unions	To promote courses and district activities of ERB. 196 times from April 2013 to March 2014.	Completed	Three executive staff of ERB	1,200
			(2) "ERB Manpower Developer Award Scheme"	Newspaper, various public transport facilities, publications of business associations and trade unions	To promote the "ERB Manpower Developer Award Scheme". 27 times from April to November 2013.	Completed	One executive staff of ERB	250
			(3) "Smart Baby Care"	Newspaper, magazines, outdoor billboards, panels at hospitals, TV walls at MTR stations, TV wall at shopping mall, websites	To promote the "Smart Baby Care" scheme. 50 times from July 2013 to January 2014.	Completed	One executive staff of ERB	610
			(4) ERB Service Centre (Tin Shui Wai)	Minibus bodies	To promote the services of ERB Service Centre (Tin Shui Wai). Continuous from October 2013 to April 2014.	Ongoing	One executive staff of ERB	10
			(5) "Smart Living" Chinese New Year Service	Newspaper, websites	To promote the "Smart Living" Chinese New Year Service. 10 times in January 2014.	Completed	One executive staff of ERB	200
			(6) The 6th Manpower Development Scheme Award Presentation	Newspaper	To publicise the outcomes of ERB's training services. 5 times in January 2014.	Completed	One executive staff of ERB	160

No.	Government or Public Organisation	Published / Broadcasted Time (Month / Year)	Name of Advertisement	Broadcasting Media (newspaper / radio station / TV station / advertising panel / car wrap advertising / website, etc)	Purpose and Frequency of the Advertisement (as at 31 January 2014)	Status (one-off / ongoing / completed) (as at 31 January 2014)	Rank and No. of Responsible Person(s)* (as at 31 January 2014)	Financial resources involved (as at 31 January 2014) (\$'000)
4.	Vocational Training Council (VTC)	April 2013 – January 2014	Promotion of courses and schemes including: Traineeship Scheme (Beauty Care & Hairdressing); Pro-Act Centre (Electrical) Admission; Modern Apprenticeship Scheme; Pro-Act Centre (Welding) Admission; Traineeship Scheme; Pro-Act Centre (Auto) Admission; Teen's Programme.	Newspaper, websites	To promote VTC courses and schemes. 32 times from April 2013 to January 2014.	Completed	The subject officer of the relevant course/scheme.	419
5.	Women's Commission (WoC)	June - November 2013	Gender Mainstreaming TV Announcement	Bus and MTR	To promote gender mainstreaming. Continuous from June to November 2013.	Completed	One NCSC staff at Executive Officer (EO) I rank	689

* The staff concerned are responsible for the projects in addition to their principal duties.

(2) Information on sponsoring media to provide programs or materials by LWB and public bodies under its purview in 2013-14

No.	Government or Public Organisation	Programme / Materials Published / Broadcasted Time (Month / Year)	Name of Programme / Materials	Broadcasting Media (newspaper / radio station / TV station / website, etc)	Purpose and Frequency of the Sponsorship (as at 31 January 2014)	Status (one-off / ongoing / completed) (as at 31 January 2014)	Rank and No. of Responsible Person(s)* (as at 31 January 2014)	Expenses involved (as at 31 January 2014) (\$'000)
1.	ERB	May 2013	The 12th International Children & Baby Brands Expo	Radio	To promote the “Smart Baby Care” scheme. Once in May 2013.	Completed	One executive staff of ERB	100

* The staff concerned is responsible for the projects in addition to his/her principal duties.

(3) Information on advertorials of LWB and public bodies under its purview in 2013-14

No.	Government or Public Organisation	Programme / Materials Published / Broadcasted Time (Month / Year)	Name of Programme / Materials	Broadcasting Media (newspaper / radio station / TV station / website, etc)	Purpose and Frequency of the Programme / Materials (as at 31 January 2014)	Status (one-off / ongoing / completed) (as at 31 January 2014)	Rank and No. of Responsible Person(s)* (as at 31 January 2014)	Non-government organisation (NGO) / Personnel Responsible for Writing Advertisement Script (if any)	Expenses involved (as at 31 January 2014) (\$'000)
1.	LWB	October and December 2013	(1) 2013 Mental Health Month	Newspaper	To promote the 2013 Mental Health Month. 2 times in October 2013.	Completed	One staff of the relevant NGOs	Organising Committee of 2013 Mental Health Month	57
			(2) International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2013	Newspaper	To promote the International Day of Disabled Persons with Disabilities 2013. Once in December 2013.	Completed	One staff of the relevant NGOs	Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities/ Hong Kong Council of Social Service	24
2.	WoC	March 2013	International Women's Day	Newspaper	To promote the work of the WoC and gender main-streaming. Once in March 2013.	Completed	One NCSC staff at EOI rank	N/A (jointly prepared by secretariat staff and the concerned newspaper)	191
3.	ERB	April -August 2013	(1) "ERB Manpower Developer Award Scheme"	Newspaper	To promote the "ERB Manpower Developer Award Scheme" . 3 times in April to May 2013.	Completed	One executive staff of ERB	The newspaper concerned	80
			(2) Interview with Chairman of ERB	Magazine	To promote the brand and services of ERB to the business sector. Once in August 2013.	Completed	One executive staff of ERB	The magazine concerned	80

* The staff concerned are responsible for the projects in addition to their principal duties.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5680)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 44):

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Bureau will oversee the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services. What is the implementation progress of the Scheme? How many young persons have participated in the Scheme? What is the employment rate of the participants who can continue to work in care services?

Has the Administration designated any departments or manpower to follow-up and monitor the implementation of the Scheme? If so, what are the departments? What is the amount of provision involved?

With population ageing becomes an increasingly challenging issue, demand of healthcare manpower is bound to increase. Has this Scheme provided any extended in-service education or career enhancement for the participants to strengthen their knowledge and skills?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

To cope with the demand for frontline care staff and provide the younger generation with more employment options, a "first-hire-then-train" pilot scheme was launched in 2013, funded by the Lotteries Fund, to provide 200 training places for young people to work in residential care homes for the elderly. Apart from receiving on-the-job training, these young people are also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue studies which equip them for moving up the career ladder in the welfare sector. This pilot scheme has been well received. The Administration has earmarked funding to provide an additional 1 000 places in the coming few years and extend its coverage to the rehabilitation services. The total expenditure involved is approximately \$147 million. It is at the planning stage and details are being worked out.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5681)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 45):

There will be a net increase of 7 posts in 2014-15. What are the expenditure and the posts involved as well as the projects under the supervision of these posts?

The universal retirement protection scheme is an issue of common concern to the elderly groups and the community. Has the Administration created any dedicated posts to oversee and follow up the scheme?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 7 posts in the Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and supporting general grades is about \$5.80 million (at notional mid-point salary). Among these posts, 3 are time-limited in nature and the post-holders will assist the Elderly Commission in formulating an Elderly Services Programme Plan and in exploring the feasibility of introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly in one year's time.

Apart from that, we propose to upgrade the Commissioner for Rehabilitation post from the existing Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) rank to Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (AOSGB) at D3 rank, and to strengthen the establishment of the Rehabilitation Team in order to enhance the co-ordination among various Government bureaux and departments in implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and cope with the substantial growth both in terms of policy content and workload of the Rehabilitation Team.

As the Chief Executive stated in the 2014 Policy Address, the Commission on Poverty (CoP) has commissioned a consultancy study by a team, with Professor Nelson Chow as the chief consultant, to assess various retirement protection schemes on the basis of the multi-pillar approach advocated by the World Bank and make recommendations on the way forward. The study was commenced in May 2013. The consultancy team will submit its report to the Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force of CoP for consideration by mid-2014. A steering group has been set up to monitor the progress of the study. The steering group includes representatives from the Central Policy Unit, the Secretariat for CoP, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5683)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 48):

Regarding this item, the financial provision of the original estimate for 2013-14 is the same as that of the estimate for 2014-15, without any significant addition or deletion of services. Then, how can the Government achieve the aim of promoting women's interests and well-being?

I have repeatedly asked how the Government should promote women's interests and well-being through better allocation of financial resources. However, the Department's main job is to support the work of the Women's Commission only, and it has never been mindful of the need to review and improve related services. The recently released report on population policy points out that women are an existing or a potential force in the labour market. Will the Government consider making provisions for conducting a study of how to enable women of different sectors to join the labour force and promote their interests?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been collaborating with the Women's Commission (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. The Administration has hitherto applied the Checklist to 50 specific policy or programme areas which include the promotion of smoking cessation, the development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and the development of batterer intervention programme, etc.

A total of \$2 million has been set aside by LWB each year for the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) since 2012-13. Under the Funding Scheme, WoC allocates around \$1 million to women's groups and relevant NGOs under the WoC Stream in organising regional and territory-wide activities. The project ceiling for each of the application is \$100,000 under WoC Stream. In addition, each of the 18 District Councils (DC) is allocated \$53,000 under the DC Stream for organising district activities in collaboration with local women's groups as appropriate.

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 March 2014, the cumulative number of enrolment for CBMP was around 70 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. English and Putonghua courses have been developed for the ethnic minority and new arrival women from 2012-13 onwards.

On public education, LWB has been working closely with 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 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.

LWB and WoC are conducting a time-use survey in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department to study the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents, the circumstances surrounding women's decision to take part in or withdraw from the workforce as well as those factors which would attract them to join or re-join the workforce. The survey is expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5200)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 130):

The Commission on Poverty (CoP) has only taken into account the median household income and not the price levels and costs of living when setting the poverty line. However, the eligibility criteria for the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) is determined with reference to the poverty line. Will the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the CoP review the poverty line in the coming year so that more households in need can benefit from the LIFA?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

Poverty line is not "poverty alleviation" line. It is a tool for analysis which will enable us to identify and target various groups of people in need, and analyse and monitor the effectiveness of government intervention over time. The eligibility criteria of different government assistance schemes will continue to be considered based on the respective objectives of the schemes and the respective characteristics and needs of their target beneficiaries.

The proposed Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) has a two-tier income test. If the income of a beneficiary family is equivalent to or below 50% of the median monthly domestic household income (MMDHI), this family will be eligible for the full allowance. A beneficiary family with a monthly income over 50% of MMDHI but not exceeding 60% of MMDHI would receive the half-rate allowance. There will also be two tiers of working hour threshold. Depending on the threshold that the applying working member meet, the family would obtain the standard or higher basic allowance under LIFA. All beneficiary families are also required to meet the asset limit of the scheme, which will largely follow the asset limit of public rental housing.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5261)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 37):

What is the 2014-15 estimate for the Labour and Welfare Bureau's duty visits or exchanges in the Mainland? Please provide information about the themes of duty visits or exchanges in the Mainland planned for 2014-15. How will the Administration prevent activities irrelevant to official duties from taking place during duty visits outside Hong Kong? And how will the Administration prevent applications for revising visit destinations from becoming a mere formality?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

At this juncture, officers of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) do not have any specific plans for undertaking duty visits to or exchanges in the Mainland in 2014-15.

Duty visits made by LWB officers are subject to control under relevant regulations and guidelines to ensure effective monitoring and proper use of public funds. Relevant control measures include, inter alia, all duty visits undertaken should be well justified on operational grounds; proper prior approval should be sought for all duty visits and non-official activities should be avoided during duty visits; the officers concerned should provide all necessary information in respect of the proposed visit as far as possible when submitting the application; the officers concerned should inform the approving officers as soon as possible should there be any subsequent changes so that the approving officers could assess whether re-consideration of the application is needed.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5130)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie Tam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 202):

As mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will keep under review policies and services related to women and promote the development of new or improved services, including new models and good practices. Please advise this Committee on the following:

1. Were there any programmes targeted to facilitate women's employment over the past 3 years? If yes, what were the details and the total expenditure involved? How many and what types of training courses were offered under these programmes? What were the number of training places offered and the actual number of female trainees? What was the average success rate for female trainees to secure employment upon completion of training? What were their entry salaries? What was the overall outcome?
2. Will there be any increase in the expenditure for programmes facilitating women's employment in the coming year? If yes, what is the expenditure involved?
3. In addition to employment training programmes, are there any policies or plans to encourage and help women to join the workforce?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Employees Retraining Board (ERB) offers about 800 training courses, including full-time placement-tied courses and half-day or evening Skills Upgrading Scheme Plus courses as well as generic skills training courses, to eligible employees aged 15 or above with an educational attainment at sub-degree level or below. Women who meet the relevant entry requirements can enrol in training courses that match their career aspirations and training needs. Upon completion of placement-tied courses, trainees are provided with 3 to 6 months' placement follow-up services. For trainees who have completed training courses related to home, health and care services, ERB has established the Smart Living Scheme in 2002 to provide them with free vacancy referral and support services. In June 2013, ERB launched the Smart Baby Care Scheme to provide free referral services for post-natal care as well as infant and child care for trainees of relevant courses. Almost all the trainees registered with the Smart Living and Smart Baby Care Schemes are females.

The expenditure on training courses was \$553 million in 2011-12, \$591 million in 2012-13 and \$571 million^[Note] in 2013-14 respectively. The expenditure for the operation of the Smart Living Scheme was \$11 million in 2011-12 and \$11.2 million in 2012-13. The expenditure for the operation of the Smart Living and Smart Baby Care Schemes was \$13.5 million^[Note] in 2013-14.

The number of planned training places, number of female trainees enrolled, placement rate of female

trainees who completed placement-tied courses and their average entry salaries in the past 3 years are provided as follows:

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 ^[Note]
Number of planned training places	130 000	130 000	130 000
Number of female trainees enrolled	80 000	87 000	86 000
Placement rate of female trainees who completed placement-tied courses	83%	83%	83%
Average entry salaries of female trainees placed into employment			
● Full-time jobs	\$7,425	\$7,938	\$8,557
● Part-time jobs	\$1,793	\$1,889	\$2,069

2. In 2014-15, ERB plans to offer 130 000 training places. The expenditure on training courses is estimated to be \$572 million. The actual number of training places to be utilised in 2014-15 will depend on the market demand, local and overseas economic situations and the personal preference of the trainees etc. If the training places for 2014-15 are not fully utilised within the financial year, the expenditure in 2014-15 will accordingly be reduced. As regards the operation of the Smart Living and Smart Baby Care Schemes, the estimated expenditure is \$16.5 million.
3. The Labour Department (LD) provides free and comprehensive employment services to help job seekers, including women, find work through a network of 12 job centres, two industry-based recruitment centres, the Telephone Employment Service Centre, the Interactive Employment Service (iES) website and the numerous vacancy search terminals located throughout the territory. All LD job centres provide personalised employment advisory services. Job seekers, including women, may meet the employment advisors in job centres to obtain job search advice, information on training/retraining courses, and/or to receive career aptitude assessment as appropriate. The employment advisors can also assist job seekers with difficulties finding employment to participate in employment programmes to enhance their employability. Large-scale and district-based job fairs are regularly organised by LD to enhance the dissemination of vacancy information to job seekers so as to shorten their time in job search. Given that some job seekers may wish to find part-time work as they need to take care of their families, LD has set up a dedicated webpage on part-time vacancies at the iES website to facilitate them in finding suitable jobs. Furthermore, to promote women's equal opportunities in employment, LD requires employers using its recruitment services not to impose discriminatory requirement on gender in their recruitment terms, unless the employers can prove that the requirement is a genuine occupational qualification of the post. LD will not provide recruitment services to the employers if they refuse to remove the discriminatory requirement.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Women's Commission are conducting a time-use survey in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department to study the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents, the circumstances surrounding women's decision to take part in or withdraw from the workforce as well as those factors which would attract them to join or re-join the workforce. The findings will help the Administration consider measures that further promote women employment. The survey is expected to complete by the end of 2014.

In 2014-15, LWB will continue to allocate \$2 million for the Funding Scheme for Women's Development to provide funding support to women's groups and non-governmental organisations for organising projects and activities that promote women employment.

^[Note] The figures are estimated as at mid-March 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5961)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 570):

What measures does the government take to support those with hearing disabilities? Does the government provide allowances to such individuals, subsidise sign language classes and translation services, etc.? Please provide details, including the amount spent on each of these measures.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Administration has provided a full range of social rehabilitation services for persons with hearing impairment through Multi-service Centres for Hearing Impaired Persons (MSCs) and Social and Recreational Centre for the Disabled (S&RCs). MSCs provide casework and counselling services, sign language interpretation services, ear-mould production and repair services, and audiological and speech therapy services for persons with hearing impairment while S&RCs organise social, recreational and developmental activities to facilitate the integration of persons with disabilities into the community. Among the 16 S&RCs, four provide sign language interpretation services for hearing impaired persons. The estimated total expenditure for the MSCs and all S&RCs in 2013-14 is \$9.3 million and \$28.3 million respectively.

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$2.6 million to strengthen the manpower of the MSCs and 4 S&RCs in enhancing the sign language interpretation services for hearing impaired persons.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5962)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 571):

How much has the government spent on the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme(FWSS) under After School Care Programme (ASCP) in 2012-13 and 2013-14? Please also provide statistics regarding the total number of applications, the number of successful applications, and the amount received by each institution involved in the scheme.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

ASCP is operated through non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on a self-financing and fee charging basis. Through FWSS, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides fee waiving quotas for the operators to waive the charges for needy families in using the service.

SWD has no available statistics regarding the total number of applications under FWSS. The numbers of fee waiving quotas used in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) were 1 519 and 1 548.5 respectively.

The expenditure for FWSS in 2012-13 was \$14.37 million while the funding is \$15 million in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5963)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 572):

- a) How much has the government spent on Short-Term Food Assistance Service Projects in 2012-13 and 2013-14? How much does it plan to spend in 2014-15? Please provide separate statistics for each participating institution.
- b) What measures does the government take to ensure the quality of these projects, such as the provision of balanced and healthy diets to individuals receiving assistance under the projects?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The expenditure of the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects was \$62.1 million in 2012-13 (Actual), is \$94.5 million in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and will be \$74.4 million in 2014-15 (Estimate). In 2014-15, each service project will on average spend about \$10.6 million.
- b) As per the service regulatory mechanism in place, the Social Welfare Department will conduct regular and surprise monitoring visits, inspect the completeness and effectiveness of operating non-governmental organisations' internal monitoring systems and scrutinise monthly service reports and financial records to ensure the quality of the projects.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6298)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 580):

What measures does the Department take to provide support for employable able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to become self-reliant? How much has the Department spent on such measures in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and how much does it anticipate to spend in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

To encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to become self-reliant, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had been implementing various employment assistance programmes (including the New Dawn Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme), which were integrated to become the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) in January 2013. The expenditure for non-governmental organisations to operate the various programmes in 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and 2014-15 (Estimate) is \$80 million, \$94 million and \$108 million respectively.

There is also the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the CSSA Scheme to encourage CSSA recipients, including employable able-bodied CSSA recipients, to seek and secure employment by disregarding the monthly earnings from employment of CSSA recipients up to a maximum of \$2,500 per month when assessing the amount of assistance payable to the recipients. The total amount of DE was \$677.8 million in 2012-13 and \$460.1 million in 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013).

To further encourage employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment, SWD will implement a three-year pilot Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of IEAPS to Secure Employment with effect from April 2014 with funding of \$226.6 million from the Community Care Fund.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0354****(Question Serial No. 6299)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 581):

What are the administrative costs associated with the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and the Social Security Allowance (SSA), including resources used to combat fraud? Please provide statistics for the past five years and an estimation for 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The expenditure for Social Security Field Units, which are responsible for handling CSSA and SSA cases, in the past five years and 2014-15 is as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Amount of expenditure (\$ million)	396.9	400.1	425.2	454.7	484.0	530.4

The expenditure for the Special Investigation Section (SIS), which is responsible for handling fraud cases, in the past five years and 2014-15 is as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Amount of expenditure (\$ million)	42.9	44.2	49.6	57.2	61.5	67.8

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0355

(Question Serial No. 6303)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 583):

- (a) How much has the Department spent on the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the Guangdong Scheme (GD) in 2013-14? How much does it anticipate to spend in 2014-15?
- (b) How many cases has the Department served under OALA and GD Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated expenditure for OALA and GD Scheme in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is as follows –

Allowance Type	2013-14 (\$ million) ^[Note 1]	2014-15 (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
OALA	12,863 ^[Note 2]	12,328
GD Scheme	175	476
Total	13,038	12,804

- (b) The numbers of OALA and GD Scheme cases served are as follows –

Allowance Type	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
OALA	410 043
GD Scheme	16 416 ^[Note 3]
Total	426 459

^[Note 1] Except for the Guangdong Scheme in 2013-14, the expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance in the respective year. The additional allowance for 2014-15 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

^[Note 2] The expenditure includes OALA back-payment to elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

^[Note 3] Including cases being processed.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0356****(Question Serial No. 6306)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 584):

With regard to services for the elderly, what are the funds allocated to the government sector used for? Please provide a detail breakdown for the past five years for funds allocated to each of the government and private sectors. Please also provide an estimation for 2014-15 under the assumption that vouchers for residential care services for the elderly are successfully implemented.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

A breakdown of the financial provisions for the government sector and the subvented/private sectors for the provision of subsidised services for the elderly in the past five years is set out as follows –

	Financial provision (\$ million)				
	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised estimate)
Government sector	153.5	154.0	173.5	186.8	196.6
Subvented/private sectors	3,754.4	3,838.9	4,146.2	4,707.8	5,075.4
Total	3,907.9	3,992.9	4,319.7	4,894.6	5,272.0

The funding provision for the government sector is used for providing administrative support and monitoring the provision of direct subsidised services for the elderly by non-governmental organisations and private organisations.

As regards the voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly, the Chief Executive has announced in his 2014 Policy Address that the Elderly Commission will conduct a study on the feasibility of introducing such a scheme and to submit a report in a year's time. A funding of about \$800 million has been reserved to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18, if the study finds it feasible to run such a scheme on a pilot basis.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0357****(Question Serial No. 6313)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 585):

- (a) How much has the Department spent on the Child Development Fund (CDF) in each year since its inception? How much does it plan to spend in 2014-15?
- (b) How much has the CDF spent in each year since its inception? Please provide statistics regarding the number of participants in each project launched by the CDF.
- (c) What are the future plans for the CDF? Does it plan to increase the number of and continue its projects, or is it also considering options to diversify its activities to benefit children in more aspects? How much does it plan to spend in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The expenditure of CDF since its inception in 2008-09 to 2014-15 is provided in the ensuing table –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Expenditure (\$ million)	1.607	7.082	15.066	21.129	23.895	28.940	41.502

The number of participating children in each batch of CDF projects is provided as follows –

Projects	No. of Projects	No. of Participating Children
First batch	7	728
Second batch	15	1 454
Third batch	18	2 050 (as at end-Dec 2013)
Fourth batch	21	2 236 (as at end-Feb 2014)
School-based pilot	7	462 (as at end-Feb 2014)

- (c) Apart from having non-governmental organisations to operate CDF projects, the Administration is

experimenting the school-based approach so as to strengthen the community's capability in supporting CDF projects and extend the reach of projects with a view to benefiting more children from a disadvantaged background. The estimated provision for the CDF in 2014-15 is \$41.502 million.

The Administration has proposed to earmark an additional \$300 million for CDF in the 2014-15 financial year to ensure the sustainable development of CDF projects. CDF projects will continue to be launched in subsequent years, with the three core components retained in each project, namely targeted savings, mentorship programme and personal development plan, to promote the longer-term development of the participating children.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6318)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 586):

How much has the Department spent on each subvented institution providing the listed rehabilitation and medical social services? Please provide statistics regarding the amount spent each year on each subvented institution categorized by service for the past five years, and the amount the Department plans to spend in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The expenditure for the subvented rehabilitation services listed in the Controlling Officer's Report (COR) in each of the past five years and the estimated expenditure in 2014-15 are set out at Annex.

Expenditure for Subvented Rehabilitation Services Listed in COR

Type of Service	Expenditure (\$ million)					
	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Residential services						
HWH	151.2	151.7	145.9	154.7	160.7	170.3
LSCH	151.2	152.8	171.0	183.9	191.9	212.6
IVTC (Res)	7.7	7.7	8.2	8.6	9.0	9.4
HMMH	142.3	153.3	153.0	177.8	190.9	220.7
HSMH	398.0	415.2	469.4	501.5	554.8	636.5
HSPH	75.3	78.5	88.2	94.5	100.8	110.6
C&A/SD	134.8	139.2	155.6	166.6	187.1	216.7
C&A/AB	99.5	99.0	110.0	118.1	122.7	127.8
SGH (MMHC)	3.7	4.5	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.9
SHOS	27.5	28.2	40.2	44.4	49.0	52.6
RSCCC	19.5	19.6	19.2	20.3	21.0	21.8
Day services						
DAC	330.0	338.6	373.1	395.6	421.7	489.5
CRN	22.5	22.6	24.0	25.4	26.4	27.5
PRC	11.3	11.4	12.0	12.6	12.9	13.6
CRDC	16.1	14.9	15.2	17.3	18.0	20.0
DSC	105.1	100.2	109.4	118.6	121.4	135.5
ICCMW	3.6	33.9	159.7	199.0	217.0	243.4
Pre-school services						
EETC	118.4	126.2	134.7	152.4	155.3	196.4
IP	87.5	87.4	89.4	94.8	97.6	121.9
OCC	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.0
SCCC	198.2	204.7	220.0	238.7	251.3	287.6
Vocational rehabilitation services						
SW	213.6	233.7	225.9	242.8	250.7	292.6
SE	42.9	43.0	45.4	48.4	52.6	64.9
IVTC (Day)	21.3	21.4	22.8	24.1	24.9	26.0
IVRSC	121.0	126.8	146.9	160.9	169.0	194.9
OJT	7.4	7.4	7.8	8.2	10.2	11.3
Sunnyway	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.5	13.2	14.6

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
SHOS – supported hostel
RSCCC – residential special child care centre
DAC – day activity centre
CRN – community rehabilitation network
PRC – parents/relatives resource centre for disabled persons
CRDC – community rehabilitation day centre
DSC – district support centre for persons with disabilities
ICCMW – integrated community centre for mental wellness
EETC – early education and training centre
IP – integrated programme in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre
OCC – occasional child care
SCCC – special child care centre
SW – sheltered workshop
SE – supported employment
IVTC (Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)
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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0359****(Question Serial No. 6632)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 582):

How much has the Department spent on the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme, and the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme? Please provide the number of cases and the amount spent on each in the past five years, and an estimate for the amount that will be spent by the Department in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The number of cases approved in the past five years was as follows –

Year	CLEIC	TAVA
	Number of cases approved	Number of cases approved
2009-10	521	14 199
2010-11	426	13 888
2011-12	394	12 643
2012-13	382	13 057
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	309	9 925

Expenditure incurred by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for the CLEIC and TAVA Schemes is set out in the table below. In respect of TAVA, expenditure incurred by SWD represents Government's contribution towards the TAVA Fund. It does not represent the actual payment for cases during the year. The annual expenditure is calculated at 25% of the estimated amount of levies to be collected in the financial year and takes into account necessary adjustments to Government's contribution in respect of the collection of levies in previous years.

Year	CLEIC (\$ million)	TAVA (\$ million)
2009-10	6.3	73.5
2010-11	5.9	29.9
2011-12	5.3	31.0
2012-13	5.0	32.5
2013-14 Revised Estimate	5.8	37.2
2014-15 Estimate	5.8	32.8

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4336)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 83):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will implement a one-stop integrated support service programme for persons with severe physical disabilities from families with financial difficulties. What are the details of the programme? How many service places will be provided? What is the expenditure to be involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$98.7 million to regularise two Community Care Fund programmes to provide subsidies for persons with severe physical disabilities living in the community to cover their expenses for renting medical equipment and purchase of medical consumables, and to provide one-stop integrated support services coordinated by case managers to meet their needs. The estimated number of beneficiaries is about 1 800. The Social Welfare Department is working out the implementation details of the programme which will commence operation in the third quarter of 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4337)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 84):

Regarding the Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (Home Care Service) launched in 2013-14, please set out by constituency the number of places for the Home Care Service at present and the number of complaints lodged to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for not being able to receive timely services, as well as the expenditure incurred by the Home Care Service in the past year.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

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 full-year recurrent funding of around \$200 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 therapy/physiotherapy rehabilitation training service and nursing care service) for persons with severe disabilities living in the community. 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. There is no waiting list for the service, and SWD does not receive any complaint about the service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0362

(Question Serial No. 4338)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 86):

In 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) made preparations for regularisation of the Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (HCS). Please list by district the number and percentage of current service users who are not on the waiting list for residential care services. What are the estimated number of places to be provided and the expenditure to be incurred after the HCS is extended to all districts in Hong Kong in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$200 million for HCS which has been regularised since March 2014. It provides one-stop care and support service for an estimated 3 250 persons with severe disabilities living in the community, irrespective of whether they are on the waiting list for subvented residential care services. SWD does not have the number of service users who are not on the waiting list for subvented residential care services at this initial stage of implementation.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4339)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 87):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention" in 2014-15 that the Social Welfare Department will enhance the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs). Please provide a current list of ICCMWs in Hong Kong by constituency and number of service places provided. As regards enhancing the services in 2014-15, what are the details and what is the expenditure to be incurred?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

In 2014-15, the Administration will strengthen the manpower of ICCMWs for dovetailing with the extension of the Case Management Programme of the Hospital Authority for patients with severe mental illness to the remaining three districts and for providing services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. The above will involve an additional full-year expenditure of \$9.3 million. A list of the 24 ICCMWs is set out in the Annex.

The Geographical Distribution of the 24 ICCMWs

District	Non-governmental Organisation	No. of ICCMWs
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	Fu Hong Society	1
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	1
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	1
	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	2
Kwun Tong	Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	1
	Christian Family Service Centre	1
	Stewards Limited	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	1
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	1
Sham Shui Po	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	Caritas – Hong Kong	1
	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	1
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	1
Sha Tin	Stewards Limited	1
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	1
Tai Po and North	Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	1
	Caritas – Hong Kong	1
Yuen Long	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	1
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	1
Tuen Mun	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	1
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	1
	Total:	24

Note: ICCMW is an integrated centre providing a variety of community support and social rehabilitation services ranging from early prevention to risk management to different service users including ex-mentally ill persons, persons suspected to have mental health problems and local residents. It does not operate through a service place system.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3388)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 31):

Currently there are a total of 75 866 subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places in Hong Kong, which is 7.75% of the elderly population. The total number of places for subsidised community care services is 27 751, which is 2.8% of the elderly population. Among the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development countries and regions, the number of residential care places is 4.4% of the elderly population on average. Both the international experiences and trend have pointed to de-institutionalisation with emphasis put on community care to allow elderly people to remain in the community and live with their families. However, the existing service arrangement in Hong Kong has placed importance more on institutionalisation and less on community care.

1. Has the Government planned to conduct a comprehensive review of the long-term care policy in the long term, including the resource allocation and planning for residential and community care services?
2. In face of the overall demands for long-term care (LTC) services and the trend of an ageing population, does the Government have any direction for elderly services in the long term?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Government strives to provide quality and cost-effective LTC services to enable those persons with LTC needs to live in the community as long as practicable and to provide them with institutional care as and when necessary.

The Government has set out a clear mission of elderly services which is to enable our elderly citizens to live in dignity and to provide necessary support for them to promote their sense of belonging, sense of security and sense of worthiness. Ageing in place is the cherished wish of most elderly people, and this is in line with the family-oriented policy advocated by the Government on the welfare front. The Government is conscious of the challenge posed by the rapidly ageing population. In designing and providing elderly services, the Government will continue adhering to the established policy of "ageing in place as the core, institutional care as back up". The Government provides a range of subsidised community care services (CCS) to assist elderly persons to age in the community. To provide our senior persons more choices while promoting the diversity and development of elderly services as well as introducing new service providers and social enterprises for CCS, the Government rolled out the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly in September 2013. In tandem, the Government will continue to provide additional resources to increase subsidised places for other community care services and to strengthen support for elderly persons living in the community and their carers. An additional 1 500 places under the Enhanced Home and Community Care services will be provided in phases over a period of six months starting from March 2014.

On the residential care services (RCS) side, the Government will continue to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly through a multi-pronged approach. In 2014-15, additional funding is earmarked for the provision of some 550 new subsidised residential care places. Separately, a pilot scheme will be launched to enable the Government to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights—an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong non-governmental organisation (NGO))—to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to choose to live therein. The Social Welfare Department will start inviting eligible elderly persons to consider joining the pilot scheme in the second quarter of 2014 and start arranging placements for our elderly persons who choose to live at the Shenzhen Home starting from the third quarter of 2014. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO.

In its medium to long-term planning for elderly services, the Government gives due regard to exploring a sustainable and viable financing model taking into consideration both RCS and CCS. The Elderly Commission (EC) is tasked to study the feasibility of introducing an RCS voucher scheme and submit a report to the Government within one year's time. EC is also tasked to prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan (Programme Plan) within two years. In this connection, more than 40 welfare NGOs owning land have put forward over 60 projects in the recently implemented Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme) to provide, through redevelopment or expansion, more diversified services, in particular elderly and rehabilitation services. The Special Scheme will provide a basis for longer-term planning for premises and manpower for elderly and rehabilitation services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0365

(Question Serial No. 3389)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders,
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 32):

Regarding the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme) to provide more welfare facilities, in particular facilities for elderly and rehabilitation services, would the Administration please advise:

1. The details of types of services to be provided under the Special Scheme, the district distribution and the year of commencement; whether the services will meet the needs of the local population;
2. The ratio of services under the subsidised and self-financing modes of operation.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Based on the rough estimation of the applicant organisations, if all the 63 preliminary proposals received under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 17 000 additional service places would be provided for the elderly and persons with disabilities, including around 9 000 places for elderly services and 8 000 places for rehabilitation services. The distribution of the proposed service places by district is set out in the Annex. The proposals, if implemented, will considerably relieve the pressure on service demand and shorten the waiting time for the much-needed welfare services for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

According to the information available, it is estimated that five of the project proposals received could be completed by 2017-18 barring unforeseen circumstances. As for the remaining 58 proposals, they are at different planning stages and are expected to be completed in phases after 2017-18. Most of the project proposals are subject to further assessment of the proposed details, the outcome of technical feasibility studies, the completion of necessary development and planning procedures (e.g. outline zoning plan amendment, planning permission, lease modification, building plan submissions, etc.) and local consultation. At this stage, it is premature to predict the completion time of these proposed projects.

In assessing applicant NGOs' project proposals, we will look into the ratio of subsidised places to self-financing places for the proposed services with due regard to the need for different types of services and their operational modes in the community in the long run, the ability and operating experience of the NGOs concerned, the choices for service users, the maturity of the relevant services in the market, etc.

**Preliminary Proposals Received under the Special Scheme
Distribution of Proposed Service Places by Districts**

District	CoC Home	NH	DE	C&A/ SD	HSMH	HMMH	LSCH	IVRSC	DAC	SCCC	EETC
Hong Kong											
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	150	-	140	-	110	156	-	280	170	120	180
Southern	773	300	274	50	50	50	-	-	50	54	120
Wan Chai	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	180
Kowloon											
Kowloon City	165	190	150	50	150	100	-	60	150	120	330
Kwun Tong	932	-	140	200	-	50	-	120	150	360	540
Sham Shui Po	100	-	40	-	-	56	73	77	-	60	90
Wong Tai Sin	50	150	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	60	-	-	50	-	-	50	120	360
New Territories											
Islands	107	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	200	-	160	-	50	50	-	400	100	120	150
North	429	-	210	-	-	-	200	120	-	60	90
Sai Kung	370	-	160	60	50	-	-	-	90	60	90
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	84	100	-	120	84	60	60
Tsuen Wan	209	184	115	75	57	-	-	-	57	48	170
Tuen Mun	1 250	880	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	90
Yuen Long	519	-	220	30	56	-	-	50	300	-	90
Total	5 254	1 704	2 009	465	607	612	473	1 227	1 201	1 302	2 540

Legend

CoC Home	Continuum of Care Home for the Elderly
NH	Nursing Home
DE	Day Care Centre for the Elderly
C&A/SD	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
HSMH	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons
HMMH	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons
LSCH	Long Stay Care Home
IVRSC	Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Service Centre
DAC	Day Activity Centre
SCCC	Special Child Care Centre
EETC	Early Education and Training Centre

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3391)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 35):

The Programme Worker (PW) scheme will be completed by the end of March this year. The initial aim of the scheme was to help young people secure employment. Following its development over the past few years, PWs have become an important group of supporting staff for professionals in the social welfare sector.

The Administration has terminated the scheme on the ground that youth unemployment rate has dropped. In fact, the unemployment rate was 15.1% among young people aged 15-19 and 10.9% among those aged 20-24 in the third quarter of 2012. In the third quarter of 2013, the unemployment rate was 14.8% among young people aged 15-19 and 10.7% among those aged 20-24. Unemployment remains a serious problem.

1. How will the Administration respond to the roles of PWs being valued in the welfare sector?
2. How will the Administration analyse the youth unemployment situation and the youth employment policy?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The PW posts were created as a special employment support measure during the economic downturn with the objective of helping young people acquire relevant work experience in improving their employability in the open labour market. These additional posts, which were temporary and short-term in nature, lapsed at end-March 2014. They were not the core posts of welfare service units or a long-term measure to youth employment problem.

After serving in the temporary posts for some time, the young people concerned have acquired considerable work experience and could seek jobs in the labour market or pursue further studies according to their interests and preferences. Quite a number of them have successfully secured suitable employment or take up further studies. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has actively encouraged the non-governmental organisations allocated with the temporary posts to provide life skills training and employment support for the PW incumbents, and SWD has also provided a series of support measures to assist these young people to secure suitable employment or training opportunities.

2. There was improvement in the employment situation of fresh graduates and school leavers for the last two years. According to the labour force statistics (provisional figures for December 2013 to February 2014), 95.2% of those aged 15-25 in the labour force who had completed studies in 2012 were in employment. For the same age group who had completed studies in 2013, about 85.7% were in employment. On the other hand, the unemployment rate for young people aged 15-24 went down from 7.5% in November 2013 – January 2014 to 7.2% in December 2013-February 2014. Within this

particular group, the unemployment rate for those aged 15-19 decreased to 10.1%, while the unemployment rate for those aged 20-24 also went down to 6.8%.

The Administration will continue to promote youth employment by adopting a multi-pronged strategy and devising appropriate measures to provide comprehensive training and employment support services for young people.

The Youth Employment and Training Programme (YETP) of the Labour Department (LD) provides comprehensive pre-employment and on-the-job training, and case management services for young school leavers aged 15 to 24 with educational attainment at sub-degree or below. YETP helps young people better understand themselves and their work aptitudes, enriches their job skills and experience with a view to enhancing their employability. Besides, LD has set up two Youth Employment Resource Centres called "Youth Employment Start" to provide one-stop, personalised career guidance and self-employment support service for young people aged 15-29.

The Employees Retraining Board (ERB) provides some 800 training courses, including full-time placement-tied courses and half-day or evening "Skills Upgrading Scheme Plus" courses as well as generic skills training courses, for eligible employees aged 15 or above with educational attainment at sub-degree or below. Young people who meet the relevant entry requirements are eligible to enroll in training courses that match their career aspirations and training needs. Trainees on completion of placement-tied courses will receive placement follow-up service of three to six months. In addition, ERB offers a variety of dedicated training courses and programmes straddling different industries for young people.

The Vocational Training Council provides training, such as the statutory apprenticeship scheme and pilot traineeship scheme, for young people seeking to pursue vocational training.

The Administration will continue to monitor closely the employment market situation and enhance various employment and training services for young people where appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3393)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 38):

Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (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 (EETCs), integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IPs) and special child care centres (SCCCs))?
- (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 support services.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) At 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 collaborate with the parents on homework and assessment accommodation, and monitor the progress of the students to facilitate adjustment of the early intervention measures. For students showing severe or persistent learning difficulties despite the intervention rendered, schools will refer them to educational psychologists (EPs) or other professionals as appropriate for assessment. In the 2012/13 school year, about 80% of the cases referred to EPs were assessed within two months and about 90% within five months. The remaining cases with a longer waiting time for assessment were often due to some specific circumstances, e.g. assessment deferred on the request of the parents and assessment held up pending the students’ medical treatment.
- (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides children with disabilities from birth to the age of six with early intervention through pre-school rehabilitation services, including EETC, SCCC and 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. SWD does not have available statistical information on the longest, shortest and median waiting time for the services. The respective average waiting time for these services in 2012-13 was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time in 2012-13 (in months)
EETC	15.2
SCCC	16.9
IP	12.7

- (c) 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 \$2,615 from May 2013 for each of the eligible children so that they may receive self-financing pre-school training and parent support services up to end-September 2014. Additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$53 million has been earmarked to incorporate the CCF programme into regular subvented service in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3396)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 43):

Please inform this Committee of the total number of people on the waiting list for services related to hyperactivity disorder provided by the Government and the average waiting time.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Administration provides a wide range of diversified services and support for persons with disabilities, including those suffering from Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). On the welfare front, the Social Welfare Department provides a series of rehabilitation services including pre-school services, day training and vocational rehabilitation services, residential services and community support services to meet the needs of persons with disabilities, including those with ADHD, at different stages of their lives. The information on the persons with disabilities on the waiting lists for different types of pre-school services, day training and vocational rehabilitation services, residential services, and the average waiting time are set out at Annex.

Waiting List and Average Waiting Time

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at end-December 2013)	Average waiting time in 2012-13 (in months) ^[Note 3]
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 540	15.2
SCCC	1 112	16.9
IP	1 529	12.7
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	1 252	57.6
SW	2 668	12.6
SE	66	2.1
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	671	8.2
LSCH	1 540	16.7
IVTC (Res) ^[Note 2]	N/A	N/A
HMMH	1 642	83.8
HSMH	2 170	86.4
HSPH	495	26.6
C&A/SD	455	48.0
C&A/AB	128	5.4
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	85	12.4
SHOS	1 311	26.0
RSCCC	35	13.4

[Note 1] There is no central waiting list for integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres 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 does not have the statistics in this aspect.

[Note 3] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in 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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3399)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 47):

Under Programme (4), the costs per place of residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), day activity centres, pre-school services for children with disabilities and sheltered workshops will all increase in 2014-15 as compared with 2013-14. Please explain in detail the reasons for the increases and whether such increases would directly benefit persons with disabilities and help enhance their quality of life.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The increase in the unit costs of RCHDs, day activity centres, pre-school services for children with disabilities and sheltered workshops in the 2014-15 Estimate is mainly attributed to the enhancement of Lump Sum Grant Subvention System in the following areas –

- (a) to strengthen central administrative support to enhance non-governmental organisations'(NGOs) corporate governance;
- (b) to strengthen NGOs' supervisory support to enhance the quality of frontline service;
- (c) to increase provision for "Other Charges" to help NGOs cope with the service operating expenses including food costs; and
- (d) to enable NGOs to recruit and retain paramedical staff more effectively or hire paramedical services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3403)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 51):

1. According to the Estimates, there will be 50 additional places of sheltered workshops (SWs) run by the subvented or the private sectors in the coming financial year. However, the estimated enrolment rate in the coming year is the same as this year (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%?
2. Please list the enrolment rate and the waiting list situation of SWs by district (if available).
3. Please list the geographical distribution of the 50 additional places by region and explain why the places are to be added in these particular regions.
4. 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 –

1. & 4. The enrolment rate of SWs is derived from the average number of service users enrolled as at the end of each month during the financial year. Noting that the service users do not attend SW training daily, resulting in the overall daily attendance rate of 88% over a considerable period of time, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2003-04 implemented an over-enrolment arrangement in SWs with a view to enabling more persons with disabilities to benefit from the service. Notwithstanding this arrangement, the number of service users served at any one time will not exceed the capacity of individual SWs. The arrangement will not affect staff's workload and service quality.
2. The average enrolment rate of SWs in 2012-13 was 101%. SWD does not compile statistics on the enrolment rate by district. Based on the residential address of individual applicants on the waiting list for SWs, the distribution of these applicants in each of the 11 administrative districts of SWD is set out in the Annex.
3. The 50 additional SW places planned in 2014-15 will be provided through in-situ expansion of existing SWs. SWD is drawing up the implementation details of this initiative.

Number of Applicants for Sheltered Workshop

District	Number of applicants (as at end-December 2013)
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	181
Eastern/Wan Chai	230
Kwun Tong	283
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	365
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	170
Sham Shui Po	141
Sha Tin	280
Tai Po/North	396
Yuen Long	227
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	169
Tuen Mun	226
Total:	2 668

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3407)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 56):

According to Programme (4), the pilot Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) will be regularised. In this connection, please advise –

1. What are the financial resources to be involved per annum?
2. How many additional RCHD places can be provided and for what types of disabilities?
3. What policies does the Government have for monitoring the quality of private RCHDs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. A full-year recurrent funding of \$40 million has been earmarked for the regularisation of the pilot BPS.
2. As at end-February 2014, 245 places were purchased from RCHDs under the pilot BPS. With the regularisation of the pilot BPS, the target number of BPS places will be increased to 450 in 2014-15. Under BPS, places are offered to applicants being waitlisted for long stay care home or hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons who indicate preference for BPS placement.
3. BPS homes must comply with a set of spatial and staffing standards that are higher than the minimum licensing requirements. They are also required to comply with the 16 service quality standards with reference to the existing monitoring mechanism for service units subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Unannounced inspections are conducted by inspectors of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities on a regular basis and where necessary, to assess the service performance of BPS homes and check their compliance against the aforementioned requirements. At district level, SWD has also set up Service Quality Groups comprising persons with disabilities, their family members and stakeholders in the community who visit BPS homes on a regular basis to provide comments on the facilities and services provided by BPS homes.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3408)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 61):

According to the Policy Address, funding support for self-help organisations of persons with disabilities (SHOs) will be increased –

1. Please advise the details and the time frame of the plan, as well as the financial resources required.
2. Given the rising number of SHOs, would the Government formulate policies and strategies to provide overall support to these self-help organisations?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2001 been providing funding support for SHOs through the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of People with Disabilities/Chronic Illness (the Scheme). The Scheme aims at fostering the spirit of self-help and mutual support among persons with disabilities and their families through SHOs. To enhance the support for the operation and development of SHOs, the Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$5.28 million for the Scheme. SWD is reviewing the operation and allocation criteria of the Scheme to ensure that financial assistance for SHOs could become more sustainable and effective in assisting the development of SHOs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3409)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 63):

What government policies are there to support patients with rare illnesses and their families?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The overall objective of the rehabilitation policy in Hong Kong, as stated in the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan 2007, is to prevent disabilities, including those which are induced by rare diseases; to help persons with disabilities develop their physical and mental capabilities as well as their ability to integrate into the community; and to create a barrier-free environment through a comprehensive range of effective measures.

As far as welfare services are concerned, persons with disabilities, including those with rare diseases and their families/carers, could make use of subvented day training, residential care and community support services provided by non-governmental organisations. In addition, medical social services and psychological services also render timely psychosocial intervention to patients and their families and help them cope with or solve problems arising from their illnesses or disabilities.

To foster the spirit of self-help and mutual help among persons with disabilities and their families/carers, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2001 provided financial support to self-help organisations for people with disabilities/chronic illnesses, including those rare-disease induced disability groups. The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$5.28 million to enhance the support for these self-help organisations. Up to now, 68 self-help organisations are receiving financial support from SWD.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0374

(Question Serial No. 3413)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.70):

Given that the number of students with special educational needs is continually rising, the demand for community support services outside school is also rising –

1. Are there any statistics collected by the Administration on the resources used for serving students with special educational needs among all services for young people at present?
2. How many teams for youth services are providing support services for students with special educational needs at present?
3. Is there any plan for the Administration to regularise the support services for students with special educational needs and set up centres specifically for their service in the districts?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in cooperation with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), 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. All children and young persons in the community, including those with special educational needs, may participate in various children and youth services provided by NGOs, and SWD does not have the statistics on the resources specifically used for students with special educational needs among all the services for young people.

All youth services operated by NGOs are for all children and young persons in the community, including those with special educational needs.

In view of the multifarious and changing needs of young people, other than rendering developmental, supportive and educational activities, the NGOs operating youth services also render timely support and intervention through cross-sector and inter-departmental collaboration to formulate work plan and service priority to address the needs of children and youth, including those with special educational needs in the community.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3415)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 75):

The Policy Address proposes “to raise the incentive payment in sheltered workshops (SWs) and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs)”. Please advise the details, the time frame and the number of beneficiaries of the plan.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In the 2014 Policy Address, the Administration proposed to raise the incentive payment in SWs and IVRSCs. The Social Welfare Department is working out the implementation details of the initiative which will benefit about 8 500 service users of SWs and IVRSCs. The measure will be implemented within 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3419)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 87):

What is the current staffing establishment of the Adoption Unit of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)? Is the manpower sufficient to handle the number of existing cases?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

There are 13 professional staff and six supporting staff under the staffing establishment of the two Adoption Units of SWD. In view of the generally stable number of adoption cases in recent years, the manpower is considered sufficient to cope with the number of existing cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3420)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 88):

Please list in detail the cross-service coordination procedures among foster care service, small group homes (SGHs), residential homes for children (RHCs) and adoption service.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Residential child care services (RCCS) are aimed to provide care and supervision for needy children who cannot be adequately taken care of by their families because of family, behavioural or emotional problems, until they may return to their families or settle down in permanent homes through adoption or independent living. RCCS comprises institutional and non-institutional care services to meet different welfare needs of children. Foster care service and SGHs are non-institutional care services in a family-like environment while RHCs are institutional care services in a more structured setting. In general, non-institutional care services will be preferred if out-of-home care placement is required.

RCCS requires professional assessment and referrals by social workers to ensure appropriate care arrangements and long-term welfare plans for the needy children having regard to their individual social circumstances. For children whose parents are unable or unwilling to take care of them, adoption may be considered to find them stable and permanent homes until they reach adulthood.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3421)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 89):

Under Programme (1), the unit costs of places of foster care service, small group homes (SGHs) and residential homes for children (RHCs) in 2014-15 have all increased as compared to 2013-14. Please provide details of the increases and explain in detail the reasons for such increases. Would such increases help improve the well-being of children?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The increase in the unit cost of foster care service in 2014-15 is mainly due to the additional funding for increase in foster care allowance in line with the government-wide price adjustment factor which has taken into account inflation, as well as increase in administrative costs. The increase in the unit cost of SGHs and RHCs is mainly due to increased funding for operational expenses and administrative support costs as well as the full-year effect of enhancing professional support for the homes. The increase in the unit costs of the services in the 2014-15 (Estimate) may improve the service quality and meet the children's various welfare needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3422)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 90):

How would the Administration primarily consider and protect the rights and well-being of children in foster care service, small group homes (SGHs), residential homes for children (RHCs) and adoption service?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The best interests of children are always the prime principle for the arrangement of adoption and residential child care services (RCCS) comprising foster care service, SGHs and RHCs. In considering RCCS, case social workers are required to work out permanency plans for the children to meet their psychosocial needs for belongingness, stability and continuity of care. Regular case reviews involving the parties concerned are conducted for on-going assessment of the children's development and needs. If family reunion is neither feasible nor in the best interests of the children, case social workers may consider adoption plans for the children where appropriate. Thorough home studies of prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) are conducted to assess their parental capability and suitability before an adoptable child is matched with the best suitable PAPs. The Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the service performance of the subvented RCCS through the Service Performance Monitoring System and to oversee the adoption service under the statutory requirements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0380****(Question Serial No. 3423)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 91):

1. Please list the respective cost per place for supported employment (SE), integrated vocational training centres (IVTCs), integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs), On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway).
2. What is the waiting situation of the above services?
3. There have been no additional places for the above services in 3 consecutive years. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of places and expenditure for SE, IVTCs, IVRSCs, OJT and Sunnyway in 2013-14 are set out as follows –

Type of Service	Number of places for 2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	Expenditure for 2013 -14 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
SE	1 633	52.6
IVTC	453	24.9
IVRSC	4 257	169.0
OJT	432	10.2
Sunnyway	311	13.2

2. As at end-December 2013, there were 66 applicants for SE and the average waiting time for SE in 2012-13 was 2.1 months. For IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway, they may admit service users directly or through referrals and hence the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant statistics. As regards IVRSC, it does not have its own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for sheltered workshop (SW) and SE.

3. 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, 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 SW, SE, IVRSC, IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway. The provision of vocational rehabilitation services increased by 100 places in 2011-12 and by 40 places in 2012-13. At present, there are 12 137 places for vocational rehabilitation services. SWD plans to further increase the service provision by 60 places in 2013-14 and by 50 places in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3424)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 93):

Under Programme (4), there will be no additional places for long stay care homes for ex-mentally ill persons (LSCHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs), 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 2014-15 Estimates.

1. Please advise the waiting situation of the above services.
2. Please advise the reasons for having no additional places for the above services.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The average waiting time for LSCH, HSPH, C&A/SD and C&A/AB in 2012-13 was 16.7 months, 26.6 months, 48 months and 5.4 months respectively.
2. In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has planned to provide 80 and 32 additional places for LSCH and C&A/SD respectively. SWD will continue to monitor the service provision and review the demand for these residential care services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3425)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 94):

Please list the respective cost per place for various residential services for persons with disabilities.

Asked by: Hon.CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for different types of residential service. The expenditure for the services in 2013-14 are provided at Annex.

**Estimated Expenditure for Different Types of
Residential Services for Persons with Disabilities**

Type of service	2013-14 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
HWH	160.7
LSCH	191.9
IVTC (Res)	9.0
HMMH	190.9
HSMH	554.8
HSPH	100.8
C&A/SD	187.1
C&A/AB	122.7
SGH(MMHC)	6.3
SHOS	49.0
RSCCC	21.0

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

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0383****(Question Serial No. 3435)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 103):

Please list the expenditure involved in the publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” for the past 5 years and the estimated expenditure for the coming financial year. Please provide a breakdown of the amounts and proportions of funding on different usages. What are the criteria and indicators for reviewing the performance of the publicity campaign? How effective has been the programme in the past 5 years and what are the performance indicators for the next financial year?

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 / animations 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 2009-10 to 2013-14 are as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
Attendance	117 000	106 000	128 000	143 000	79 000

The publicity campaign has achieved positive feedback as reflected by the high level of participation in the programmes. The size of audience of the two series of docudramas on various family issues which were jointly produced by SWD and the Radio Television Hong Kong broadcast in 2010 and 2013 respectively, was about 900 000 for each episode. The click rates for the online public education programme on prevention of suicide-filicide launched in 2011-12 and the online 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 DSWOs of SWD from April 2009 to December 2013 attracted more than 573 000 counts of attendance. The programmes were effective in enhancing public awareness of the importance of family solidarity and the prevention of domestic violence.

From 2009-10 to 2013-14, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million per year while in 2013-14 there was an additional one-off

allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of the new series of docudrama. In 2014-15, SWD has earmarked a budget of \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. SWD will build on the momentum of the docudrama and district programmes to promote the messages on combating domestic violence to the public.

SWD has no breakdown of the expenditure by focus of usage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 3436)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 104):

- (a) As regards the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme, please set out the government expenditure for its implementation, the number of participants and the effectiveness of the Scheme for the past 5 years.
- (b) As regards the SFS Scheme, please set out the estimated government expenditure for its implementation, the target number of participants and the effectiveness indicators for the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

To encourage and assist employable able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been implementing various employment assistance programmes under the SFS Scheme (including the New Dawn Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme), which were integrated to become the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) in January 2013.

The number of participants, number of participants who have secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling and the expenditure for non-governmental organisations to operate the various programmes under the SFS Scheme were as follows –

Year	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling	Expenditure (\$ million)
2009-10	34 924	8 479	47
2010-11	30 291	7 476	63
2011-12	23 090	6 027	63
2012-13	15 483*	4 222*	80
2013-14	14 294 [#]	4 371 [#]	94

*up to end-December 2012

[#]from January 2013 to end-December 2013

The estimated expenditure for the IEAPS and the estimated number of participants in 2014-15 is \$108 million and 23 700 respectively.

The non-governmental organisations operating IEAPS projects under the SFS Scheme are required to achieve performance requirements as follows –

Category of services	Percentage of participants securing employment or returning to mainstream schooling for one month	Percentage of participants securing employment or returning to mainstream schooling 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	45%	35%

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3437)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 105):

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 Prices Index for CSSA recipients. Would the Administration please advise –

- (1) 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?
- (2) 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?
- (3) 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 –

- (1) 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, among 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 the Administration's expenditure. As such, we do not consider it appropriate to resume the previous practice of adjusting social security payment rates according to the forecast on 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 will need to reduce the payment rates so as to offset the over-estimated increase. The recipients may find it difficult to adapt.
- (2)&(3) In accordance with the established mechanism, the Administration adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including 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 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3438)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 106):

- (1) 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.
- (2) Regarding each item of the purposes and services listed in (1), by what means (e.g. invitation to tender, Lump Sum Grant (LSG)) will the Government allocate the resources to the subsidised agencies?
- (3) Regarding each item of service listed in (1) 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:

From 2014-15, the Administration proposes to increase annual expenditure with additional full-year recurrent funding of more than \$660 million with a view to enhancing the standard of existing elderly services and providing additional service places. This covers –

Community care and support services

To strengthen community support services for elderly persons and their carers, a total additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$336 million is earmarked for the following –

- (1) some \$53 million for 41 District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and 119 Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) to employ more social workers for strengthening support for elderly persons living in the community. The support services include enhancement in information dissemination, counselling services and the handling of care needs assessment and service applications;
- (2) additional subvention of some \$82.5 million for 51 Social Centres for the Elderly to raise their standard of services to that of NECs, and to employ more social workers for service delivery;
- (3) some \$22 million for 41 DECCs to employ more social workers for enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers;
- (4) some \$6.7 million to regularise the District-based Scheme on Carer Training whereby 211 subvented elderly centres (i.e. 41 DECCs and 170 NECs (including the 51 SEs which will be upgraded as NECs, as referred to in (2) above)) will organise training activities for carers; and
- (5) some \$172 million for providing an additional 1 500 places of the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in phases over a period of six months starting from March 2015 and for integrating the major service content of the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders into the 1 500 additional places and the existing 5 600 places under the EHCCS to implement strengthened

integrated home-based care services, so as to further enhance the support and care for frail elderly persons living at home.

The additional full-year recurrent provision for items (1) to (4) above will be allocated to the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) concerned through lump sum grant subvention, whereas for item (5), the additional provision will be allocated to NGOs for operation of the service through tendering. The above initiatives will be implemented in 2014-15 over the territory.

Residential care services

For the provision of additional residential care places and enhancement in the quality of residential care homes for the elderly, a total additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$325 million is earmarked for the following –

- (1) some \$130 million for raising the unit subsidy of all the 4 700 EA1 and 3 400 EA2 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and all the 380 places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme with a view to strengthening the care and support of these homes for the elderly persons concerned;
- (2) some \$75 million for extending the continuum of care (COC) arrangement to subsidised nursing home (NH) places through the upgrading of more than 1 570 subvented NH places to places with COC. We also plan to increase the subsidy for a total of 236 subsidised residential care places at three new contract homes in Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong and Wan Chai to provide COC and end-of-life care services;
- (3) some \$85 million for the provision of 554 new subsidised residential care places through the construction of two new contract homes in Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan that will commence service in 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively through tendering, purchase of additional EA1 places under EBPS and making better use of space in subvented and contract homes; and
- (4) some \$35 million for implementing the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong. Actual expenditure will depend on the number of intakes of eligible elderly persons which is dictated by the wish and choice of the elderly persons concerned.

Apart from those with the locations and year for implementation specified, the initiatives will be implemented in 2014-15 over the territory.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0387****(Question Serial No. 3439)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 108):

Please provide for the past five years, the total number of fraud and abuse cases on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme as well as breakdown on the following: (i) the total number of reported cases, (ii) the number of established cases of fraud and abuse of public money, and (iii) the amount of overpayment involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013)
Number of suspected fraud reports received	3 061	2 935	2 871	2 310	1 815
Number of established CSSA fraud cases	950	1 014	806	1 117	604
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	58.9	48.6	51.5	68.4	44.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0388****(Question Serial No. 3440)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 109):

Please provide the number of caseworkers in the Special Investigation Section (SIS) 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. Does the Administration have any plan to further expand the size of the Section?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of staff by grade in SIS is as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Social security officer grade staff	61	61	61	61	61
Social security assistant grade staff	49	49	49	51	55
General grade staff	4	4	4	4	9
Model I grade staff	-	-	-	-	1
Total	114	114	114	116	126

In 2014-15, seven additional social security grade posts will be created in SIS.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0389****(Question Serial No. 3441)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 110):

Please list the number of clinical psychologists employed by the Administration in the past five years. How many cases are being 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 this year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The clinical psychological service by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Department of Health (DH) is provided for the general public. While clinical psychologists (CPs) in SWD support family, casework and rehabilitation services, CPs in DH support student health service, elderly health service, family health service and child assessment service.

The number of CPs employed by SWD and DH in the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	SWD	DH
2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	51	30
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	52	29
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	52	30
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	50	30
2013-14 (as at end-February 2014)	52	32

As at 1 March 2014, CPs from SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations had an active caseload of 45 and 40 respectively. The waiting time for clinical psychological service from SWD is around 59 days for non-urgent cases. For urgent cases such as those presenting trauma symptoms after experiencing severe abuse or other critical incidents and those with suicide risks, earliest appointments available will be given and the waiting time ranges from a couple of days to less than two weeks.

In SWD, all new referrals for clinical psychological service will be given the first appointment within two months after receipt of the referrals. As such, no waiting list is kept for clinical psychological service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0390****(Question Serial No. 3442)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 111):

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 5 years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The staff establishment of FCPSUs from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Rank \ Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
SSWO	11	11	11	11	11
SWO	119	119	119	119	119
ASWO	49	49	49	49	49

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0391****(Question Serial No. 3443)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 112):

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 5 years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	Average cost per centre (\$ million)				
	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department	12.1	12.0	12.7	13.3	14.2
IFSCs run by NGOs	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.9	10.8

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0392****(Question Serial No. 3444)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 113):

Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure for the work in relation to domestic violence for the past five years.

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 is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	1,716.1
2010-11 (Actual)	1,743.1
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2,226.5

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0393****(Question Serial No. 3445)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 114):

Please inform this Committee of the amount of matching grants released, the number 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.

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 running welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In May 2010, \$200 million was injected into PFD to further encourage cross-sectoral collaboration in helping the disadvantaged. By end-February 2014, PFD has launched eight rounds of applications, benefiting over one million persons in disadvantaged circumstances.

The numbers of approved PFD projects, applicant NGOs and business partners and the amounts of matching grants approved from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are provided as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Amount of matching grant (\$ million)	37.9	60.0	57.2	62.6	63.2
Number of applicant NGOs	47	72	62	91	63
Number of approved projects	80	142	123	131	121
Number of business partners	174	272	317	260	329

The Administration plans to inject \$400 million into PFD, \$200 million of which will be dedicated to launching more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students mainly from grassroots families, and will seek approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for the proposed increase in the commitment for PFD so as to encourage further cross-sectoral collaboration to launch more welfare projects for the disadvantaged.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0394****(Question Serial No. 3450)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 130):

Please provide the total number of cases under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme exempted from the seven-year Hong Kong resident (SYHKR) requirement in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The total number of CSSA applications exempted from the SYHKR requirement at the discretion of the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) in the past five years is as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA applications exempted from the SYHKR requirement at the discretion of DSW
2009-10	1 918
2010-11	2 193
2011-12	2 091
2012-13	1 741
2013-14 (up to 16 December 2013)	1 159

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3451)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 131):

Please advise this Committee of the following –

- (a) Regarding the additional resources and manpower for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in the coming year, how many registered social workers will there be in each IFCS under its staffing establishment?
- (b) Will the corresponding subvention service indicators be raised as a result of the additional manpower?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The increase in the resources and manpower for IFSC services was mainly for setting up 3 new IFSCs in 2012-13. The manpower provision for individual IFSCs, including supervisor, frontline social workers and support staff, is arranged having regard to the service needs and characteristics of the locality. For IFSCs operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention system, the NGOs concerned have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.
- (b) The additional manpower aims at improving the workload of individual registered social workers in IFSCs so that the workers could provide more intensive attention for the cases under their handling. The output indicators (e.g. the total numbers of cases handled and groups/programmes conducted) and outcome indicators (e.g. the percentage of service users indicating satisfaction after receiving the service) would remain the same.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3452)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 132):

Would the Administration please advise this Committee of the following –

- (a) Has any funding been earmarked for home visits for developing prevention work for child abuse? If yes, what are the specific details? How much is the funding? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Has any funding been earmarked for the prevention of child abuse? How much is the funding? 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 2014-15, the estimated total funding allocation for these services is \$2,342.8 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 2014-15, 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. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the publicity and public education programmes on the prevention of child abuse.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3453)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 133):

As schools are currently implementing life-wide learning, and through the activity approach, students are encouraged to pursue out-of-class learning. Has the Administration earmarked funding allocation 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 \$1,720 to \$2,590, are higher than those for able-bodied adults by \$175 to \$435 to take into account their developmental needs. In addition to the 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, transport fares to school and examination fees, monthly meal allowance for full-day students taking lunch away from home, and a flat-rate grant, currently 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. From 2014/15 school year, the amount of flat-rate grant for eligible primary and secondary CSSA students will be increased by \$1,000, in addition to the annual price adjustment, involving an estimated increase in provision of about \$90 million in a full year.

Apart from CSSA, the Administration has developed a comprehensive network of services, many of which 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 for the fund. In the 2012/13 school year, about 230 000 eligible students from 944 schools received assistance through the fund.

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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3454)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 134):

Regarding the following programmes of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) –

- (1) The Ordinary Employment Assistance Services
- (2) The Strengthened Employment Assistance Services
- (3) The New Dawn (ND) Project Services
- (4) The Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP)

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients participating in the above programmes, and the percentages of those having secured employment and leaving the CSSA net over the past five years, as well as the expenditure of the programmes over the past five financial years and the estimated expenditure for the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In January 2013, SWD integrated various employment assistance projects into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), to encourage and assist employable CSSA recipients to secure employment. Since the commencement of IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, a total of 14 294 persons had participated in the project with 30.6% of the participants securing employment or returning to mainstream schooling, and 8% leaving the CSSA net. SWD does not have breakdown of the figures by financial year.

The expenditure of IEAPS for 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) is \$94 million and the estimated annual expenditure for 2014-15 is about \$108 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3458)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 142):

Please advise this Committee the following –

1. Please list in detail the number of probation cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in the past five years.
2. What was the nature of the above cases? What was the male-to-female ratio?
3. Please list in detail the number of reports on child custody disputes handled in the past five years.
4. What was the nature of the above cases? What was the male-to-female ratio? How many children were involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of cases handled by FCPSUs involving probation orders (POs) from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are set out as follows –

	2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Number of cases involving POs	143	97	62	52	60

2. The cases reported in (1) above could be related to child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering or other offences committed by the abusers, victims or other members of the families. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no available statistics on the breakdown of the nature and gender ratio of these cases.
3. The numbers of social enquiry reports involving child custody dispute cases that were completed by social workers of FCPSUs from 2009-10 to 2013-14 and the numbers of children involved are shown below –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of social enquiry reports completed	912	781	1030	976	698
Number of children involved	1 293	1 133	1 534	1 417	1 020

4. All these child custody dispute cases are related to divorce proceedings involving child custody and access arrangement. SWD has no available statistics on the breakdown of the gender ratio of children involved in these cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3459)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 143):

There have been a number of suicide or homicide cases involving mental patients in recent years. In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following for the past 5 years –

1. How many adult probationers were in need of residential service?
2. What type of residential home/hostel were the adult probationers admitted to and the reasons for such arrangements?
3. 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 the waiting period?
4. Whether any probationers had been found missing while awaiting admission? If yes, how many such missing cases were there? and
5. 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0401****(Question Serial No. 3460)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 144):

A number of suicide or homicide cases involving mental patients happened in recent years. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What were the enrolment rates of halfway houses (HWHs)/long stay care homes (LSCHs) for discharged mental patients between 2007 and 2012?
2. Did the patients need to wait for the services between 2007 and 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 from 2007-08 to 2011-12 are as follows –

Year	Average enrolment rate ^[Note]	Average waiting time (in months)	
		HWH	LSCH
2007-08	99%	4.6	34
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 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 may not be 100% at any one time.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0402****(Question Serial No. 3461)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare, (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 146):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. The Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme and the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme provide cash assistance to victims of violent crimes, acts of law enforcement and traffic accidents or their dependants. Please provide details of the numbers of cases applying for these schemes by victims (including children) of domestic violence in the past 5 years.
2. Since the implementation of the New Dawn (ND) Project, the number of cases in which the recipients, being victims of domestic violence, were exempted from participation.
3. How many children of these exempted persons are in need of care and what are the ages of the children?
4. Does 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's perspective included?
5. Have recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or other services been invited to share their experience in the above training programmes? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Among the 1 520 applications for CLEIC from 2009-10 to 2013-14, there were 52 cases involving domestic violence. The numbers of domestic violence cases and children aged 15 or below involved in those cases in the past 5 years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of domestic violence cases	Number of children aged 15 or below involved
2009-10	15	1
2010-11	10	-
2011-12	13	-
2012-13	6	-
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	8	1

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of cases applying for TAVA by victims of domestic violence.

2. & 3. Since the launch of the New Dawn (ND) Project in April 2006 up to end-December 2012, 18 single parents / child carers were exempted from joining the ND Project on the ground of being victims of domestic violence. In January 2013, SWD launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to integrate employment assistance services for employable CSSA recipients. From January 2013 to end-December 2013, no victim of domestic violence has requested to be exempted from joining the ND Project under the IEAPS.

SWD does not keep record on the number of children of the exempted single parents/child carers.

4. Elements of enhancing sensitivity and awareness relating to domestic violence have been included in training programmes organised for social security staff to enhance their knowledge and skills in referring victims of domestic violence to relevant professionals for provision of appropriate support services. The training programmes cover, among others, the women's perspective and are conducted by social workers and clinical psychologists.
5. The needs and concerns of CSSA recipients will be brought out through case sharing in the training programmes although the recipients are not invited to share their experience in person.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3462)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 147):

Regarding the support services for single parent families, would the Administration -

1. 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.
2. 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?
3. Regarding the 10 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?
4. What are the ages and numbers of children of the single parents in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parents?
5. How many families are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parents?
6. How many low-income families are there in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parents? What is the ratio of male and female parents?
7. For the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parents, how do working parents who have children under the age of 16 arrange for their children to be taken care of?
8. What is the income ratio of male and female parents in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parents?
9. Why do people become single parents and how many of them have become single parents as a result of domestic violence in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parents?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The capacity and distribution of aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and OCCS in each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past five years are set out in Annex 1.

Foster care service is not locality-based and is delivered at the foster parents' homes over the territory. The number of foster care places in the past five years is listed below –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Number of foster care places	970	970	1 020	1 070	1 070

2. The average utilisation rates of aided standalone CCCs and OCCS in the past 5 years are provided in the table below –

	Average utilisation rate (%)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (April to December 2013)
Aided standalone CCCs	98	98	99	100	100
OCCS	49	59	62	71	73

SWD does not keep waiting lists for CCC and OCCS. The overall provision of CCC places, including those in aided standalone CCCs and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), can meet the service demand.

For foster care service, the utilisation rates and average waiting time for admission to foster care service are provided in the table below –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (April to December 2013)
Utilisation rate (%)	93	91	90	88	87
Average waiting time for admission (days)	32	42	43	51	53

3. 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 2011-12 for better use of resources. In addition, 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 service (HCCS) places and 14 centre-based care group (CCG) places. HCCS is provided from 7:00 a.m. till 11:00 p.m. daily, covering all weekends and public holidays.

In 2014-15, SWD will enhance NSCCP by extending the age limit of children receiving the service from aged under six to aged under nine, increasing funding to operators to enhance social work support for the service, and providing at least 13 additional HCCS places per district. There will be at least 234 additional HCCS places over the territory. The NSCCP operators will continue to exercise flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places to meet actual district demand including that from needy single parents. Since the launch of NSCCP till end-2013, SWD has not received any report of children having to wait for NSCCP service.

4. SWD does not have the statistical information sought.
5. The number of CSSA single parent cases as at end-December 2013 in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families according to the 2011 Population Census is set out in Annex 2.

6. SWD does not have the statistical information on the number of low-income households. The ratios of single mothers to single fathers in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families according to the 2011 Population Census are set out in Annex 3.
7. 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 child care services through non-governmental organisations for children of different ages, including CCC, OCCS, extended hours service, NSCCP and the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme, etc.
8. SWD does not have the statistical information sought.
9. 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.

Capacity and distribution of aided standalone child care centres and occasional child care service

	Numbers of places									
	Aided standalone CCCs [Note 1]					OCCS				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
SWD District										
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	40	40	40	40	40	55	55	42	42	42
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	96	96	96	96	39	39	31	31	31
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	144	144	144	144	144	60	60	47	47	47
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	56	56	49	49	49
Sha Tin	70	70	70	70	70	38	38	29	29	29
Sham Shui Po	62	62	62	62	62	33	33	25	25	25
Tai Po/North	48	48	48	48	48	49	49	35	35	35
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	102	102	102	102	102	71	71	55	55	55
Tuen Mun	64	64	64	64	64	41	41	31	31	31
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	-	-	-	-	63	63	55	55	55
Yuen Long	64	64	64	64	64	40	40	35	35	35
Total	690	690	690	690	690	545	545	434 [Note 2]	434	434

[Note 1] There are about 25 600 places in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) under the administration of the Education Bureau for children aged below three.

[Note 2] In view of the low utilisation rate of the OCCS service following the implementation of NSCCP, SWD reduced the number of service places and deployed the savings to the service operators to conduct family support activities for parents and carers in OCCS service units to promote proper care of children and the message of “not leaving children alone at home”.

**Number of CSSA single parent cases
(2011 Population Census)**

District ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA single parent cases
Islands	710
Sai Kung	967
Yuen Long	3 824
Kwun Tong	4 231
Kwai Tsing	2 647
Tsuen Wan	784
Sham Shui Po	2 477
Wong Tai Sin	2 257
Southern	607
North	1 755
Total	20 259

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

**The ratio of single mothers to single fathers
(2011 Population Census)**

District \ Sex	Male (single fathers)		Female (single mothers)		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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3463)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 148):

Regarding postnatal depression of women, would the Administration please advise –

1. How many women abused their children as a result of postnatal depression in the past five years? How many of the cases involved spouse battering?
2. 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?
3. 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:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no available statistics on the number of child abuse cases involving abusers suffering from postnatal depression or such cases involving spouse/cohabitant battering.
2. 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 provide immediate intervention to protect the safety and well-being of the child(ren) and arrange psychiatric and/or psychological services for the abusers. Social workers, in accordance with the Procedural Guide for Handling Child Abuse Cases (Revised 2007), conduct social investigation and risk assessment in respect of the suspected child abuse cases, and formulate welfare plans for the children concerned through the Multi-disciplinary Case Conference on Suspected Child Abuse.
3. The Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS) aims to identify at an early stage and provide timely support for at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression, families with psychosocial needs and pre-primary children with physical, developmental and/or behavioural problems. With the Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) and other service units as the platform, CCDS has strengthened cross-sectoral collaboration and enhanced its target service users' access to health and social services. Under CCDS, mothers with postnatal depression are identified through systematic screening conducted in MCHCs. Appropriate follow-up services, including specialised counselling by visiting psychiatric nurses at MCHCs, and referrals to psychiatric services at public hospitals or social services at Integrated Family Service Centres, are provided to enable

mothers with postnatal depression to regain resilience, restore their functioning and prevent further deterioration of family problems.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3465)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 159):

Regarding 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. The programmes target the general public, irrespective of how long they have resided 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 to publicise the message relating to prevention of domestic violence. In addition to providing services through the Family and Child Protective Services Units and the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres to motivate families at risk of domestic violence and social isolation, including new arrivals, to receive various support services early, SWD also subsidises a non-governmental organisation to arrange for a service team to station at Lo Wu Control Point to introduce social welfare services to new arrivals.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0406****(Question Serial No. 3466)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 160):

Please set out in table form the expenditure and additional manpower in specific and relevant posts for services for victims/batterers/children involved in domestic violence cases over the past 5 years with breakdowns by the following categories: housing assistance, financial assistance, police intervention, medical service, judicial proceedings, counselling and legal assistance for victims.

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 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 family and child welfare services from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Year	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
Expenditure (\$ million)	1,716.1	1,743.1	1,864.0	2,076.8	2,226.5

There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for financial assistance and counselling for victims/batterers/children involved in domestic violence cases. SWD does not have information on the expenditure and manpower involved in the provision of housing assistance, police intervention, medical treatment, judicial proceedings and legal assistance for persons involved in domestic violence cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3467)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 161):

Please set out in table form the expenditure or estimates, the specific increase in manpower and the posts involved in the following work over the past five years and the coming financial year –

1. Assistance for victims of domestic violence in purchasing necessities for home-rebuilding;
2. Setting up new Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs);
3. Further enhancing the support for refuge centres for women;
4. Strengthening the clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence, particularly for children who witnessed domestic violence;
5. Provision of more flexible child care service to enhance support for families with young children and those facing personal or family problems;
6. Continuing the “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” publicity campaign;
7. Monitoring the implementation of the Pilot Project on Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP); and
8. Continuing to provide training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Details of expenditure, additional manpower and posts involved in the following services over the past five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 and for 2014-15 are set out in the Annex.

Expenditure of Services for Domestic Violence Cases

Item		2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
1. Assistance for victims of domestic violence in purchasing necessities for home-rebuilding	Expenditure (\$ million)	There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for this purpose.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
2. FCPSUs	Expenditure (\$ million)	169.5	171.8	180.5	186.3	198.0	194.0
	Additional Manpower & Post	12 additional caseworker posts were created in 2009-10.					
3. Refuge centres for women	Expenditure (\$ million)	19.70	23.10	24.00	26.3	26.8	28.2
	Additional Manpower & Post	These centres are operated by non-governmental organisations. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, they have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.					
4. Clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence	Expenditure (\$ million)	Clinical Psychology Units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provide services for different types of service users. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for serving victims of domestic violence.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
5. More flexible child care services ^[Note]	Expenditure (\$ million)	14.0	10.5	26.4	23.6	26.5	39.0
	Additional Manpower & Post	Under the Service Agreement for the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), the service operators have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs, and there must be at least one social worker for each project. In 2014-15, SWD will enhance NSCCP by increasing funding to operators to enhance social work support to the service users. The additional funding for the service provision and manpower improvement for each of the 18 district-based projects will be worked out in consultation with the service operators.					

Item		2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
6. Publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence”	Expenditure (\$ million)	5	5	5	5	5 (plus additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for docudrama)	5
	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.					
7. BIP	Expenditure (\$ 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 FCPSUs of SWD.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
8. Training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse/ cohabitant battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence	Expenditure (\$ million)	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0
	Additional Manpower & Post	No additional manpower or post involved.					

[Note] To enhance flexibility and accessibility of day child care service, SWD piloted the NSCCP in 2008-09, which has been regularised and extended to all 18 districts in October 2011. The figures reported under item (5) are the expenditure/budget for NSCCP.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3468)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 163):

The Administration has implemented 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 - 14 enhance their capacity for self-reliance through engagement in paid employment for early integration into the community.

Please advise on the number of cases in which recipients were exempted from participating in the projects since their implementation as well as the reasons for exemption.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

From the commencement of New Dawn (ND) Project in April 2006 (including ND IEAPs) up to its completion at end-December 2012, 11 106 single parents and child carers had been exempted from participating in the ND Project due to 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.

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department integrated the various employment assistance projects, including the ND Project, into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). Since the commencement of the IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, 53 single parents and child carers had been exempted from joining the ND Project Services owing to the special reasons as described above.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3470)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 167):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of cases in which applicants who are new arrivals have to seek assistance from food banks or other funds because their Comprehensive Social Security Assistance applications have been rejected in the past three years? Please set out the detailed information in table form, including the duration of receiving relevant assistance.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3472)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 170):

1. Please set out in table form the numbers of domestic violence cases by category (including ethnic minorities and sexual minorities) and the sex ratio of each category for the past five years; and
2. How much resources have been allocated for 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:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases and the Child Protection Registry, the numbers of domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) for the past five years are set out at Annex.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels to publicise the messages relating to prevention of domestic violence to the general public irrespective of their gender identity, including broadcasting of docudramas and publicity videos on TV, showing educational 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 2014-15, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million, plus an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million in 2013-14 for the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with the Radio Television Hong Kong. In 2014-15, we will build on the momentum of the docudrama and district programmes to promote the messages on combating domestic violence to the public.

Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases

Item	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
(i) Total number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases	4 807	3 163	3 174	2 734	3 836
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	795	520	558	434	692
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	4 012	2 643	2 616	2 300	3 144
(iv) Out of (i), number of male cohabitant battering victims being abused by male cohabitants	-	1	2	-	1
(v) Out of (i), number of female cohabitant battering victims being abused by female cohabitants	4	-	2	3	10
(vi) Out of (i), number of male victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases ^[Note]	No breakdown of cases involving ethnic minorities				4
(vii) Out of (i), number of female victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases ^[Note]					176

[Note] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

Child Abuse Cases

Item	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
(i) Total number of newly reported child abuse cases	993	1 001	877	894	963
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	404	373	329	327	392
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	589	628	548	567	571

There is no available statistical information on the number of victims of ethnic minorities or with different sexual orientations involved in child abuse cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0411****(Question Serial No. 3473)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 171):

1. How many domestic violence cases requiring assistance have involved new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities in the past five years? Of these cases, how many have the needs for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and housing assistance? How many of these cases have involved those having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, and of these cases, how many have for that reason been refused CSSA or housing assistance? Please set out the details in table form.
2. How much resources have to be allocated for the above work each year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. As the information system was only enhanced on 1 April 2013 to capture the profile of the victims served by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs), there was no relevant statistical information before 2013. The numbers of domestic violence victims having arrived in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years and of ethnic minorities in the active cases served by FCPSUs as at end-December 2013 ^[Note 1] are set out at the table below –

	Child abuse	Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering	Total
(i) Total number of victims in the active cases served by FCPSUs as at end-December 2013	1 263	2 432	3 695
(ii) Out of (i), number of victims having arrived in HK for less than 7 years ^[Note 1]	89	473	562
(iii) Out of (i), number of victims of ethnic minorities ^[Note 1] ^[Note 2]	23	102	125

^{[Note 1]:} Information on the “year of arrival” and “ethnicity” of the victims of some cases which were handled by FCPSUs before the system enhancement on 1 April 2013 could not be reflected.

^{[Note 2]:} Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

There is no statistical information on the number of victims of different sexual orientations being served by FCPSUs nor the number of victims in need of CSSA or housing assistance.

2. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services for victims of domestic violence and families in need irrespective of their years of residence, ethnicity and sexual orientation. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres /Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, 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. In 2014-15, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,342.8 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the cases as mentioned in (1) above.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3476)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 174):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?
4. How many children/youths have witnessed domestic violence since 2007?
5. Have they required other services?
6. How much resources are allocated each year?

Please set out the details of the above in table form.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1.& 2. Risk assessment was conducted for all new domestic violence cases, i.e. child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. From April 2007 to December 2013, victims involved in the 21 040 new domestic violence cases, including 5 774 child abuse cases, handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) received risk assessment. Ongoing risk assessment was performed by case social workers in the process of case handling. During the same period, victims involved in 3 387 domestic violence cases, including 2 340 child abuse cases, received assessment and treatment at the Clinical Psychology Units (CPUs) of SWD. The duration of treatment ranged from 6 months to 3 years, depending on the complexity of individual cases.
- 3.&4. SWD has no available statistical information 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.

5. Welfare services, including counselling, childcare service and supportive or developmental programmes, are provided for victims of child abuse cases and children/adolescents having witnessed domestic violence. If necessary, social workers will initiate statutory protection and make referrals to other services, e.g. school placement.
6. 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 Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, CPUs, 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 2014-15, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,342.8 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the services provided for victims of domestic violence cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0413****(Question Serial No. 3477)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 201):

The funding for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2014-15 will be \$21,626,000,000, which is an increase of \$2,956,000,000 (15.8%) from the Revised Estimate for 2013-14. Please provide the estimated additional funding needed due to the following programmes, as well as the numbers of cases and recipients that will benefit –

1. Inclusion of post-secondary students in CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance;
2. Provision of rent allowance to recipients of CSSA who have been Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) flat owner-occupiers for more than five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Item	Estimated expenditure in 2014-15 (\$ million)	Estimated number of beneficiaries in 2014-15
1. Include post-secondary students in CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance	26.5	2 600 families
2. Provide rent allowance to recipients of CSSA who have been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than five years	8.4	825 families

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3478)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 202):

At present, the residence requirement for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme is lowered from seven years to one year. Please advise –

1. Since 17 December 2013, the number of CSSA applications by new arrivals who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than seven years;
2. Since 17 December 2013, the number of approved CSSA applications from new arrivals who have resided in HK for less than seven years; and
3. The additional expenditure to be incurred in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. From 17 December 2013 to 31 March 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has received 4 007 CSSA applications involving persons who have resided in HK for less than seven years.
2. Out of the 4 007 applications received, 3 272 were approved. SWD will continue to process the applications received.
3. The actual financial implication of lowering the CSSA residence requirement from seven years to one year will, to a very large extent, depend on the financial condition of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. Since the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal was handed down on 17 December 2013 and up to 31 March 2014, SWD received 4 007 applications from persons who have resided in HK for less than seven years. A longer time to observe the trend of number of new applications will be required to ascertain the implications more accurately. SWD will closely monitor the situation. Sufficient funding to cater for the additional expenditure for 2014-15 is provided for in the draft Estimates of SWD.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3483)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 359):

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please advise –

1. The staffing establishment and administration expenditure involved over the past year;
2. The total amount of allowance paid and the number of recipients over the past year with breakdown of those aged 65-69 and those aged 70 or above; and
3. The number of cases checked over the past year, and among which how many fraud cases have been found?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. OALA was launched in April 2013. In 2013-14, about 100 additional posts have been created to launch OALA at an additional annual expenditure of \$32 million.
2. As at end-December 2013, there were 107 131 OALA cases involving elderly persons aged 65-69 and 302 912 cases involving those aged 70 or above. The estimated expenditure for 2013-14 is \$12,863 million, including back-payment to the elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013 and payment of one additional month of the allowance.
3. In the first year of implementing OALA, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) was heavily engaged in handling applications and no fraud case has been detected. Currently, SWD is conducting a postal review for around 273 000 recipients who were granted OALA under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, to screen out those failing the means-test before expiry of the grace period by end-November 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0416****(Question Serial No. 3484)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 360):

Please provide the following information –

1. The number of victims of domestic violence who have been admitted to the refuge centres for the past five years;
2. How long is the average duration of stay?
3. How many of them are divorced persons?
4. How many of them are in need of psychiatric services or other services?
5. How many of them have been offered public rental housing through Conditional Tenancy (CT)?
6. How many of them have been offered public rental housing through Compassionate Rehousing (CR), through splitting of tenancy or have had to rent private housing?
7. How many families and applicants have had to apply for funds for setting up their new home? How much is the funding amount disbursed? How many approved cases are there? How many applicants have been rejected, and for what reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Details of the service users of the Refuge Centres for Women over the past five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are as follows –

Item	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
(1) Number of service users served	1 452	1 309	1 424	1 418	1 155
(2) Number of cases in which the victims having stayed less than 3 months ^[Note]	539	443	470	462	341
(3) Number of cases in which the victims having stayed 3 months or over	112	156	162	147	134

[Note] One case may have more than one service user. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has a breakdown of the discharged cases by their period of stay for less than 3 months or 3 months or over and does not have the information on the exact length of stay of each discharged case.

3. to 7. SWD has no available statistical information on the number of service users of Refuge Centres having divorced, being in need of psychiatric service or other services, having been allocated public rental housing through CT under CR or through splitting of tenancy, or having rented private housing units and being in need of trust funds for purchasing necessities to set up their new home.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0417

(Question Serial No. 3485)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 361):

Please provide the number of child victims of domestic violence who are in need of foster care and residential homes for children services for the past five years. What are the numbers of families and individuals involved in domestic violence? What is the average waiting time for the services? How many of them are in need of psychiatric or other services?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of child abuse or suspected abuse victims ^[Note 1] admitted to residential child care services (RCCS) ^[Note 2] in the past five years is provided as follows –

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of child victims admitted to emergency placement of RCCS ^[Note 3]	164	165	152	160	116
Number of child victims admitted to long-term placement of RCCS ^[Note 3]	156	158	197	243	198

[Note 1] There is no statistical information on the number of children admitted to RCCS due to spouse/cohabitant battering of their parents.

[Note 2] RCCS includes foster care service, residential homes for children and small group homes.

[Note 3] Child victims may be admitted to emergency as well as long-term placements of RCCS.

Emergency RCCS is readily available for needy children in case of emergency. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no available statistical information on the waiting time for admission to emergency RCCS.

The average waiting time for child victims' admission to long-term placement of RCCS in the past five years was as follows –

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Average waiting time for admission (days)	168	113	80	81	77

As captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases as well as the Child Protection Registry, the number of newly reported domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) in the past five years was as follows –

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of domestic violence cases	5 800	4 164	4 051	3 628	4 799

Each newly reported domestic violence case involved one victim. However, as one family may have more than one victim, there is no statistical information on the number of families involved in these cases. SWD also has not captured figures on persons among these cases requiring psychiatric or other services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3486)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 362):

What services have been provided over the past 5 years for women who are staying in Hong Kong with Two-way Permits while being victims of domestic violence? How many such women are there? What needs do they have for which services are not provided to them? How many children do they have to take care of? What is the age distribution?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, there were 187 newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases involving female victims being holders of Two-way Permit in 2013. As the relevant statistics are only captured by the enhanced system starting from January 2013, statistical information before 2013 is not available.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) and subvented welfare organisations provide a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service, family support networking service, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children, day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support individuals and families in need, including domestic violence victims who are holders of Two-way Permit. SWD has no statistical information on the number and age distribution of the children of victims being holders of Two-way Permit.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3487)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 176):

At present, only persons aged 60 or above with cognitive impairment may receive day care services at day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs). Those who are aged under 60 cannot receive the services.

- (1) Will the Administration consider that persons with cognitive impairment who are aged under 60 can also apply for the service of DEs/DCUs?
- (2) There are non-governmental organisations (NGOs) running care centres specialising for persons with cognitive impairment on a self-financing basis. Will the Administration consider setting up specialised centre(s) to provide specialised services to those with cognitive impairment? If no, please give the reasons in detail.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Long-term care services are generally available for elderly persons who are aged 60 or above. For people with early onset of cognitive impairment and with the need for home care service, they may apply for Integrated Home Care Services. Medical social services are also available in public hospitals and some specialist out-patient clinics to provide psychosocial intervention for patients, including persons with dementia, regardless of age.
- (2) The Administration at this stage has no plan to set up DEs/DCUs designated for elderly persons with cognitive impairment for the time being. Frail elderly persons (including those with cognitive impairment) living in the community are supported through 67 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 24 enhanced home and community care services teams, 60 integrated home care services teams, three service teams under the Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. There is also a range of support services for carers of elderly persons with cognitive impairment, including day respite service, counselling, assistance in forming carers' mutual-help groups, provision and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc., to help alleviate their pressure.

Since 2011-12, Dementia Supplement (DS) has been provided to all subsidised DEs/DCUs for the provision of more targeted services to elderly persons with cognitive impairment who are residing in the community. With the additional funding, DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services to enhance the training programmes and services for elderly persons with cognitive impairment as well as the support services for their carers as necessary.

Additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$22 million has been earmarked for 41 district elderly community centres to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0420

(Question Serial No. 3488)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 177):

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that there will be an additional funding of some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). However, on page 799 of Volume 1 of the Estimates, the Indicator of "cases served" under EHCCS has only increased by 300 cases from 7 300 in 2013-14 to 7 600 in 2014-15.

- (1) Will the Administration increase the number of service places in phases? Please explain in detail the plan for increasing such places.
- (2) Please give the specific details of "widening the scope of home care services" under EHCCS as mentioned in the Budget Speech. Will the Administration allow the service users to freely choose some of the services under EHCCS instead of requiring them to receive all of the services?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The additional 1 500 EHCCS places will be provided in phases over a period of six months starting from 1 March 2015. Since the additional EHCCS places are still at the planning stage, detailed information is not yet available.
- (2) The service content of both the new and existing EHCCS places will be strengthened through the integration of the major service content of the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders into EHCCS such as on-site carer training. The operators are required to provide appropriate services to meet the needs of service users.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0421

(Question Serial No. 3489)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 181):

Since October 2010, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has revamped community mental health support services and set up 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) across the territory to provide one-stop district-based mental health support services in a timely manner. However, some ICCMWs have yet to secure suitable permanent accommodation.

1. How many ICCMWs have yet to secure permanent accommodation at present?
2. Are there any plan and timetable for the Administration to help the above ICCMWs to identify up-to-standard permanent accommodation?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Of the 24 ICCMWs, 11 are currently operating in permanent accommodation and another 5 are expected to commence service at their permanent accommodation in 2014-15 following the completion of fitting-out works. A suitable site for another ICCMW has been identified, in respect of which local consultation will follow; and 2 sites for another 2 ICCMWs has been reserved in redevelopment and conversion projects. SWD will continue to work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments to identify suitable premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government properties, school premises, public housing units, etc. for the remaining 5 ICCMWs. Meanwhile, SWD is funding the rental expenses incurred for using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation of ICCMWs and will continue to consider such rental support applications from individual ICCMW operators.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3490)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 185):

Regarding an additional funding of “some \$160 million for upgrading 51 social centres for the elderly (SEs) to neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), and enabling all subvented elderly centres to increase their manpower as well as programme expenses. The purposes are to enhance the support for elderly people as well as processing care needs assessment and service applications for long-term care services”, please give the specific details of increasing professional manpower as well as programme expenses.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Additional full-year recurrent funding has been earmarked for elderly centres to strengthen community support services for elderly persons and their carers, including –

- (a) some \$53 million per year for 41 District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and 119 NECs to employ more social workers for strengthening support for elderly persons living in the community;
- (b) additional subvention of some \$82.5 million per year for 51 SEs to raise their standard of services to that of NECs, and to employ more social workers for service delivery;
- (c) some \$22 million per year for 41 DECCs to employ more social workers for enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers; and
- (d) some \$6.7 million per year to regularise the District-based Scheme on Carer Training whereby 211 subvented elderly centres (i.e. 41 DECCs and 170 NECs (including the 51 SEs which will be upgraded as NECs, as referred to in (b) above)) will organise training activities for carers.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0423****(Question Serial No. 3500)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 256):

Regarding cases of fraud and abuse of public money and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), please provide for the past five years: (i) the total number of newly-reported cases each year; (ii) the number of established fraud and abuse cases; and (iii) the total amount of overpayment involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013)
Number of suspected fraud reports received	3 061	2 935	2 871	2 310	1 815
Number of established CSSA fraud cases	950	1 014	806	1 117	604
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	58.9	48.6	51.5	68.4	44.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3501)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 257):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the 18 districts over the past five years with breakdown by case nature of able-bodied adult, disabled adult, able-bodied child, disabled child, elderly person, 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 (excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme) by selected categories by geographical district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Geographical district	2009-10				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons 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	106 626	53 783	127 896	3 544	184 302

Geographical district	2010-11				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons 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	98 151	54 857	118 158	3 752	184 820

Geographical district	2011-12				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons 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
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	86 366	54 592	108 212	3 816	183 685

Geographical district	2012-13				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 and above
Central & Western	520	552	576	37	2 152
Eastern	2 887	2 762	3 733	192	9 975
Islands	2 152	825	3 157	96	2 216
Kowloon City	2 750	2 381	3 606	132	8 586
Kwai Tsing	7 980	5 560	10 012	316	18 350
Kwun Tong	11 092	6 263	13 635	479	28 247
North	4 069	2 825	5 683	218	9 051
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Sha Tin	5 197	4 118	6 433	340	11 969
Sham Shui Po	6 916	4 386	7 904	338	16 128
Southern	1 403	2 208	1 806	110	5 893
Tai Po	2 189	1 991	2 735	187	6 787
Tsuen Wan	1 932	1 304	2 747	99	5 753
Tuen Mun	5 139	5 105	6 361	262	13 684
Wan Chai	296	220	324	3	1 168
Wong Tai Sin	6 039	4 068	7 112	359	15 488
Yau Tsim Mong	3 037	1 555	2 907	65	5 512
Yuen Long	10 523	5 882	13 138	501	14 830
Total	76 891	54 433	95 477	3 886	181 146

Geographical district	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 and above
Central & Western	501	580	545	34	2 172
Eastern	2 658	2 745	3 418	186	9 713
Islands	1 908	842	2 840	93	2 146
Kowloon City	2 792	2 592	3 788	137	8 752
Kwai Tsing	6 962	5 563	8 855	325	18 116
Kwun Tong	10 108	6 279	12 355	481	27 359
North	3 656	2 878	5 160	224	8 926
Sai Kung	2 463	2 293	3 101	146	5 242
Sha Tin	4 684	4 205	5 841	360	11 815
Sham Shui Po	6 369	4 408	7 485	332	15 931
Southern	1 337	2 267	1 682	121	5 708
Tai Po	1 923	1 963	2 530	181	6 657
Tsuen Wan	1 784	1 340	2 493	96	5 575
Tuen Mun	4 633	5 076	5 795	255	13 694
Wan Chai	280	216	308	3	1 077
Wong Tai Sin	5 324	4 075	6 346	348	15 079
Yau Tsim Mong	2 660	1 543	2 671	60	5 341
Yuen Long	9 366	5 734	11 663	495	14 626
Total	69 408	54 599	86 876	3 877	177 929

In the above tables, disabled adults/children refer to recipients receiving the standard rates of 50% disabled, 100% disabled, requiring constant attendance and in ill-health.

The number of CSSA recipients in family cases with at least one able-bodied adult by geographical district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Geographical district	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Central & Western	1 425	1 287	1 091	983	936
Eastern	8 875	8 386	7 494	6 476	5 909
Islands	7 361	6 821	5 943	5 284	4 759
Kowloon City	7 478	6 866	6 228	5 809	5 919
Kwai Tsing	25 943	23 549	20 811	18 151	15 880
Kwun Tong	31 698	29 873	27 762	24 980	22 613
North	12 620	11 781	10 719	9 142	8 258
Sai Kung	10 633	9 208	7 957	6 504	5 695
Sha Tin	16 434	14 928	13 540	11 794	10 608
Sham Shui Po	16 725	15 433	13 738	13 105	12 236
Southern	4 376	4 026	3 630	3 227	3 058
Tai Po	7 136	6 564	5 855	4 957	4 424
Tsuen Wan	6 325	5 778	5 211	4 494	4 065
Tuen Mun	16 217	14 475	12 702	10 984	9 912
Wan Chai	536	517	446	382	369
Wong Tai Sin	18 480	16 668	14 929	13 154	11 634
Yau Tsim Mong	5 731	5 342	4 772	4 325	3 929
Yuen Long	33 636	30 481	26 769	23 269	20 710
Total	231 629	211 983	189 597	167 020	150 914

The number of CSSA recipients in family cases without any able-bodied adult by geographical district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Geographical district	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Central & Western	537	526	490	465	452
Eastern	4 987	5 139	4 958	4 659	4 555
Islands	1 207	1 231	1 295	1 360	1 285
Kowloon City	3 599	3 546	3 602	3 480	3 680
Kwai Tsing	9 436	9 474	9 580	9 381	9 213
Kwun Tong	14 725	15 348	15 730	15 684	15 198
North	4 748	4 929	4 924	4 991	4 860
Sai Kung	2 984	3 043	3 111	3 002	2 808
Sha Tin	7 117	7 314	7 320	7 247	7 202
Sham Shui Po	7 441	7 509	7 447	7 400	7 480
Southern	2 970	3 037	2 904	2 774	2 661
Tai Po	3 540	3 444	3 495	3 474	3 469
Tsuen Wan	2 770	2 776	2 751	2 740	2 662
Tuen Mun	6 997	7 279	7 421	7 247	7 203
Wan Chai	320	272	229	231	225
Wong Tai Sin	7 762	8 050	8 134	7 831	7 613
Yau Tsim Mong	2 119	2 082	1 923	1 889	1 705
Yuen Long	7 896	8 430	8 435	8 334	8 100
Total	91 155	93 429	93 749	92 189	90 371

The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3503)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 285):

It is mentioned in the brief description of the policy about Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme that it is to "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 CSSA Scheme, including reviewing the weighting system, proportions and component items of expenditure of the "Social Security Assistance Index of Prices" (SSAIP) so 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 the 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 4.1% with effect from 1 February 2014 in accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism. Starting from the 2014/15 school year, the amount of flat-rate grant for selected items of school-related expenses for eligible primary and secondary CSSA students will be increased by \$1,000, in addition to the annual price adjustment. We will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payments annually.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0426****(Question Serial No. 3504)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 286):

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	Employed on full-time/long-term basis	Employed on part-time/causal job basis	Living in public housing	Living in non-public housing
2009-10						
2010-11						
2011-12						
2012-13						
2013-14						

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases by selected categories from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) is as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases			
	With recipients aged 65 or above	With recipients aged below 15	Residing in public housing	Residing in private housing
2009-10	140 821	58 621	163 976	48 891
2010-11	139 593	54 856	162 161	46 793
2011-12	138 019	49 900	157 914	43 440
2012-13	135 988	45 686	153 096	40 934
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	133 875	42 942	148 406	38 176

Year	Number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment	
	With full-time employment	With part-time/casual employment
2009-10	22 284	10 592
2010-11	20 896	10 823
2011-12	16 671	11 502
2012-13	13 888	10 488
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	12 413	10 427

Recipients with full-time employment refer to those with no less than 120 working hours per month, while recipients with part-time/casual employment refer to those with less than 120 working hours per month.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0427****(Question Serial No. 3505)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 287):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the 18 districts over the past five years with breakdown by the following case nature –

	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly	With able-bodied adults in the family	Without able-bodied adults in the family
Central & Western							
Eastern							
Southern							
Wan Chai							
Kowloon City							
Kwun Tong							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Islands							
Kwai Tsing							
North							
Sai Kung							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients by selected categories by geographical district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Geographical district	2009-10				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	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	106 626	53 783	127 896	3 544	184 302

Geographical district	2010-11				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	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	98 151	54 857	118 158	3 752	184 820

Geographical district	2011-12				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	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
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
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Total	86 366	54 592	108 212	3 816	183 685

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Sha Tin	5 197	4 118	6 433	340	11 969
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Yuen Long	10 523	5 882	13 138	501	14 830
Total	76 891	54 433	95 477	3 886	181 146

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Yau Tsim Mong	2 660	1 543	2 671	60	5 341
Yuen Long	9 366	5 734	11 663	495	14 626
Total	69 408	54 599	86 876	3 877	177 929

The number of CSSA recipients in family cases with at least one able-bodied adult by geographical district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Geographical district	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Central & Western	1 425	1 287	1 091	983	936
Eastern	8 875	8 386	7 494	6 476	5 909
Islands	7 361	6 821	5 943	5 284	4 759
Kowloon City	7 478	6 866	6 228	5 809	5 919
Kwai Tsing	25 943	23 549	20 811	18 151	15 880
Kwun Tong	31 698	29 873	27 762	24 980	22 613
North	12 620	11 781	10 719	9 142	8 258
Sai Kung	10 633	9 208	7 957	6 504	5 695
Sha Tin	16 434	14 928	13 540	11 794	10 608
Sham Shui Po	16 725	15 433	13 738	13 105	12 236
Southern	4 376	4 026	3 630	3 227	3 058
Tai Po	7 136	6 564	5 855	4 957	4 424
Tsuen Wan	6 325	5 778	5 211	4 494	4 065
Tuen Mun	16 217	14 475	12 702	10 984	9 912
Wan Chai	536	517	446	382	369
Wong Tai Sin	18 480	16 668	14 929	13 154	11 634
Yau Tsim Mong	5 731	5 342	4 772	4 325	3 929
Yuen Long	33 636	30 481	26 769	23 269	20 710
Total	231 629	211 983	189 597	167 020	150 914

The number of CSSA recipients in family cases without any able-bodied adult by geographical district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Geographical district	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Central & Western	537	526	490	465	452
Eastern	4 987	5 139	4 958	4 659	4 555
Islands	1 207	1 231	1 295	1 360	1 285
Kowloon City	3 599	3 546	3 602	3 480	3 680
Kwai Tsing	9 436	9 474	9 580	9 381	9 213
Kwun Tong	14 725	15 348	15 730	15 684	15 198
North	4 748	4 929	4 924	4 991	4 860
Sai Kung	2 984	3 043	3 111	3 002	2 808
Sha Tin	7 117	7 314	7 320	7 247	7 202
Sham Shui Po	7 441	7 509	7 447	7 400	7 480
Southern	2 970	3 037	2 904	2 774	2 661
Tai Po	3 540	3 444	3 495	3 474	3 469
Tsuen Wan	2 770	2 776	2 751	2 740	2 662
Tuen Mun	6 997	7 279	7 421	7 247	7 203
Wan Chai	320	272	229	231	225
Wong Tai Sin	7 762	8 050	8 134	7 831	7 613
Yau Tsim Mong	2 119	2 082	1 923	1 889	1 705
Yuen Long	7 896	8 430	8 435	8 334	8 100
Total	91 155	93 429	93 749	92 189	90 371

The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

The total number of CSSA cases in the above tables does not include cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

Disabled adults/children refer to recipients receiving standard rates of 50% or 100% disabled, require constant attendance or in ill-health.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3506)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 288):

Please set out, by district of residence, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012, there were about 102 700 CSSA households living under the poverty line after policy intervention in 2012, involving about 235 600 CSSA recipients. Further breakdown by district is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3507)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 290):

Please set out, by district of residence, type of accommodation (public housing, rented private premises, self-owned property) and size of household, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012, there were about 102 700 CSSA households living under the poverty line after policy intervention in 2012, involving about 235 600 CSSA recipients. About 80.3% of these CSSA households were living in public rental housing, 15.5% in private housing, 3.3% in subsidised sale flats and 0.9% in temporary housing. About 28.6% were one-person households, 35.8% were two-person households, 19.7% were three-person households, 11% were four-person households, 3.2% were five-person households and 1.6% were six-or-above-person households. Further breakdown by district for these figures is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3508)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 291):

Please set out, by district of residence and by case nature, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012, there were about 102 700 CSSA households living under the poverty line after policy intervention in 2012, involving about 235 600 CSSA recipients. Further breakdown by district and by case nature for these figures is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3509)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 292):

Please set out, by district of residence, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases involving households comprising only able-bodied members with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012, there were about 102 700 CSSA households living under the poverty line after policy intervention in 2012, involving about 235 600 CSSA recipients. Further breakdown by district and by whether the households comprise only able-bodied members is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0432

(Question Serial No. 3510)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Question (Member Question No. 293):

Please set out, by district of residence, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases involving households with at least one child with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012, there were about 102 700 CSSA households living under the poverty line after policy intervention in 2012, involving about 235 600 CSSA recipients. About 20% of the recipients were aged below 15. Further breakdown by district is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3511)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 294):

Please set out, by district of residence, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases involving households with at least one elderly member aged 60 or above with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012, there were about 102 700 CSSA households living under the poverty line after policy intervention in 2012, involving about 235 600 CSSA recipients. About 28% of the recipients were aged 65 or above. Further breakdown by district is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3512)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 295):

Please set out, by district of residence, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases involving households with at least 1 member in ill health, disabled or requiring long-term care with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2012, there were about 102 700 CSSA households living under the poverty line after policy intervention in 2012, involving about 235 600 CSSA recipients. Further breakdown by district and by whether the households comprised any recipients who were in ill-health, disabled or requiring long-term care is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3513)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 296):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please provide the following information for the past five years –

- (a) The number of CSSA households and recipients in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong (HK) and the expenditure involved;
- (b) The number of households and recipients who are currently on CSSA and living in public rental housing in HK, and their percentage to the total number of households and residents in the housing estate and the expenditure involved;
- (c) The number of households and recipients who are currently on CSSA and living in non-public housing (renting/self-owned), and their percentage to the total number of households and residents in the housing estate and the expenditure involved;
- (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) as percentage in each geographical district and the expenditure involved; and
- (e) 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) as percentage in each of the public housing estates and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) (i) The number of CSSA households by geographical district for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Geographical district	Number of CSSA households				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Central & Western	3 737	3 676	3 465	3 235	3 241
Eastern	14 282	14 323	13 883	13 384	12 984
Islands	4 822	4 679	4 475	4 185	4 025
Kowloon City	13 467	12 969	12 617	12 692	13 247
Kwai Tsing	27 957	27 451	26 706	26 100	25 344
Kwun Tong	36 523	36 695	36 757	36 299	35 112
North	14 619	14 681	14 407	13 965	13 532
Sai Kung	9 582	9 203	9 031	8 653	8 266
Sha Tin	18 283	17 859	17 553	17 024	16 792
Sham Shui Po	26 026	25 450	24 545	24 390	24 043
Southern	8 975	8 741	8 500	8 259	8 080
Tai Po	9 806	9 618	9 675	9 284	8 964
Tsuen Wan	8 688	8 526	8 117	7 810	7 584
Tuen Mun	22 266	21 751	21 368	20 577	20 215
Wan Chai	2 200	2 087	1 964	1 794	1 701
Wong Tai Sin	22 738	22 292	21 772	20 986	20 302
Yau Tsim Mong	11 669	11 250	10 608	10 474	10 099
Yuen Long	29 182	28 641	27 360	26 118	25 029
Total	284 822	279 892	272 803	265 229	258 560

(a) (ii) The number of CSSA recipients by geographical district for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Geographical district	Number of CSSA recipients				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Central & Western	4 654	4 501	4 149	3 838	3 832
Eastern	22 279	22 012	20 877	19 553	18 728
Islands	10 406	9 877	9 047	8 447	7 829
Kowloon City	19 538	18 652	17 912	17 462	18 064
Kwai Tsing	49 669	47 587	45 034	42 227	39 843
Kwun Tong	64 445	63 850	62 370	59 738	56 600
North	24 994	24 615	23 462	21 851	20 846
Sai Kung	18 273	16 908	15 882	14 322	13 257
Sha Tin	32 319	31 091	29 857	28 066	26 917
Sham Shui Po	39 752	38 432	36 368	35 682	34 537
Southern	13 077	12 748	12 115	11 425	11 119
Tai Po	16 117	15 442	14 846	13 898	13 266
Tsuen Wan	13 855	13 383	12 638	11 837	11 290
Tuen Mun	35 482	34 050	32 535	30 561	29 457
Wan Chai	2 505	2 363	2 190	2 011	1 885
Wong Tai Sin	38 372	37 005	35 222	33 087	31 188
Yau Tsim Mong	15 379	14 621	13 671	13 081	12 277
Yuen Long	55 206	52 761	48 656	44 886	41 898
Total	476 322	459 898	436 831	411 972	392 833

- (a) (iii) The CSSA expenditure, including payment of one additional month of standard rates payment, for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (Revised estimate)
Expenditure (\$ million)	19,028	18,493	19,548	19,773	19,783

We do not have breakdown of CSSA expenditure by geographical district.

- (b) The number and percentage of CSSA households and CSSA recipients in each of the public housing estates in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in the public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	541	13%	1 002	8%
Bo Shek Mansion	59	22%	73	11%
Broadview Garden	23	5%	38	3%
Butterfly	1 254	24%	1 935	17%
Chai Wan	402	25%	584	15%
Chak On	489	27%	746	18%
Cheung Ching	594	12%	1 136	8%
Cheung Fat	379	31%	577	19%
Cheung Hang	555	13%	869	6%
Cheung Hong	1 348	16%	2 268	10%
Cheung Kwai	57	13%	102	7%
Cheung On	482	37%	674	20%
Cheung Sha Wan	239	19%	419	14%
Cheung Shan	154	10%	337	7%
Cheung Wah	711	36%	1 167	22%
Cheung Wang	822	19%	1 455	11%
Ching Ho	1 915	27%	3 729	19%
Cho Yiu Chuen	222	9%	345	4%
Choi Fai	171	13%	295	7%
Choi Fook	718	21%	1 217	14%
Choi Ha	220	38%	321	23%
Choi Hung	1 382	19%	2 338	13%
Choi Ming Court	558	20%	984	11%
Choi Tak	1 041	18%	1 707	12%
Choi Wan (I)	745	13%	1 410	8%
Choi Wan (II)	404	14%	751	8%
Choi Ying	908	23%	1 557	15%
Choi Yuen	1 251	25%	2 037	16%
Chuk Yuen (North)	564	42%	867	24%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in the public housing estate
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 443	24%	2 331	15%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	125	13%	195	7%
Chun Shek	406	19%	606	11%
Chung On	563	21%	1 022	11%
Clague Garden Estate	75	14%	130	8%
Easeful Court	52	10%	145	7%
Fortune	758	36%	991	21%
Fu Cheong	1 884	32%	2 685	16%
Fu Heng	677	37%	1 023	21%
Fu Shan	282	18%	468	12%
Fu Shin	735	31%	1 260	20%
Fu Tai	876	17%	1 847	10%
Fu Tung	176	11%	337	6%
Fuk Loi	536	17%	856	11%
Fung Tak	656	51%	898	33%
Fung Wah	126	33%	186	20%
Fung Wo	213	15%	334	11%
Grandeur Terrace	784	19%	2 136	14%
Hau Tak	638	15%	1 094	8%
Healthy Village	143	12%	226	7%
Heng On	372	40%	669	23%
High Prosperity Terrace	55	7%	165	6%
Hin Keng	357	47%	628	28%
Hin Yiu	208	26%	347	17%
Hing Man	262	13%	510	8%
Hing Tin	157	33%	304	21%
Hing Tung	290	14%	492	7%
Hing Wah (I)	449	20%	708	10%
Hing Wah (II)	768	22%	1 202	14%
Ho Man Tin	1 033	22%	1 539	12%
Hoi Fu Court	803	29%	1 272	15%
Hoi Lai	835	17%	1 961	11%
Hong Tung	233	50%	282	33%
Hung Hom	705	26%	1 057	15%
Jat Min Chuen	472	13%	732	7%
Ka Fuk	377	19%	600	9%
Ka Wai Chuen	292	18%	430	10%
Kai Ching	741	15%	1 220	10%
Kai Tin	497	22%	809	13%
Kai Yip	1 050	25%	1 598	17%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in the public housing estate
Kam Peng	50	20%	99	13%
Kin Ming	1 297	19%	2 671	13%
Kin Sang	174	30%	291	18%
King Lam	685	42%	939	28%
Ko Cheung Court	246	14%	660	10%
Ko Yee	271	23%	415	12%
Kwai Chung	2 925	22%	5 270	14%
Kwai Fong	1 086	18%	1 086	10%
Kwai Hing	138	39%	230	27%
Kwai Luen	286	20%	501	14%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 282	21%	2 009	11%
Kwai Shing (West)	754	15%	1 315	9%
Kwong Fuk	974	16%	1 746	10%
Kwong Tin	328	14%	563	8%
Kwong Yuen	576	44%	863	26%
Kwun Lung Lau	208	10%	360	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	699	15%	1 884	9%
Lai King	669	16%	1 136	10%
Lai Kok	778	28%	1 191	17%
Lai On	272	21%	399	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	205	8%	336	5%
Lai Yiu	420	15%	751	9%
Lakeside Garden	26	11%	47	6%
Lam Tin	667	22%	1 157	14%
Lee On	618	17%	1 069	9%
Lei Cheng Uk	597	47%	963	30%
Lei Muk Shue	1 715	44%	3 084	31%
Lei Tung	709	29%	1 052	17%
Lei Yue Mun	765	24%	1 345	15%
Lek Yuen	571	18%	971	12%
Leung King	924	34%	1 444	21%
Lok Fu	719	20%	1 084	11%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	458	13%	701	7%
Lok Wah (North)	312	11%	654	7%
Lok Wah (South)	1 861	27%	2 788	20%
Long Bin IH	125	25%	150	18%
Long Ping	1 069	25%	1 987	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	651	16%	1 114	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	879	53%	1 354	34%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	860	13%	1 511	8%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in the public housing estate
Lung Hang	521	12%	1 031	7%
Lung Tin	101	27%	125	16%
Lung Yat	133	16%	270	12%
Ma Hang	90	10%	134	5%
Ma Tau Wai	399	19%	708	14%
Mei Lam	703	17%	1 165	11%
Mei Tin	1 343	21%	2 540	14%
Mei Tung	370	26%	596	17%
Ming Tak	265	18%	402	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	228	11%	319	5%
Model Housing	108	16%	211	9%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	123	13%	189	8%
Nam Cheong	269	37%	439	23%
Nam Shan	605	23%	999	14%
Nga Ning Court	55	13%	94	6%
Ngan Wan	65	15%	110	8%
Oi Man	804	13%	1 537	8%
Oi Tung	1 130	29%	1 621	18%
On Tin	120	17%	330	11%
On Ting	1 035	21%	1 576	13%
On Yam	782	15%	1 449	9%
Pak Tin	1 969	26%	3 060	15%
Ping Shek	596	13%	1 004	8%
Ping Tin	1 325	24%	1 966	13%
Po Lam	560	29%	967	18%
Po Tat	1 757	24%	3 252	14%
Po Tin	2 227	35%	2 603	28%
Pok Hong	465	39%	822	25%
Prosperous Garden	92	14%	108	7%
Sai Wan	60	9%	144	7%
Sam Shing	254	14%	451	9%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	874	22%	1 563	15%
Sau Mau Ping	2 905	24%	4 911	14%
Sha Kok	1 356	22%	2 178	14%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	73	11%	137	5%
Shan King	1 428	23%	2 406	15%
Shatin Pass	237	19%	381	12%
Shek Kip Mei	2 167	25%	3 529	16%
Shek Lei (I)	1 016	21%	1 701	13%
Shek Lei (II)	1 824	23%	3 107	13%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in the public housing estate
Shek Mun	364	19%	643	13%
Shek Pai Wan	802	16%	1 348	8%
Shek Wai Kok	985	16%	1 748	10%
Shek Yam (East)	490	21%	715	11%
Shek Yam	600	23%	1 064	13%
Sheung Lok	159	47%	193	34%
Sheung Tak	1 014	18%	1 786	10%
Shin Ming	378	19%	598	14%
Shui Pin Wai	649	28%	1 019	17%
Shun Lee	705	16%	1 186	10%
Shun On	622	21%	1 011	13%
Shun Tin	1 308	19%	2 282	12%
Siu Sai Wan	694	12%	1 365	7%
Sun Chui	1 031	16%	1 820	10%
Sun Tin Wai	468	14%	861	9%
Tai Hang Tung	600	30%	856	17%
Tai Hing	1 844	22%	2 903	15%
Tai Ping	90	29%	183	17%
Tai Wo	794	40%	1 174	23%
Tai Wo Hau	1 342	18%	2 309	11%
Tai Yuen	759	16%	1 531	10%
Tak Long	180	9%	263	6%
Tak Tin	976	48%	1 354	33%
Tin Chak	982	25%	1 791	15%
Tin Ching	1 615	26%	3 047	18%
Tin Heng	1 031	18%	2 784	12%
Tin King	229	24%	443	15%
Tin Ping	391	34%	675	19%
Tin Shui	1 091	14%	2 070	8%
Tin Tsz	810	25%	1 188	13%
Tin Wah	877	24%	1 453	12%
Tin Wan	639	21%	940	11%
Tin Yan	1 678	31%	2 543	23%
Tin Yat	568	17%	1 523	12%
Tin Yiu	1 282	15%	2 368	9%
Tin Yuet	1 029	25%	1 937	16%
Tsing Yi	269	37%	415	23%
Tsui Lam	329	20%	670	13%
Tsui Lok	134	42%	203	26%
Tsui Ping (South)	661	14%	1 039	8%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in the public housing estate
Tsui Ping (North)	1 576	47%	2 375	32%
Tsui Wan	216	37%	324	22%
Tsz Ching	1 950	24%	2 951	13%
Tsz Hong	353	18%	882	12%
Tsz Lok	1 241	20%	1 966	11%
Tsz Man	380	19%	699	11%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	26	11%	41	5%
Tung Tau	1 014	43%	1 448	26%
Tung Wui	416	32%	538	20%
Un Chau	1 799	24%	2 710	14%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 860	28%	2 715	17%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 234	26%	1 887	15%
Verbena Heights	196	21%	266	14%
Wah Fu	1 111	12%	2 022	8%
Wah Kwai	412	38%	551	22%
Wah Lai	227	16%	469	10%
Wah Ming	647	39%	1 038	22%
Wah Sum	310	21%	551	11%
Wan Hon	498	50%	703	36%
Wan Tau Tong	292	45%	422	27%
Wan Tsui	601	17%	1 094	10%
Wang Tau Hom	795	14%	1 352	8%
Wing Cheong	177	16%	365	12%
Wo Che	910	15%	1 783	9%
Wo Lok	398	21%	611	13%
Wu King	481	11%	1 043	7%
Yan On	452	18%	749	12%
Yat Tung	2 000	17%	4 868	12%
Yau Lai	1 805	21%	3 298	14%
Yau Oi	1 407	15%	2 587	10%
Yau Tong	899	25%	1 561	15%
Yiu On	361	34%	601	20%
Yiu Tung	799	16%	1 240	8%
Yue Kwong Chuen	68	7%	102	4%
Yue Wan	391	18%	687	11%
Yung Shing Court	382	22%	647	11%

We do not have breakdown of CSSA expenditure by public housing estate.

The number of CSSA households and CSSA recipients in each public housing estate and their percentage to the total number of households and residents in each of the public housing estate are not readily available.

- (c) The number of CSSA households and CSSA recipients residing in non-public housing estates for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Number of CSSA households	49 122	47 034	43 625	41 068	38 299
Number of CSSA recipients	87 508	84 024	78 046	73 218	67 785

We do not have the number of CSSA households and CSSA recipients as percentage to the total number of households and residents in each non-public housing estate and breakdown of CSSA expenditure by non-public housing estate.

- (d) (i) The number of CSSA households by nature of cases and geographical district, and their percentage to the total number of households in each geographical district for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Geographical district	2009-10							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 402	255	271	226	132	376	75	3 737 (1.3%)
Eastern	8 452	1 151	1 051	1 552	694	1 079	303	14 282 (5.0%)
Islands	1 719	248	441	880	563	766	205	4 822 (1.7%)
Kowloon City	8 038	686	1 146	1 416	490	1 409	282	13 467 (4.7%)
Kwai Tsing	14 718	2 133	2 131	3 265	1 924	3 181	605	27 957 (9.8%)
Kwun Tong	21 248	1 684	2 686	4 549	2 215	3 453	688	36 523 (12.8%)
North	7 493	822	1 384	2 176	687	1 508	549	14 619 (5.1%)
Sai Kung	4 163	872	1 032	1 407	827	945	336	9 582 (3.4%)
Sha Tin	8 823	1 561	1 917	2 674	990	1 702	616	18 283 (6.4%)
Sham Shui Po	14 054	1 064	2 398	2 753	1 249	3 915	593	26 026 (9.1%)
Southern	5 354	1 175	678	738	408	405	217	8 975 (3.2%)
Tai Po	5 762	482	997	1 171	352	789	253	9 806 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	5 107	443	556	1 132	404	822	224	8 688 (3.1%)

Geographical district	2009-10							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Tuen Mun	10 826	2 211	2 389	2 771	750	2 748	571	22 266 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 377	89	152	113	56	324	89	2 200 (0.8%)
Wong Tai Sin	13 024	1 202	1 795	2 801	1 472	2 028	416	22 738 (8.0%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 437	381	1 146	1 113	394	2 845	353	11 669 (4.1%)
Yuen Long	12 427	1 730	2 965	5 168	1 854	4 246	792	29 182 (10.2%)
Total	150 424	18 189	25 135	35 905	15 461	32 541	7 167	284 822 (100%)

Geographical district	2010-11							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 418	264	282	218	118	305	71	3 676 (1.3%)
Eastern	8 615	1 160	1 080	1 514	627	1 019	308	14 323 (5.1%)
Islands	1 714	237	432	888	524	669	215	4 679 (1.7%)
Kowloon City	7 832	744	1 060	1 325	483	1 273	252	12 969 (4.6%)
Kwai Tsing	14 873	2 252	2 183	3 073	1 766	2 725	579	27 451 (9.8%)
Kwun Tong	21 685	1 643	2 841	4 544	2 085	3 161	736	36 695 (13.1%)
North	7 787	934	1 325	2 087	615	1 420	513	14 681 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	4 140	874	973	1 298	718	853	347	9 203 (3.3%)
Sha Tin	8 930	1 477	1 933	2 502	886	1 505	626	17 859 (6.4%)
Sham Shui Po	13 890	1 084	2 470	2 603	1 170	3 603	630	25 450 (9.1%)
Southern	5 236	1 161	672	689	364	389	230	8 741 (3.1%)
Tai Po	5 740	510	997	1 094	338	687	252	9 618 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	5 134	436	594	1 055	394	679	234	8 526 (3.0%)
Tuen Mun	11 116	2 209	2 294	2 512	665	2 382	573	21 751 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 312	98	137	103	46	298	93	2 087 (0.7%)
Wong Tai Sin	12 983	1 206	1 818	2 672	1 257	1 923	433	22 292 (8.0%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 361	363	1 143	1 054	344	2 614	371	11 250 (4.0%)
Yuen Long	12 634	1 834	2 927	4 906	1 684	3 841	815	28 641 (10.2%)
Total	151 400	18 486	25 161	34 137	14 084	29 346	7 278	279 892 (100%)

Geographical district	2011-12							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 325	231	281	186	88	293	61	3 465 (1.3%)
Eastern	8 554	1 187	1 046	1 388	549	868	291	13 883 (5.1%)
Islands	1 768	221	405	812	449	613	207	4 475 (1.6%)
Kowloon City	7 745	836	1 014	1 203	405	1 164	250	12 617 (4.6%)
Kwai Tsing	14 901	2 273	2 232	2 972	1 425	2 368	535	26 706 (9.8%)
Kwun Tong	22 102	1 621	2 966	4 630	1 810	2 883	745	36 757 (13.5%)
North	7 825	950	1 328	2 066	511	1 259	468	14 407 (5.3%)
Sai Kung	4 297	873	919	1 229	576	782	355	9 031 (3.3%)
Sha Tin	8 962	1 453	1 989	2 430	743	1 303	673	17 553 (6.4%)
Sham Shui Po	13 768	1 075	2 465	2 404	951	3 277	605	24 545 (9.0%)
Southern	5 066	1 185	728	661	324	331	205	8 500 (3.1%)
Tai Po	5 963	505	985	1 073	294	609	246	9 675 (3.5%)
Tsuen Wan	5 020	416	596	955	345	564	221	8 117 (3.0%)
Tuen Mun	11 337	2 207	2 347	2 332	576	2 029	540	21 368 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 264	83	129	99	30	254	105	1 964 (0.7%)
Wong Tai Sin	13 020	1 145	1 851	2 592	1 054	1 688	422	21 772 (8.0%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 192	365	1 083	954	273	2 359	382	10 608 (3.9%)
Yuen Long	12 647	1 744	2 824	4 585	1 360	3 428	772	27 360 (10.0%)
Total	151 756	18 370	25 188	32 571	11 763	26 072	7 083	272 803 (100%)

Geographical district	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 153	227	294	194	82	226	59	3 235 (1.2%)
Eastern	8 399	1 210	973	1 311	444	769	278	13 384 (5.0%)
Islands	1 767	199	383	746	365	539	186	4 185 (1.6%)
Kowloon City	7 894	887	1 111	1 156	358	1 040	246	12 692 (4.8%)
Kwai Tsing	14 968	2 236	2 264	2 879	1 200	2 065	488	26 100 (9.8%)
Kwun Tong	22 260	1 576	3 037	4 430	1 533	2 729	734	36 299 (13.7%)
North	7 815	955	1 299	1 847	438	1 107	504	13 965 (5.3%)
Sai Kung	4 284	871	963	1 075	454	635	371	8 653 (3.3%)
Sha Tin	8 970	1 436	1 949	2 225	609	1 214	621	17 024 (6.4%)
Sham Shui Po	13 781	1 120	2 537	2 496	845	2 972	639	24 390 (9.2%)
Southern	4 948	1 154	713	629	299	327	189	8 259 (3.1%)
Tai Po	5 803	540	927	949	248	539	278	9 284 (3.5%)
Tsuen Wan	4 920	449	593	860	301	456	231	7 810 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	11 296	2 167	2 232	2 125	515	1 739	503	20 577 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 155	78	122	90	26	232	91	1 794 (0.7%)
Wong Tai Sin	12 769	1 104	1 849	2 395	863	1 578	428	20 986 (7.9%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 254	384	1 089	940	247	2 158	402	10 474 (3.9%)
Yuen Long	12 570	1 753	2 807	4 159	1 112	2 958	759	26 118 (9.8%)
Total	151 006	18 346	25 142	30 506	9 939	23 283	7 007	265 229 (100%)

Geographical district	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 176	231	306	181	79	222	46	3 241 (1.3%)
Eastern	8 219	1 215	918	1 229	409	750	244	12 984 (5.0%)
Islands	1 730	189	393	710	330	513	160	4 025 (1.6%)
Kowloon City	8 082	960	1 232	1 333	354	1 028	258	13 247 (5.1%)
Kwai Tsing	14 879	2 270	2 228	2 647	1 067	1 769	484	25 344 (9.8%)
Kwun Tong	21 766	1 561	3 011	4 231	1 382	2 452	709	35 112 (13.6%)
North	7 705	970	1 239	1 755	399	1 001	463	13 532 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	4 269	809	925	967	410	569	317	8 266 (3.2%)
Sha Tin	8 923	1 480	1 966	2 219	536	1 096	572	16 792 (6.5%)
Sham Shui Po	13 711	1 132	2 585	2 477	752	2 759	627	24 043 (9.3%)
Southern	4 827	1 156	728	607	263	309	190	8 080 (3.1%)
Tai Po	5 638	535	939	910	200	478	264	8 964 (3.5%)
Tsuen Wan	4 804	483	599	784	255	432	227	7 584 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	11 339	2 183	2 180	2 045	484	1 509	475	20 215 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 084	74	124	92	26	216	85	1 701 (0.7%)
Wong Tai Sin	12 542	1 072	1 860	2 257	762	1 399	410	20 302 (7.9%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 146	387	1 090	919	215	1 941	401	10 099 (3.9%)
Yuen Long	12 359	1 679	2 774	3 824	967	2 692	734	25 029 (9.7%)
Total	149 199	18 386	25 097	29 187	8 890	21 135	6 666	258 560 (100%)

(d) (ii) The number of CSSA recipients by nature of cases and geographical district, and their percentage to the total number of residents in each geographical district for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Geographical district	2009-10							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 467	294	370	542	440	440	101	4 654 (1.0%)
Eastern	10 568	1 610	1 822	3 746	2 382	1 780	371	22 279 (4.7%)
Islands	2 383	468	1 034	2 356	1 962	1 931	272	10 406 (2.2%)
Kowloon City	9 316	912	1 636	3 419	1 598	2 249	408	19 538 (4.1%)
Kwai Tsing	20 004	3 253	3 939	8 184	6 678	6 504	1 107	49 669 (10.4%)
Kwun Tong	29 618	2 681	5 054	11 325	7 343	7 252	1 172	64 445 (13.5%)
North	9 688	1 188	2 489	5 415	2 244	3 136	834	24 994 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	5 644	1 292	2 110	3 742	2 867	2 220	398	18 273 (3.8%)
Sha Tin	11 726	2 402	3 841	6 405	3 258	3 508	1 179	32 319 (6.8%)
Sham Shui Po	17 579	1 592	3 438	6 686	4 021	5 550	886	39 752 (8.3%)
Southern	6 450	1 549	1 073	1 760	1 326	676	243	13 077 (2.7%)
Tai Po	7 405	745	1 944	2 847	1 206	1 593	377	16 117 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	6 471	640	919	2 707	1 312	1 439	367	13 855 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 272	2 786	3 777	6 598	2 518	4 767	764	35 482 (7.4%)
Wan Chai	1 431	96	177	236	171	290	104	2 505 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	17 322	1 893	3 098	6 968	4 727	3 790	574	38 372 (8.1%)
Yau Tsim Mong	6 033	499	1 458	2 557	1 213	3 134	485	15 379 (3.2%)
Yuen Long	16 758	2 690	5 583	13 066	6 627	9 242	1 240	55 206 (11.6%)
Total	195 135	26 590	43 762	88 559	51 893	59 501	10 882	476 322 (100%)

Geographical district	2010-11							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 467	306	368	530	404	326	100	4 501 (1.0%)
Eastern	10 606	1 575	1 853	3 667	2 160	1 749	402	22 012 (4.8%)
Islands	2 304	418	994	2 344	1 843	1 677	297	9 877 (2.1%)
Kowloon City	9 067	954	1 485	3 205	1 622	1 929	390	18 652 (4.1%)
Kwai Tsing	19 853	3 337	3 972	7 681	6 101	5 601	1 042	47 587 (10.3%)
Kwun Tong	30 000	2 548	5 284	11 291	6 943	6 578	1 206	63 850 (13.9%)
North	9 989	1 340	2 379	5 238	2 006	2 861	802	24 615 (5.4%)
Sai Kung	5 561	1 255	1 945	3 413	2 452	1 884	398	16 908 (3.7%)
Sha Tin	11 670	2 199	3 803	6 120	2 967	3 113	1 219	31 091 (6.8%)
Sham Shui Po	17 319	1 594	3 456	6 266	3 725	5 097	975	38 432 (8.4%)
Southern	6 329	1 506	1 091	1 699	1 180	653	290	12 748 (2.8%)
Tai Po	7 256	783	1 901	2 647	1 147	1 314	394	15 442 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	6 439	646	947	2 530	1 334	1 103	384	13 383 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 531	2 783	3 569	5 978	2 250	4 152	787	34 050 (7.4%)
Wan Chai	1 346	101	144	249	158	266	99	2 363 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	17 184	1 815	3 126	6 595	4 046	3 596	643	37 005 (8.0%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 891	470	1 380	2 379	1 076	2 904	521	14 621 (3.2%)
Yuen Long	16 919	2 775	5 415	12 340	5 999	8 066	1 247	52 761 (11.5%)
Total	194 731	26 405	43 112	84 172	47 413	52 869	11 196	459 898 (100%)

Geographical district	2011-12							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 359	257	344	460	317	332	80	4 149 (0.9%)
Eastern	10 434	1 625	1 751	3 386	1 848	1 470	363	20 877 (4.8%)
Islands	2 345	372	943	2 117	1 521	1 474	275	9 047 (2.1%)
Kowloon City	8 961	1 019	1 415	2 967	1 332	1 810	408	17 912 (4.1%)
Kwai Tsing	19 747	3 323	3 940	7 450	4 946	4 686	942	45 034 (10.3%)
Kwun Tong	30 325	2 435	5 282	11 221	5 951	5 915	1 241	62 370 (14.3%)
North	9 956	1 327	2 277	5 107	1 651	2 443	701	23 462 (5.4%)
Sai Kung	5 680	1 217	1 825	3 117	1 967	1 668	408	15 882 (3.6%)
Sha Tin	11 528	2 134	3 787	5 914	2 456	2 718	1 320	29 857 (6.8%)
Sham Shui Po	17 077	1 571	3 352	5 770	3 006	4 644	948	36 368 (8.3%)
Southern	6 056	1 534	1 136	1 558	1 005	574	252	12 115 (2.8%)
Tai Po	7 310	775	1 804	2 514	968	1 095	380	14 846 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	6 301	615	976	2 305	1 148	924	369	12 638 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 636	2 737	3 536	5 552	1 884	3 432	758	32 535 (7.4%)
Wan Chai	1 273	82	137	224	118	244	112	2 190 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	16 998	1 721	3 033	6 346	3 387	3 114	623	35 222 (8.1%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 707	453	1 301	2 156	855	2 661	538	13 671 (3.1%)
Yuen Long	16 808	2 656	5 105	11 298	4 699	6 928	1 162	48 656 (11.1%)
Total	193 501	25 853	41 944	79 462	39 059	46 132	10 880	436 831 (100%)

Geographical district	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 184	256	334	446	286	264	68	3 838 (0.9%)
Eastern	10 091	1 668	1 599	3 110	1 507	1 257	321	19 553 (4.7%)
Islands	2 321	346	902	1 930	1 346	1 367	235	8 447 (2.1%)
Kowloon City	8 914	1 076	1 481	2 816	1 169	1 606	400	17 462 (4.2%)
Kwai Tsing	19 365	3 130	3 852	7 018	3 995	3 993	874	42 227 (10.2%)
Kwun Tong	30 178	2 272	5 201	10 532	4 960	5 390	1 205	59 738 (14.5%)
North	9 796	1 320	2 128	4 471	1 369	2 031	736	21 851 (5.3%)
Sai Kung	5 544	1 160	1 783	2 636	1 557	1 246	396	14 322 (3.5%)
Sha Tin	11 444	2 110	3 572	5 354	1 994	2 379	1 213	28 066 (6.8%)
Sham Shui Po	16 941	1 616	3 420	5 902	2 590	4 184	1 029	35 682 (8.7%)
Southern	5 797	1 476	1 050	1 455	904	508	235	11 425 (2.8%)
Tai Po	7 062	838	1 620	2 235	778	960	405	13 898 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	6 121	676	908	2 006	955	792	379	11 837 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 530	2 680	3 257	5 001	1 611	2 813	669	30 561 (7.4%)
Wan Chai	1 181	80	138	218	87	206	101	2 011 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	16 509	1 637	2 907	5 804	2 631	2 938	661	33 087 (8.0%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 599	435	1 274	2 082	760	2 350	581	13 081 (3.2%)
Yuen Long	16 468	2 559	4 893	10 138	3 765	5 930	1 133	44 886 (10.9%)
Total	190 045	25 335	40 319	73 154	32 264	40 214	10 641	411 972 (100%)

Geographical district	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total (%)
Central & Western	2 210	248	369	419	286	242	58	3 832 (1.0%)
Eastern	9 803	1 647	1 506	2 910	1 350	1 218	294	18 728 (4.8%)
Islands	2 242	320	864	1 793	1 128	1 272	210	7 829 (2.0%)
Kowloon City	9 084	1 177	1 621	3 165	1 094	1 536	387	18 064 (4.6%)
Kwai Tsing	19 065	3 086	3 693	6 363	3 592	3 182	862	39 843 (10.1%)
Kwun Tong	29 067	2 204	5 096	9 991	4 295	4 749	1 198	56 600 (14.4%)
North	9 601	1 309	1 975	4 216	1 184	1 834	727	20 846 (5.3%)
Sai Kung	5 418	1 062	1 658	2 354	1 337	1 080	348	13 257 (3.4%)
Sha Tin	11 358	2 080	3 537	5 210	1 661	1 994	1 077	26 917 (6.9%)
Sham Shui Po	16 703	1 628	3 523	5 766	2 257	3 686	974	34 537 (8.8%)
Southern	5 610	1 494	1 061	1 437	813	458	246	11 119 (2.8%)
Tai Po	6 862	813	1 607	2 126	630	848	380	13 266 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	5 898	716	943	1 846	804	705	378	11 290 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 420	2 652	3 168	4 729	1 525	2 354	609	29 457 (7.5%)
Wan Chai	1 088	76	128	222	83	193	95	1 885 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	16 031	1 570	2 867	5 425	2 268	2 406	621	31 188 (7.9%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 418	430	1 248	2 000	642	1 996	543	12 277 (3.1%)
Yuen Long	16 122	2 409	4 763	9 164	3 253	5 087	1 100	41 898 (10.7%)
Total	186 000	24 921	39 627	69 136	28 202	34 840	10 107	392 833 (100%)

We do not have breakdown of CSSA expenditure by nature of cases and geographical district.

(e) (i) The number of CSSA households by nature of cases in each public housing estate, and their percentage to total households in each public housing estate as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	243	70	55	89	39	28	17	541	13%
Bo Shek Mansion	55	-	1	1	2	-	-	59	22%
Broadview Garden	14	2	-	4	2	-	1	23	5%
Butterfly	792	61	121	163	17	82	18	1 254	24%
Chai Wan	276	16	27	46	9	18	10	402	25%
Chak On	336	11	33	76	1	29	3	489	27%
Cheung Ching	336	35	41	84	31	58	9	594	12%
Cheung Fat	244	32	28	35	8	29	3	379	31%
Cheung Hang	336	46	42	48	31	43	9	555	13%
Cheung Hong	890	68	84	151	37	95	23	1 348	16%
Cheung Kwai	24	4	5	5	5	13	1	57	13%
Cheung On	317	42	41	35	7	32	8	482	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	155	4	13	39	15	8	5	239	19%
Cheung Shan	97	10	9	12	13	8	5	154	10%
Cheung Wah	433	27	71	88	29	49	14	711	36%
Cheung Wang	365	67	86	126	55	110	13	822	19%
Ching Ho	897	47	175	458	99	197	42	1 915	27%
Cho Yiu Chuen	165	9	10	13	11	13	1	222	9%
Choi Fai	96	8	23	13	9	22	-	171	13%
Choi Fook	375	18	42	148	42	77	16	718	21%
Choi Ha	145	12	20	17	7	19	-	220	38%
Choi Hung	865	45	121	183	59	88	21	1 382	19%
Choi Ming Court	272	37	81	66	47	48	7	558	20%
Choi Tak	602	23	53	233	26	75	29	1 041	18%
Choi Wan (I)	387	41	88	116	30	61	22	745	13%
Choi Wan (II)	216	10	42	71	19	37	9	404	14%
Choi Ying	490	17	81	187	35	89	9	908	23%
Choi Yuen	823	61	90	156	20	79	22	1 251	25%
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	30	90	50	22	44	14	564	42%
Chuk Yuen (South)	876	58	118	237	54	90	10	1 443	24%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	95	5	-	6	6	13	-	125	13%
Chun Shek	255	18	43	47	12	26	5	406	19%
Chung On	246	63	63	75	24	68	24	563	21%
Clague Garden Estate	64	1	2	6	1	1	-	75	14%
Easeful Court	16	1	5	15	5	8	2	52	10%
Fortune	555	29	67	41	18	44	4	758	36%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Fu Cheong	1 256	79	193	140	81	125	10	1 884	32%
Fu Heng	401	55	114	48	15	37	7	677	37%
Fu Shan	180	12	26	36	9	15	4	282	18%
Fu Shin	430	36	93	98	16	47	15	735	31%
Fu Tai	365	61	100	125	94	118	13	876	17%
Fu Tung	83	9	23	34	13	13	1	176	11%
Fuk Loi	365	28	51	56	9	19	8	536	17%
Fung Tak	432	29	86	38	15	50	6	656	51%
Fung Wah	79	11	13	8	2	9	4	126	33%
Fung Wo	54	18	32	80	5	18	6	213	15%
Grandeur Terrace	145	29	97	268	97	135	13	784	19%
Hau Tak	353	45	78	74	30	49	9	638	15%
Healthy Village	104	5	11	8	7	7	1	143	12%
Heng On	194	32	46	47	14	19	20	372	40%
High Prosperity Terrace	14	1	6	18	8	7	1	55	7%
Hin Keng	198	20	40	40	17	30	12	357	47%
Hin Yiu	103	13	29	43	5	13	2	208	26%
Hing Man	121	26	21	49	22	19	4	262	13%
Hing Tin	75	6	26	24	16	7	3	157	33%
Hing Tung	172	21	25	35	17	19	1	290	14%
Hing Wah (I)	261	56	34	39	22	34	3	449	20%
Hing Wah (II)	503	48	46	111	20	36	4	768	22%
Ho Man Tin	619	63	140	89	43	63	16	1 033	22%
Hoi Fu Court	540	24	70	77	37	51	4	803	29%
Hoi Lai	282	41	95	188	105	115	9	835	17%
Hong Tung	213	2	6	8	1	3	-	233	50%
Hung Hom	484	24	59	68	16	43	11	705	26%
Jat Min Chuen	356	17	36	22	11	24	6	472	13%
Ka Fuk	244	29	20	36	12	31	5	377	19%
Ka Wai Chuen	227	8	21	12	7	16	1	292	18%
Kai Ching	320	26	69	206	28	75	17	741	15%
Kai Tin	309	27	60	41	25	32	3	497	22%
Kai Yip	753	31	69	128	11	46	12	1 050	25%
Kam Peng	28	2	5	3	1	10	1	50	20%
Kin Ming	406	98	213	288	116	158	18	1 297	19%
Kin Sang	92	15	19	24	5	17	2	174	30%
King Lam	448	48	76	42	12	52	7	685	42%
Ko Cheung Court	47	10	28	82	36	32	11	246	14%
Ko Yee	186	12	13	31	9	17	3	271	23%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Kwai Chung	1 276	210	330	566	205	294	44	2 925	22%
Kwai Fong	611	88	138	92	63	83	11	1 086	18%
Kwai Hing	83	10	11	17	7	10	-	138	39%
Kwai Luen	135	10	26	58	16	31	10	286	20%
Kwai Shing (East)	764	80	132	119	68	101	18	1 282	21%
Kwai Shing (West)	447	47	62	107	31	53	7	754	15%
Kwong Fuk	507	71	111	164	26	72	23	974	16%
Kwong Tin	178	13	46	43	21	19	8	328	14%
Kwong Yuen	308	60	74	50	13	38	33	576	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	117	7	20	23	19	21	1	208	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	487	22	64	40	31	51	4	699	15%
Lai King	436	32	42	81	22	47	9	669	16%
Lai Kok	480	39	75	102	21	49	12	778	28%
Lai On	173	20	30	24	8	16	1	272	21%
Lai Tak Tsuen	145	17	18	6	7	12	-	205	8%
Lai Yiu	260	25	33	37	31	28	6	420	15%
Lakeside Garden	16	2	3	2	2	-	1	26	11%
Lam Tin	398	15	57	110	33	46	8	667	22%
Lee On	287	58	111	78	23	52	9	618	17%
Lei Cheng Uk	334	39	43	74	25	68	14	597	47%
Lei Muk Shue	847	126	188	272	102	140	40	1 715	44%
Lei Tung	403	62	65	99	14	39	27	709	29%
Lei Yue Mun	418	27	88	124	40	59	9	765	24%
Lek Yuen	318	42	59	84	15	32	21	571	18%
Leung King	523	73	111	109	17	72	19	924	34%
Lok Fu	388	68	84	89	24	60	6	719	20%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	20	38	24	13	38	1	458	13%
Lok Wah (North)	154	19	40	44	13	36	6	312	11%
Lok Wah (South)	1 427	48	105	165	12	84	20	1 861	27%
Long Bin IH	24	11	24	9	1	55	1	125	25%
Long Ping	548	54	115	187	37	103	25	1 069	25%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	317	17	59	120	28	94	16	651	16%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	493	58	97	130	30	56	15	879	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	418	59	104	143	39	80	17	860	13%
Lung Hang	240	18	66	94	31	42	30	521	12%
Lung Tin	59	11	8	10	1	12	-	101	27%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Lung Yat	44	3	7	49	5	19	6	133	16%
Ma Hang	45	4	13	10	7	10	1	90	10%
Ma Tau Wai	212	26	33	87	9	27	5	399	19%
Mei Lam	400	33	74	111	18	51	16	703	17%
Mei Tin	501	68	166	340	89	135	44	1 343	21%
Mei Tung	234	13	24	53	13	24	9	370	26%
Ming Tak	169	15	22	30	12	14	3	265	18%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	15	10	7	10	-	228	11%
Model Housing	54	9	9	12	12	11	1	108	16%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	7	7	8	2	8	1	123	13%
Nam Cheong	171	13	31	24	9	21	-	269	37%
Nam Shan	335	23	58	114	18	51	6	605	23%
Nga Ning Court	22	-	8	9	7	7	2	55	13%
Ngan Wan	31	2	5	15	6	4	2	65	15%
Oi Man	405	51	83	146	46	65	8	804	13%
Oi Tung	768	84	83	112	36	39	8	1 130	29%
On Tin	24	3	6	44	20	18	5	120	17%
On Ting	642	69	83	129	22	69	21	1 035	21%
On Yam	460	55	61	72	61	58	15	782	15%
Pak Tin	1 265	60	214	191	72	136	31	1 969	26%
Ping Shek	395	28	42	59	20	46	6	596	13%
Ping Tin	857	59	129	143	41	77	19	1 325	24%
Po Lam	301	49	60	85	28	32	5	560	29%
Po Tat	1 005	70	146	214	115	180	27	1 757	24%
Po Tin	1 227	158	340	135	20	329	18	2 227	35%
Pok Hong	274	13	67	66	13	23	9	465	39%
Prosperous Garden	86	-	3	2	-	-	1	92	14%
Sai Wan	25	3	9	8	8	6	1	60	9%
Sam Shing	139	15	20	40	11	20	9	254	14%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	439	19	81	182	46	83	24	874	22%
Sau Mau Ping	1 767	141	268	293	159	234	43	2 905	24%
Sha Kok	790	70	148	188	40	73	47	1 356	22%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	38	3	10	5	6	9	2	73	11%
Shan King	814	93	161	192	37	102	29	1 428	23%
Shatin Pass	116	4	25	58	7	23	4	237	19%
Shek Kip Mei	1 273	70	220	331	60	176	37	2 167	25%
Shek Lei (I)	616	80	74	132	33	64	17	1 016	21%
Shek Lei (II)	957	107	175	249	117	175	44	1 824	23%

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Shek Mun	125	12	51	98	17	45	16	364	19%
Shek Pai Wan	451	67	78	82	57	44	23	802	16%
Shek Wai Kok	564	59	95	148	38	57	24	985	16%
Shek Yam (East)	330	41	42	25	18	31	3	490	21%
Shek Yam	371	44	49	58	37	33	8	600	23%
Sheung Lok	129	8	5	8	1	7	1	159	47%
Sheung Tak	550	54	115	112	87	83	13	1 014	18%
Shin Ming	180	20	43	83	15	29	8	378	19%
Shui Pin Wai	456	23	47	69	11	34	9	649	28%
Shun Lee	438	28	56	93	22	57	11	705	16%
Shun On	419	23	39	67	21	46	7	622	21%
Shun Tin	836	49	119	148	46	94	16	1 308	19%
Siu Sai Wan	300	80	86	123	41	59	5	694	12%
Sun Chui	569	60	102	147	43	86	24	1 031	16%
Sun Tin Wai	247	32	40	86	22	31	10	468	14%
Tai Hang Tung	426	17	60	41	14	35	7	600	30%
Tai Hing	1 210	93	140	200	47	125	29	1 844	22%
Tai Ping	37	5	16	17	1	13	1	90	29%
Tai Wo	546	38	88	53	11	44	14	794	40%
Tai Wo Hau	766	97	131	159	59	100	30	1 342	18%
Tai Yuen	353	50	131	95	44	71	15	759	16%
Tak Long	77	7	33	26	4	29	4	180	9%
Tak Tin	679	37	111	61	25	56	7	976	48%
Tin Chak	443	53	127	173	49	119	18	982	25%
Tin Ching	710	60	156	385	65	184	55	1 615	26%
Tin Heng	201	41	139	300	141	187	22	1 031	18%
Tin King	95	20	20	49	14	24	7	229	24%
Tin Ping	209	21	48	54	17	35	7	391	34%
Tin Shui	540	57	132	174	52	107	29	1 091	14%
Tin Tsz	503	50	98	80	23	46	10	810	25%
Tin Wah	486	51	112	101	31	82	14	877	24%
Tin Wan	392	65	76	43	25	30	8	639	21%
Tin Yan	843	82	199	298	32	206	18	1 678	31%
Tin Yat	132	24	70	162	79	95	6	568	17%
Tin Yiu	620	61	178	210	53	131	29	1 282	15%
Tin Yuet	467	42	127	156	84	141	12	1 029	25%
Tsing Yi	171	17	23	22	6	25	5	269	37%
Tsui Lam	145	16	37	87	18	22	4	329	20%
Tsui Lok	107	7	5	11	1	3	-	134	42%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Tsui Ping (South)	432	29	60	65	29	41	5	661	14%
Tsui Ping (North)	991	61	178	159	48	118	21	1 576	47%
Tsui Wan	122	29	17	23	5	17	3	216	37%
Tsz Ching	1 265	67	178	174	106	141	19	1 950	24%
Tsz Hong	111	13	42	82	52	49	4	353	18%
Tsz Lok	799	50	109	135	51	83	14	1 241	20%
Tsz Man	209	13	41	45	26	40	6	380	19%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	7	2	2	1	2	26	11%
Tung Tau	650	53	94	105	27	74	11	1 014	43%
Tung Wui	319	14	27	22	6	22	6	416	32%
Un Chau	1 226	81	164	130	53	122	23	1 799	24%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 351	73	164	101	41	109	21	1 860	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	779	78	115	115	60	78	9	1 234	26%
Verbena Heights	153	5	17	6	2	11	2	196	21%
Wah Fu	571	100	103	166	79	70	22	1 111	12%
Wah Kwai	284	30	41	23	12	20	2	412	38%
Wah Lai	98	20	29	40	15	21	4	227	16%
Wah Ming	373	57	59	80	22	42	14	647	39%
Wah Sum	170	31	29	28	21	28	3	310	21%
Wan Hon	444	4	11	25	3	7	4	498	50%
Wan Tau Tong	189	32	30	18	8	13	2	292	45%
Wan Tsui	302	59	47	106	30	48	9	601	17%
Wang Tau Hom	413	66	73	112	40	75	16	795	14%
Wing Cheong	63	6	14	46	8	33	7	177	16%
Wo Che	372	72	157	143	50	73	43	910	15%
Wo Lok	247	22	42	47	11	22	7	398	21%
Wu King	191	25	56	104	31	62	12	481	11%
Yan On	179	18	54	113	10	60	18	452	18%
Yat Tung	575	86	229	492	267	324	27	2 000	17%
Yau Lai	956	34	163	380	98	146	28	1 805	21%
Yau Oi	734	80	137	202	78	148	28	1 407	15%
Yau Tong	512	44	101	102	73	56	11	899	25%
Yiu On	164	33	73	48	8	20	15	361	34%
Yiu Tung	507	64	81	70	32	43	2	799	16%
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	6	8	2	2	10	1	68	7%
Yue Wan	197	36	31	82	12	28	5	391	18%
Yung Shing Court	213	27	39	27	25	48	3	382	22%
Total	87 950	8 386	15 761	21 272	6 991	12 783	2 605	155 748	

The number of CSSA households by nature of cases in each public housing estate and their percentage to the total number of households in each public housing estate for the period from 2009-10 to 2012-13 are not readily available.

(e) (ii) The number of CSSA recipients by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates and their percentage to the total population in each public housing estate as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	357	141	113	213	108	41	29	1 002	8%
Bo Shek Mansion	65	-	1	2	5	-	-	73	11%
Broadview Garden	24	2	-	8	3	-	1	38	3%
Butterfly	1 139	85	207	334	35	106	29	1 935	17%
Chai Wan	323	27	61	111	20	27	15	584	15%
Chak On	480	21	51	152	2	36	4	746	18%
Cheung Ching	544	54	78	205	103	138	14	1 136	8%
Cheung Fat	321	57	52	85	19	39	4	577	19%
Cheung Hang	472	59	79	103	82	63	11	869	6%
Cheung Hong	1 321	113	164	336	125	178	31	2 268	10%
Cheung Kwai	38	4	5	10	20	24	1	102	7%
Cheung On	417	55	57	78	10	44	13	674	20%
Cheung Sha Wan	202	7	26	95	54	24	11	419	14%
Cheung Shan	193	26	14	35	48	11	10	337	7%
Cheung Wah	646	38	115	191	82	77	18	1 167	22%
Cheung Wang	532	114	141	296	157	192	23	1 455	11%
Ching Ho	1 247	88	365	1 139	324	477	89	3 729	19%
Cho Yiu Chuen	238	14	13	27	25	25	3	345	4%
Choi Fai	139	7	36	34	29	50	-	295	7%
Choi Fook	480	32	69	346	115	149	26	1 217	14%
Choi Ha	176	19	24	44	22	36	-	321	23%
Choi Hung	1 301	68	184	411	171	157	46	2 338	13%
Choi Ming Court	379	58	147	151	142	93	14	984	11%
Choi Tak	789	33	91	521	90	139	44	1 707	12%
Choi Wan (I)	643	71	166	277	92	120	41	1 410	8%
Choi Wan (II)	356	16	89	152	48	71	19	751	8%
Choi Ying	665	24	138	433	115	170	12	1 557	15%
Choi Yuen	1 230	98	157	330	61	133	28	2 037	16%
Chuk Yuen (North)	405	46	143	122	66	65	20	867	24%
Chuk Yuen	1 261	93	183	504	137	135	18	2 331	15%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
(South)									
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	135	9	-	15	23	13	-	195	7%
Chun Shek	329	26	79	99	30	36	7	606	11%
Chung On	309	126	132	187	73	143	52	1 022	11%
Clague Garden Estate	102	4	4	16	3	1	-	130	8%
Easeful Court	34	2	19	38	21	25	6	145	7%
Fortune	661	38	85	105	38	61	3	991	21%
Fu Cheong	1 528	130	270	321	184	239	13	2 685	16%
Fu Heng	513	79	197	115	49	62	8	1 023	21%
Fu Shan	252	20	48	89	33	18	8	468	12%
Fu Shin	665	53	169	209	53	90	21	1 260	20%
Fu Tai	541	112	208	332	337	298	19	1 847	10%
Fu Tung	110	14	57	95	36	23	2	337	6%
Fuk Loi	529	55	94	133	11	20	14	856	11%
Fung Tak	529	48	115	89	34	74	9	898	33%
Fung Wah	95	16	23	19	9	17	7	186	20%
Fung Wo	69	24	41	166	7	18	9	334	11%
Grandeur Terrace	344	93	266	701	337	368	27	2 136	14%
Hau Tak	465	74	162	196	88	97	12	1 094	8%
Healthy Village	148	6	24	20	16	11	1	226	7%
Heng On	253	70	91	124	45	42	44	669	23%
High Prosperity Terrace	28	3	25	46	36	25	2	165	6%
Hin Keng	322	29	72	92	43	58	12	628	28%
Hin Yiu	143	21	52	96	17	15	3	347	17%
Hing Man	183	42	40	107	85	49	4	510	8%
Hing Tin	118	11	63	53	49	8	2	304	21%
Hing Tung	222	44	52	87	53	32	2	492	7%
Hing Wah (I)	335	83	56	98	67	68	1	708	10%
Hing Wah (II)	699	69	78	238	52	61	5	1 202	14%
Ho Man Tin	784	83	201	208	119	122	22	1 539	12%
Hoi Fu Court	733	36	128	173	108	89	5	1 272	15%
Hoi Lai	473	103	233	479	358	296	19	1 961	11%
Hong Tung	248	1	10	15	5	3	-	282	33%
Hung Hom	610	37	91	159	46	94	20	1 057	15%
Jat Min Chuen	514	30	56	57	29	36	10	732	7%
Ka Fuk	313	52	31	93	47	53	11	600	9%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Ka Wai Chuen	303	17	40	27	14	28	1	430	10%
Kai Ching	399	41	96	470	71	117	26	1 220	10%
Kai Tin	385	48	106	108	87	72	3	809	13%
Kai Yip	1 079	35	97	270	32	67	18	1 598	17%
Kam Peng	47	3	10	8	4	24	3	99	13%
Kin Ming	556	151	453	730	412	337	32	2 671	13%
Kin Sang	138	24	23	59	12	33	2	291	18%
King Lam	539	62	112	104	34	81	7	939	28%
Ko Cheung Court	136	27	73	194	122	91	17	660	10%
Ko Yee	233	22	22	74	22	35	7	415	12%
Kwai Chung	1 716	322	603	1 332	677	519	101	5 270	14%
Kwai Fong	775	130	261	231	246	173	16	1 832	10%
Kwai Hing	127	15	16	38	20	14	-	230	27%
Kwai Luen	169	18	46	138	60	52	18	501	14%
Kwai Shing (East)	969	119	222	285	200	182	32	2 009	11%
Kwai Shing (West)	681	71	114	243	99	92	15	1 315	9%
Kwong Fuk	757	138	222	379	73	135	42	1 746	10%
Kwong Tin	230	16	90	111	74	31	11	563	8%
Kwong Yuen	346	87	132	118	33	74	73	863	26%
Kwun Lung Lau	155	7	34	60	74	27	3	360	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	682	35	121	98	80	96	11	1 123	9%
Lai King	649	51	72	192	70	87	15	1 136	10%
Lai Kok	657	63	119	218	55	66	13	1 191	17%
Lai On	209	38	49	51	26	23	3	399	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	219	29	34	15	20	19	-	336	5%
Lai Yiu	356	46	68	88	118	62	13	751	9%
Lakeside Garden	25	7	4	5	3	-	3	47	6%
Lam Tin	545	30	120	268	96	81	17	1 157	14%
Lee On	390	89	209	193	67	104	17	1 069	9%
Lei Cheng Uk	472	66	66	165	68	103	23	963	30%
Lei Muk Shue	1 189	217	336	659	348	264	71	3 084	31%
Lei Tung	528	109	95	210	37	40	33	1 052	17%
Lei Yue Mun	602	38	155	288	126	120	16	1 345	15%
Lek Yuen	422	77	130	180	53	64	45	971	12%
Leung King	676	112	190	258	74	109	25	1 444	21%
Lok Fu	475	91	119	218	73	102	6	1 084	11%

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Lok Man Sun Chuen	458	30	52	57	48	55	1	701	7%
Lok Wah (North)	276	29	100	115	48	71	15	654	7%
Lok Wah (South)	2 093	63	141	335	27	111	18	2 788	20%
Long Bin IH	24	13	37	19	2	53	2	150	18%
Long Ping	901	97	216	443	98	181	51	1 987	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	462	24	87	267	77	171	26	1 114	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	634	84	129	302	98	87	20	1 354	34%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	598	99	160	361	112	147	34	1 511	8%
Lung Hang	348	29	141	247	110	76	80	1 031	7%
Lung Tin	58	16	7	19	-	25	-	125	16%
Lung Yat	68	8	13	115	19	35	12	270	12%
Ma Hang	52	8	14	25	16	18	1	134	5%
Ma Tau Wai	329	47	55	199	22	48	8	708	14%
Mei Lam	570	47	135	257	44	83	29	1 165	11%
Mei Tin	642	106	333	789	307	283	80	2 540	14%
Mei Tung	298	25	42	118	46	52	15	596	17%
Ming Tak	219	19	39	67	30	23	5	402	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	226	18	22	19	22	12	-	319	5%
Model Housing	79	13	20	31	43	25	-	211	9%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	129	9	10	17	9	10	5	189	8%
Nam Cheong	242	18	49	61	34	35	-	439	23%
Nam Shan	491	43	85	253	45	76	6	999	14%
Nga Ning Court	26	-	13	24	16	12	3	94	6%
Ngan Wan	43	6	6	31	13	4	7	110	8%
Oi Man	642	112	161	358	125	129	10	1 537	8%
Oi Tung	947	132	119	245	113	55	10	1 621	18%
On Tin	57	5	13	113	68	61	13	330	11%
On Ting	879	90	122	282	54	122	27	1 576	13%
On Yam	633	106	131	198	226	127	28	1 449	9%
Pak Tin	1 656	93	319	475	208	256	53	3 060	15%
Ping Shek	595	34	70	131	62	106	6	1 004	8%
Ping Tin	1 066	89	215	331	98	130	37	1 966	13%
Po Lam	450	75	101	188	81	62	10	967	18%
Po Tat	1 440	115	277	554	376	423	67	3 252	14%
Po Tin	1 390	178	376	273	45	319	22	2 603	28%

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Pok Hong	433	16	116	158	44	36	19	822	25%
Prosperous Garden	94	-	7	4	-	-	3	108	7%
Sai Wan	43	6	27	22	31	12	3	144	7%
Sam Shing	213	32	33	93	26	44	10	451	9%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	589	45	145	428	152	154	50	1 563	15%
Sau Mau Ping	2 403	224	486	725	506	486	81	4 911	14%
Sha Kok	1 054	119	287	388	118	120	92	2 178	14%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	61	3	13	17	20	20	3	137	5%
Shan King	1 215	145	295	429	117	162	43	2 406	15%
Shatin Pass	141	9	35	135	23	30	8	381	12%
Shek Kip Mei	1 761	108	360	743	195	298	64	3 529	16%
Shek Lei (I)	874	133	134	296	105	121	38	1 701	13%
Shek Lei (II)	1 252	176	292	611	404	290	82	3 107	13%
Shek Mun	149	10	96	222	54	74	38	643	13%
Shek Pai Wan	590	108	128	199	196	97	30	1 348	8%
Shek Wai Kok	870	106	189	336	120	87	40	1 748	10%
Shek Yam (East)	395	66	67	72	52	54	9	715	11%
Shek Yam	523	98	93	154	121	51	24	1 064	13%
Sheung Lok	145	10	5	20	2	11	-	193	34%
Sheung Tak	734	95	215	288	270	165	19	1 786	10%
Shin Ming	235	30	59	180	46	39	9	598	14%
Shui Pin Wai	624	36	87	153	42	63	14	1 019	17%
Shun Lee	644	45	108	202	63	110	14	1 186	10%
Shun On	613	40	68	159	50	70	11	1 011	13%
Shun Tin	1 286	85	209	335	136	197	34	2 282	12%
Siu Sai Wan	424	155	166	326	150	133	11	1 365	7%
Sun Chui	842	106	207	325	133	162	45	1 820	10%
Sun Tin Wai	363	61	78	203	75	63	18	861	9%
Tai Hang Tung	531	21	87	102	56	50	9	856	17%
Tai Hing	1 750	155	211	442	129	179	37	2 903	15%
Tai Ping	67	11	32	40	6	26	1	183	17%
Tai Wo	705	72	163	108	30	79	17	1 174	23%
Tai Wo Hau	1 109	158	237	366	208	172	59	2 309	11%
Tai Yuen	569	105	298	248	145	145	21	1 531	10%
Tak Long	88	7	39	65	19	38	7	263	6%
Tak Tin	819	55	170	138	74	80	18	1 354	33%
Tin Chak	646	96	248	393	134	242	32	1 791	15%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Tin Ching	997	104	342	877	220	400	107	3 047	18%
Tin Heng	467	121	409	722	501	522	42	2 784	12%
Tin King	152	41	31	128	44	37	10	443	15%
Tin Ping	305	38	94	113	53	58	14	675	19%
Tin Shui	813	112	232	445	189	231	48	2 070	8%
Tin Tsz	661	66	142	179	64	64	12	1 188	13%
Tin Wah	617	97	204	267	93	151	24	1 453	12%
Tin Wan	482	98	123	100	72	50	15	940	11%
Tin Yan	1 107	112	283	646	97	271	27	2 543	23%
Tin Yat	304	63	184	405	272	286	9	1 523	12%
Tin Yiu	938	97	335	500	172	277	49	2 368	9%
Tin Yuet	662	66	220	395	303	274	17	1 937	16%
Tsing Yi	224	23	37	53	21	50	7	415	23%
Tsui Lam	227	32	74	204	78	48	7	670	13%
Tsui Lok	155	8	9	25	3	3	-	203	26%
Tsui Ping (South)	537	53	118	171	74	77	9	1 039	8%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 325	85	271	343	147	179	25	2 375	32%
Tsui Wan	163	38	22	57	20	22	2	324	22%
Tsz Ching	1 529	110	283	433	291	269	36	2 951	13%
Tsz Hong	233	33	103	222	163	122	6	882	12%
Tsz Lok	1 051	88	186	320	142	157	22	1 966	11%
Tsz Man	302	26	68	126	80	85	12	699	11%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	17	-	7	6	7	1	3	41	5%
Tung Tau	830	68	124	232	76	103	15	1 448	26%
Tung Wui	355	19	45	59	17	34	9	538	20%
Un Chau	1 558	130	263	326	177	208	48	2 710	14%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 743	86	244	254	137	221	30	2 715	17%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 037	115	149	274	171	125	16	1 887	15%
Verbena Heights	188	6	29	14	5	21	3	266	14%
Wah Fu	848	188	197	405	243	110	31	2 022	8%
Wah Kwai	321	52	64	47	36	27	4	551	22%
Wah Lai	152	38	62	100	49	62	6	469	10%
Wah Ming	519	110	96	180	45	73	15	1 038	22%
Wah Sum	242	64	64	61	61	52	7	551	11%
Wan Hon	600	6	18	48	13	13	5	703	36%
Wan Tau Tong	242	40	46	39	22	29	4	422	27%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Wan Tsui	439	107	96	251	103	87	11	1 094	10%
Wang Tau Hom	538	107	127	304	120	132	24	1 352	8%
Wing Cheong	90	14	31	110	33	67	20	365	12%
Wo Che	535	143	337	359	154	162	93	1 783	9%
Wo Lok	345	38	59	99	28	33	9	611	13%
Wu King	328	46	152	252	96	144	25	1 043	7%
Yan On	212	32	84	256	33	101	31	749	12%
Yat Tung	903	187	583	1 270	928	943	54	4 868	12%
Yau Lai	1 368	61	329	851	315	321	53	3 298	14%
Yau Oi	1 114	146	269	462	263	277	56	2 587	10%
Yau Tong	743	76	157	235	212	113	25	1 561	15%
Yiu On	213	54	128	117	17	36	36	601	20%
Yiu Tung	633	102	128	171	112	91	3	1 240	8%
Yue Kwong Chuen	55	8	11	5	7	15	1	102	4%
Yue Wan	281	57	68	201	32	45	3	687	11%
Yung Shing Court	252	59	64	69	85	112	6	647	11%
Total	121 382	13 861	28 001	50 132	22 021	24 043	4 552	263 992	

The number of CSSA recipients by nature of cases in each public housing estate and their percentage to total number of residents in each public housing estate in 2009-10 to 2012-13 are not readily available.

We do not have breakdown of CSSA expenditure by public housing estate and nature of cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0436

(Question Serial No. 3514)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 297):

Please provide the total number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients as well as their median age and average age by different case nature (e.g. old age, low-earnings, single parent, unemployment, etc.) over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) The number of CSSA recipients by case nature in the past five years was as follows –

Case nature	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	197 980	197 397	195 886	192 221	188 073
Permanent disability	26 590	26 405	25 853	25 335	24 922
Ill health	43 762	43 112	41 944	40 319	39 627
Single parent	88 559	84 172	79 462	73 154	69 136
Low-earnings	51 893	47 413	39 059	32 264	28 202
Unemployment	59 501	52 869	46 132	40 214	34 840
Others	10 882	11 196	10 880	10 641	10 107
Total	479 167	462 564	439 216	414 148	394 907

(b) The median age of CSSA recipients by case nature in the past 5 years was as follows –

Case nature	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	68	69	69	70	70
Permanent disability	45	45	45	46	46
Ill health	44	44	44	45	45
Single parent	37	37	37	38	38
Low-earnings	43	43	43	44	44
Unemployment	43	43	44	44	44
Others	20	20	21	21	20
Total	45	46	46	46	47

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0437****(Question Serial No. 3515)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 298):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients by different case nature (e.g. old age, low-earnings, single parent, unemployment, etc.) over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases and recipients by case nature in the past five years were as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA cases by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	153 274	154 096	154 176	153 237	151 259
Permanent disability	18 192	18 491	18 376	18 351	18 391
Ill health	25 184	25 221	25 271	25 217	25 157
Single parent	35 922	34 142	32 579	30 513	29 193
Low-earnings	15 469	14 088	11 765	9 942	8 891
Unemployment	32 560	29 364	26 081	23 293	21 149
Others	7 221	7 330	7 135	7 070	6 734
Total	287 822	282 732	275 383	267 623	260 774

Table 2: The number of CSSA recipients by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Old age	197 980	197 397	195 886	192 221	188 073
Permanent disability	26 590	26 405	25 853	25 335	24 922
Ill health	43 762	43 112	41 944	40 319	39 627
Single parent	88 559	84 172	79 462	73 154	69 136
Low-earnings	51 893	47 413	39 059	32 264	28 202
Unemployment	59 501	52 869	46 132	40 214	34 840
Others	10 882	11 196	10 880	10 641	10 107
Total	479 167	462 564	439 216	414 148	394 907

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0438****(Question Serial No. 3516)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 299):

Please provide for the past five years the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applicants who have resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years with their applications being accepted on a discretionary basis, with breakdown by case nature (e.g. "old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.). Please also give the reasons for exercising such discretion.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA applicants exempted from the seven-year Hong Kong resident (SYHKR) requirement, which is no longer applicable with effect from 17 December 2013, in the past five years by case nature was as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)
Old age	280	346	320	297	194
Low-earnings	482	477	417	303	185
Single parent	682	822	786	667	447
Unemployment	146	157	155	106	62
Ill health	300	365	382	329	235
Others	28	26	31	39	36
Total	1 918	2 193	2 091	1 741	1 159

In determining whether discretion should be exercised to exempt a new arrival from the SYHKR requirement under the CSSA Scheme, SWD took into account all relevant factors to establish whether there was genuine hardship. Each case was considered on its own merits. The main factors that were considered included –

- (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 were available; and
- (e) the possibility of the applicant returning to his/her place of origin.

In case where a new arrival was working to support himself/herself and his/her family members, discretion was 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0439

(Question Serial No. 3517)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 300):

Please provide for the past five years the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applicants who have resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years with their applications **not being** accepted on a discretionary basis, with a breakdown by case nature (e.g. "old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.). Please also give the **reasons for rejection**.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA applications involving persons not meeting the seven-year Hong Kong resident (SYHKR) requirement, which is no longer applicable with effect from 17 December 2013, and had been turned down (excluding applications withdrawn by the applicants) in the past five years by case nature and reason for being turned down were as follows –

(a) By case nature

Case nature	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)
Old age	6	8	1	-	1
Low-earnings	4	1	-	-	-
Single parent	-	1	3	1	1
Unemployment	4	2	3	-	-
Ill health	2	7	3	1	2
Others	14	5	3	-	1
Total	30	24	13	2	5

(b) By reasons for being turned down

Reason	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)
Suffering no substantial changes in circumstances (e.g. means of livelihood after arrival)	25	16	7	1	5
Total resources exceeding recognised needs under CSSA	5	8	5	1	-
Receiving other forms of assistance	-	-	1	-	-
Total	30	24	13	2	5

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0440****(Question Serial No. 3518)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 301):

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, please list by year of residence in Hong Kong (HK) the number of recipients who have resided in HK for seven years or less over the past five years, the CSSA expenditure involved and these numbers as percentage to the total number of CSSA cases.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

The number of CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than seven years and the percentage to the total number of CSSA recipients for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Length of residence in HK	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
< one year	1 320	971	788	629	568
one - < two years	2 049	2 214	1 604	1 421	1 214
two - < three years	2 429	2 390	2 590	1 881	1 718
three - < four years	3 051	2 632	2 496	2 738	2 207
four - < five years	3 955	3 099	2 706	2 475	2 652
five - < six years	3 377	3 915	3 035	2 599	2 573
six - < seven years	6 118	3 409	3 735	2 836	2 173
Total	22 299	18 630	16 954	14 579	13 105
Percentage to all CSSA recipients	4.7%	4.0%	3.9%	3.5%	3.3%

The relevant CSSA expenditure (including the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment) was as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2009-10	869
2010-11	699
2011-12	673
2012-13	625
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	584

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0441****(Question Serial No. 3519)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 302):

Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases by year of residence in Hong Kong (HK) with at least one recipient who has resided in HK for less than seven years and the total number of recipients involved for the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than seven years for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Length of residence in HK	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
< one year	1 320	971	788	629	568
one - < two years	2 049	2 214	1 604	1 421	1 214
two - < three years	2 429	2 390	2 590	1 881	1 718
three - < four years	3 051	2 632	2 496	2 738	2 207
four - < five years	3 955	3 099	2 706	2 475	2 652
five - < six years	3 377	3 915	3 035	2 599	2 573
six - < seven years	6 118	3 409	3 735	2 836	2 173
Total	22 299	18 630	16 954	14 579	13 105

The corresponding total number of CSSA cases involved was as follows –

Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Number of cases	15 897	13 317	12 007	10 461	9 540

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0442****(Question Serial No. 3520)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 303):

Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with family member(s) having resided in Hong Kong (HK) for seven years or less and aged 18 or above over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases with eligible member(s) aged 18 or above having resided in HK for less than seven years for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2009-10	8 942
2010-11	6 934
2011-12	6 664
2012-13	5 804
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	5 323

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0443****(Question Serial No. 3521)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 304):

Please list for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature the number of recipients and their gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, the number of children in their families, the age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: 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 over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The breakdown of CSSA SP recipients and children of SP cases by selected profiles for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2009-10			2010-11		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	19	439	458	13	428	441
25-29	68	1 267	1 335	56	1 200	1 256
30-39	783	8 940	9 723	692	8 465	9 157
40-49	1 910	13 347	15 257	1 672	12 956	14 628
50-59	1 965	3 266	5 231	1 953	3 216	5 169
60 and over	832	147	979	841	166	1 007
Total	5 577	27 406	32 983	5 227	26 431	31 658

Age group	2011-12			2012-13		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	17	413	430	8	355	363
25-29	51	1 120	1 171	54	1 058	1 112
30-39	585	7 904	8 489	513	7 369	7 882
40-49	1 483	12 405	13 888	1 307	11 466	12 773
50-59	1 928	3 202	5 130	1 824	2 993	4 817
60 and over	845	167	1 012	818	166	984
Total	4 909	25 211	30 120	4 524	23 407	27 931

Age group	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
18-24	6	339	345
25-29	52	1 048	1 100
30-39	457	7 056	7 513
40-49	1 186	10 734	11 920
50-59	1 675	2 808	4 483
60 and over	823	150	973
Total	4 199	22 135	26 334

Table 2: The number of CSSA SP recipients by marital status

Marital status	2009-10			2010-11		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	136	1 861	1 997	141	2 038	2 179
Married/Cohabited	1 774	2 339	4 113	1 549	2 199	3 748
Separated	1 196	5 258	6 454	1 088	4 863	5 951
Divorced	2 111	12 931	15 042	2 095	12 593	14 688
Widowed	360	5 017	5 377	354	4 738	5 092
Total	5 577	27 406	32 983	5 227	26 431	31 658

Marital status	2011-12			2012-13		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	141	2 094	2 235	143	2 118	2 261
Married/Cohabited	1 338	2 143	3 481	1 201	2 155	3 356
Separated	1 014	4 438	5 452	820	3 904	4 724
Divorced	2 097	12 157	14 254	2 078	11 406	13 484
Widowed	319	4 379	4 698	282	3 824	4 106
Total	4 909	25 211	30 120	4 524	23 407	27 931

Marital status	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Never Married	148	2 154	2 302
Married/Cohabited	1 057	2 172	3 229
Separated	767	3 655	4 422
Divorced	1 964	10 740	12 704
Widowed	263	3 414	3 677
Total	4 199	22 135	26 334

Table 3: The number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
No schooling/ kindergarten	2 971	2 555	2 263	1 871	1 630
Primary	14 392	13 516	12 624	11 346	10 415
Lower Secondary	9 678	9 459	9 122	8 677	8 307
Upper Secondary	5 735	5 913	5 898	5 815	5 751
Post-secondary	207	215	213	222	231
Total	32 983	31 658	30 120	27 931	26 334

Table 4: The number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
1	18 327	18 194	17 546	16 649	15 765
2	11 729	10 853	10 098	9 153	8 581
3	2 456	2 194	2 077	1 773	1 651
4	395	356	332	297	274
5 and above	76	61	67	59	63
Total	32 983	31 658	30 120	27 931	26 334

Table 5: The number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of the children

Age of children	Number of children				2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
0-4	5 569	5 423	5 142	5 072	5 063
5-9	10 715	10 067	9 598	9 321	9 128
10-11	6 345	6 093	5 662	5 030	4 847
12-14	12 534	11 324	10 300	9 561	9 068
15-21	16 353	15 664	15 247	13 056	11 441
Total	51 516	48 571	45 949	42 040	39 547

Table 6: Total monthly income of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly income

Type of monthly income	2009-10 (\$'000)	2010-11 (\$'000)	2011-12 (\$'000)	2012-13 (\$'000)	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013) (\$'000)
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	27,332	26,691	27,077	23,751	21,863
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,002	1,025	1,202	1,217	1,255
Meals provided by other parties	48	58	65	64	53
Maintenance payment	2,932	3,279	3,370	3,568	3,757
Pension	168	149	134	139	136
Other income	209	181	200	155	229
Overall	31,691	31,382	32,048	28,895	27,293

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0444****(Question Serial No. 3522)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 305):

Please provide the respective number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) old age cases with elderly recipients living with their families in each of the past five years, the number of elderly persons living on their own, or families living with elderly persons, with a monthly household income less than the CSSA payments for CSSA households of the same size in Hong Kong (HK).

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 aged below 60 for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2009-10	27 287
2010-11	26 616
2011-12	25 189
2012-13	23 628
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	22 117

The number of domestic households in HK with only one member (excluding foreign domestic helpers) who was aged 60 or above and with household income below the average monthly CSSA payment was as follows –

Year	Number of domestic households in HK
2008	22 600
2009	25 300
2010	25 200
2011	27 400
2012	31 300

The number of domestic households in HK with at least one member aged 60 or above and at least one member (excluding foreign domestic helpers) aged below 60, with household income below the average monthly CSSA payment was as follows –

Year	Number of domestic households in HK
2008	65 500
2009	80 900
2010	75 600
2011	75 900
2012	72 400

Figures on numbers of domestic households in HK are provided by the Census and Statistics Department. Annual figure for 2013 is not available yet.

Average monthly CSSA payment refers to the amount a CSSA case without other income will get in a month. It is more specifically regarded as “recognised needs” under the CSSA Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3523)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 306):

Please provide the following information on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme -

- (a) The number of new CSSA applications (including re-applications from those having left the CSSA net before), number of cases which left the CSSA net and the reasons for leaving, with breakdown by case nature in each of the past five years;
- (b) The number of new CSSA applications (including re-applications from those having left the CSSA net before), number of recipients who left the CSSA net (please provide the number of recipients who left the CSSA net due to death separately) and the reasons for leaving, with breakdown by age group in each of the past five years;
- (c) The number of recipients who left the CSSA net and the reasons for leaving (please provide the number of recipients who left the CSSA net due to death separately), with breakdown by duration of receiving CSSA in each of the past five years; and
- (d) The number of re-applications from those having left the CSSA net before, the reasons for re-application and the average duration of leaving the CSSA net over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The breakdown by case nature of CSSA new applications and cases closed, among which cases that have been on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once, from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA new applications with breakdown by case nature

Case nature	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Old age	15 356	15 071	14 146	14 125	9 158
Permanent disability	1 777	1 640	1 566	1 574	1 164
Ill health	7 045	7 012	6 563	6 476	4 769
Single parent	4 730	3 954	3 314	3 435	2 591
Low-earnings	3 636	2 937	2 186	1 985	1 287
Unemployment	14 288	10 369	8 619	7 790	5 271
Others	5 902	5 851	5 432	5 593	4 506
Total	52 734	46 834	41 826	40 978	28 746

Table 2: The number of CSSA closed cases with breakdown by case nature

Case nature	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Old age	13 921	14 109	14 019	14 455	11 275
Permanent disability	1 209	1 211	1 238	1 262	883
Ill health	2 440	2 548	2 538	2 423	1 830
Single parent	3 450	3 759	3 773	4 095	2 905
Low-earnings	2 640	2 966	3 127	2 627	1 773
Unemployment	6 484	6 719	6 086	5 244	3 529
Others	1 256	1 398	1 442	1 508	1 174
Total	31 400	32 710	32 223	31 614	23 369

(b) We do not keep information on the number of recipients in new applications and closed cases.

(c) The number of CSSA closed cases from 2009-10 to 2013-14 by case nature by reason for closure was as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA closed cases in 2009-10						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences over limit	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 closed cases in 2010-11						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences over limit	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 closed cases in 2011-12						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences over limit	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 closed cases in 2012-13						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	71	10 971	257	247	2 744	165	14 455
Permanent disability	2	244	83	83	781	69	1 262
Ill health	4	433	65	295	1 458	168	2 423
Single parent	4	14	113	331	3 572	61	4 095
Low-earnings	1	3	68	156	2 369	30	2 627
Unemployment	18	119	159	1 339	3 319	290	5 244
Others	3	10	25	384	959	127	1 508
Total	103	11 794	770	2 835	15 202	910	31 614

Case nature	Number of CSSA closed cases in 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	19	8 003	158	139	2 827	129	11 275
Permanent disability	4	158	70	42	550	59	883
Ill health	8	328	54	188	1 141	111	1 830
Single parent	3	6	74	220	2 561	41	2 905
Low-earnings	-	5	47	79	1 615	27	1 773
Unemployment	2	95	136	731	2 384	181	3 529
Others	-	9	21	284	764	96	1 174
Total	36	8 604	560	1 683	11 842	644	23 369

We do not keep record of the number of CSSA closed cases with breakdowns by duration of receiving CSSA, and number of recipients in those cases.

(d) The number of CSSA re-application cases from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Number of re-application cases
2009-2010	22 284
2010-2011	19 043
2011-2012	17 121
2012-2013	16 652
2013-2014 (up to end-December 2013)	11 759

We do not keep record of the reasons for re-application and the average duration of leaving the CSSA net in those cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3524)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 307):

Please list out the number of students on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of student in various districts in Hong Kong over the past five years, and the average amount of CSSA payments provided to students each year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA school children for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 by geographical district and educational level was as follows –

Geographical district	Educational level (as at end-December 2009)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	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	Educational level (as at end-December 2010)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	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	Educational level (as at end-December 2011)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	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	Educational level (as at end-December 2012)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	82	192	258	32	564
Eastern	451	1 328	1 767	192	3 738
Islands	287	1 103	1 579	135	3 104
Kowloon City	540	1 266	1 388	182	3 376
Kwai Tsing	980	3 400	4 608	834	9 822
Kwun Tong	1 404	4 849	6 443	749	13 445
North	672	2 068	2 571	275	5 586
Sai Kung	277	1 090	2 033	268	3 668
Sha Tin	632	2 297	3 125	422	6 476
Sham Shui Po	982	2 791	3 404	367	7 544
Southern	195	606	895	134	1 830
Tai Po	327	995	1 292	160	2 774
Tsuen Wan	324	994	1 193	188	2 699
Tuen Mun	748	2 217	2 869	433	6 267
Wan Chai	46	123	106	16	291
Wong Tai Sin	728	2 334	3 575	489	7 126
Yau Tsim Mong	455	1 063	949	154	2 621
Yuen Long	1 465	4 394	6 272	881	13 012
Total	10 595	33 110	44 327	5 911	93 943

Geographical district	Educational level (preliminary figures) (as at end-December 2013)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	75	202	215	36	528
Eastern	395	1 106	1 463	438	3 402
Islands	261	857	1 308	369	2 795
Kowloon City	536	1 306	1 304	393	3 539
Kwai Tsing	847	2 762	3 603	1 446	8 658
Kwun Tong	1 185	4 080	5 362	1 512	12 139
North	551	1 791	2 108	575	5 025
Sai Kung	248	872	1 599	404	3 123
Sha Tin	566	1 932	2 455	939	5 892
Sham Shui Po	926	2 439	2 806	1 027	7 198
Southern	173	531	769	250	1 723
Tai Po	304	840	1 071	307	2 522
Tsuen Wan	306	843	1 001	244	2 394
Tuen Mun	651	1 744	2 240	1 001	5 636
Wan Chai	55	111	93	28	287
Wong Tai Sin	610	1 965	2 919	874	6 368
Yau Tsim Mong	397	822	807	334	2 360
Yuen Long	1 213	3 599	5 011	1 616	11 439
Total	9 299	27 802	36 134	11 793	85 028

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the annual average amount of CSSA payments for school children.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0447****(Question Serial No. 3525)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 308):

Please provide the following information on applications for additional grants for selected items of school-related expenses by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients over the past five years, with breakdown by type of grants and by age group (aged 0-6, aged 7-14, aged 15-24, aged over 25) -

- The district of residence, number of applicants and applications;
- The number of applicants and applications with additional grants approved;
- The average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grants approved; and
- The total expenditure of the grants.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of approved claims and the amount of additional grant for school-related expenses by age group of CSSA recipients for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Age group	2009-10	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
0 - 6	292	303,710
7 - 14	299	267,057
15 - 24	52	49,784
25 or above	-	-
Overall	643	620,551

Age group	2010-11	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
0 - 6	275	282,961
7 - 14	368	328,607
15 - 24	112	103,947
25 or above	-	-
Overall	755	715,515

Age group	2011-12	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
0 - 6	283	292,043
7 - 14	319	274,501
15 - 24	65	64,698
25 or above	-	-
Overall	667	631,242

Age group	2012-13	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
0 - 6	267	323,401
7 - 14	230	193,240
15 - 24	37	28,583
25 or above	-	-
Overall	534	545,224

Age group	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
0 - 6	140	173,395
7 - 14	165	131,263
15 - 24	7	7,765
25 or above	-	-
Overall	312	312,423

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for additional grant for selected items of school-related expenses within a year. Figures on the number of applicants and successful applicants for the grant and other requested breakdown are not readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0448****(Question Serial No. 3526)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 309):

- (a) Please provide the numbers of approved and turned-down cases applying for additional grants under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme due to school-related expenses exceeding the grants for selected items of school-related expenses over the past five years; and
- (b) The reasons for turning down.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of approved claims of additional grant for selected items of school-related expenses (the grant) from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Number of approved claims
2009-10	643
2010-11	755
2011-12	667
2012-13	534
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	312

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for the grant within a year. Figures on the number of turned-down cases are not readily available.

- (b) Reasons for turning down the claims include cost of the purchased item could not be justified, failing to provide receipt of purchased item, etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0449****(Question Serial No. 3527)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 310):

Please provide the following information for the past five years –

- (a) With regard to application for dental grant by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, i) the number of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved, with breakdown by age group; and
- (b) The number and geographical distribution of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of approved claims and the related amount of dental grant by age group of the recipients from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Claims by recipients aged 18 or below

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	27	32	22	42	25
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	1,838	1,715	1,762	1,627	1,381
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	Less than 0.05	0.1	Less than 0.05	0.1	Less than 0.05

Claims by recipients aged 19 – 59

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	2 693	3 101	3 340	3 594	2 877
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	4,113	4,150	4,209	4,267	4,215
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	11.1	12.9	14.1	15.3	12.1

Claims by recipients aged 60 or above

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	5 506	6 806	7 643	8 155	6 522
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	4,779	4,926	4,991	5,073	5,126
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	26.3	33.5	38.1	41.4	33.4

Overall – Claims by recipients of all age groups

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	8 226	9 939	11 005	11 791	9 424
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	4,551	4,674	4,747	4,815	4,838
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	37.4	46.5	52.2	56.8	45.6

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for dental grant within a year. Figures on the number of applicants applying for dental grant and other requested breakdown are not readily available.

- (b) (i) The number of dental clinics designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Number of designated dental clinics (including two mobile clinics)	41	47	51	53	58

- (ii) The number of dental clinics (excluding the two mobile clinics) by geographical district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

District	Number of designated dental clinics				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
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	-	-	1	1	1
Kowloon City	2	2	2	2	2
Kwai Chung	1	1	1	2	3
Kwai Tsing	1	1	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	4	5	6	6	6
Lam Tin	1	1	1	1	1
Lei Cheng Uk	1	1	1	1	1
Mongkok	1	1	1	1	3
Ngau Tau Kok	1	2	2	2	2
North Point	1	1	1	1	1
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	2	2	2	1	1
Shau Kei Wan	-	1	-	1	2
Sheung Wan	-	-	-	-	1
Tai Po	3	3	3	3	3
Tin Shui Wai	1	1	1	2	2
To Kwa Wan	-	1	1	1	1
Tseung Kwan O	3	3	3	3	3
Tsim Sha Tsui	1	1	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	-	1	2	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	1	1	2	2	2
Tung Chung	1	1	1	1	1
Wan Chai	2	2	2	2	2
Wong Tai Sin	1	2	2	2	2
Yau Ma Tei	2	2	3	3	3
Yuen Long	1	1	1	1	1

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0450****(Question Serial No. 3528)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 311):

Please inform this Committee of the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients (by age group) who have been on CSSA for over three years and five years respectively in the five years below.

	Number of recipients receiving CSSA for over 3 years				Number of recipients receiving CSSA for over 5 years			
2009-10								
2010-11								
2011-12								
2012-13								
2013-14								

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients who had received CSSA for more than three years by age group from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2009-10	55 014	45 628	22 468	43 242	41 414	153 025
2010-11	50 675	42 221	20 838	40 797	40 523	152 023
2011-12	47 384	38 916	19 493	38 061	39 318	151 575
2012-13	44 636	32 781	18 386	34 809	38 771	150 935
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	42 197	28 774	17 458	32 014	37 471	150 347

The number of CSSA recipients who had received CSSA for more than five years by age group from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Age Group					
	Less than 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
2009-10	39 118	39 503	16 250	35 448	34 659	130 544
2010-11	36 823	37 130	15 615	34 108	34 636	132 449
2011-12	33 952	33 970	14 498	31 588	33 610	132 691
2012-13	30 846	28 061	13 246	28 371	32 570	131 112
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	29 356	24 649	12 576	26 110	31 495	129 699

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0451****(Question Serial No. 3529)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 312):

Please provide the numbers of reported, prosecuted and convicted cases of suspected fraud involving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by nature of CSSA cases in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013)
Number of suspected fraud reports received	3 061	2 935	2 871	2 310	1 815
Number of prosecuted cases	218	274	252	253	273
Number of convicted cases	212	269	247	250	261

The Social Welfare Department does not have breakdown on fraud cases by case nature.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0452****(Question Serial No. 3530)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 322):

Regarding recipients belonging to the unemployment and low-earnings categories under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the following information –

- (a) the number of CSSA unemployed recipients with a breakdown by gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, earnings from employment, and district of residence over the past five years; and
- (b) the number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with a breakdown by gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, earnings from employment, and district of residence over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) CSSA unemployed recipients refer to those who are unemployed or who are gainfully employed with earnings from employment less than the level prescribed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), i.e. the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children in the respective years. Statistics on CSSA unemployed recipients by selected profiles for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by gender

Gender	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Male	20 928	18 679	16 142	14 416	12 186
Female	12 563	12 450	11 340	10 585	9 513
Total	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 001	21 699

Table 2: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by age group

Age group	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
15 – 19	1 780	1 600	1 054	977	980
20 – 29	2 526	2 281	1 827	1 585	1 444
30 – 39	4 099	3 683	3 146	2 749	2 262
40 – 49	9 677	9 026	8 166	7 367	6 135
50 – 59	15 409	14 539	13 289	12 323	10 878
Total	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 001	21 699

Table 3: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
one and less than one	6 260	4 414	3 320	3 013	2 487
More than one - two	3 812	3 747	2 612	2 008	1 701
More than two - three	2 259	2 878	2 670	1 978	1 470
More than three - four	2 204	1 826	2 197	2 138	1 464
More than four - five	1 989	1 772	1 478	1 772	1 774
More than five	16 967	16 492	15 205	14 092	12 803
Total	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 001	21 699

Duration of receiving CSSA refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA, regardless of whether there have been any changes in the recipients' employable status.

Table 4: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients with earnings from employment by occupation

Occupation	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Cleaner	302	324	308	281	269
Clerk	20	37	31	24	34
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	104	92	65	65	59
Delivery worker	250	260	226	220	195
Domestic helper/baby sitter	193	209	189	225	174
Driver	76	68	83	67	35
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	726	781	700	605	591
Salesperson	102	124	121	107	111
Waiter/waitress	133	129	129	133	105
Watchman/guard	45	45	30	31	27
Others	550	640	599	562	558
Jobless	30 990	28 420	25 001	22 681	19 541
Total	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 001	21 699

Table 5: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by earnings from employment

Earnings from employment	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
\$0	30 990	28 420	25 001	22 681	19 541
Less than the respective standard rate of an able- bodied adult	2 501	2 709	2 481	2 320	2 158
Total	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 001	21 699

Table 6: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by geographical district

District	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Central & Western	286	246	233	199	185
Eastern	1 261	1 238	1 060	946	902
Islands	773	693	606	577	535
Kowloon City	1 334	1 226	1 101	1 006	894
Kwai Tsing	3 273	2 908	2 452	2 267	1 805
Kwun Tong	3 971	3 772	3 453	3 333	2 975
North	1 610	1 637	1 421	1 190	1 072
Sai Kung	1 098	985	872	779	694
Sha Tin	1 928	1 836	1 690	1 518	1 313
Sham Shui Po	3 603	3 439	3 065	2 897	2 526
Southern	438	491	432	441	406
Tai Po	894	791	701	622	510
Tsuen Wan	761	662	552	460	447
Tuen Mun	2 666	2 294	1 947	1 649	1 397
Wan Chai	228	210	195	172	150
Wong Tai Sin	2 396	2 343	2 091	1 924	1 617
Yau Tsim Mong	2 233	2 082	1 876	1 694	1 400
Yuen Long	4 738	4 276	3 735	3 327	2 871
Total	33 491	31 129	27 482	25 001	21 699

- (b) CSSA low-earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed with earnings from employment equivalent to or more than the level prescribed by SWD, i.e. the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children in the respective years. Statistics on CSSA low-earnings recipients by selected profiles for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by gender

Gender	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Male	11 026	10 359	8 406	6 885	6 523
Female	11 078	10 382	8 708	7 237	6 353
Total	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 122	12 876

Table 2: The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by age group

Age group	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
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15 – 19	1 100	1 090	701	516	494
20 – 29	3 395	3 216	2 473	2 012	1 784
30 – 39	3 510	3 249	2 823	2 356	2 124
40 – 49	8 833	8 216	6 981	5 669	5 102
50 – 59	5 266	4 970	4 136	3 569	3 372
Total	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 122	12 876

Table 3: The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
one and less than one	1 931	1 385	1 033	806	723
More than one - two	1 743	1 751	1 176	877	797
More than two - three	1 301	1 483	1 325	874	778
More than three - four	1 460	1 149	1 196	1 082	808
More than four - five	1 599	1 311	921	971	1 056
More than five	14 070	13 662	11 463	9 512	8 714
Total	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 122	12 876

Duration of receiving CSSA refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA, regardless of whether there have been any changes in the recipients' employable status.

Table 4: The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with earnings from employment by occupation

Occupation	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Cleaner	3 271	2 903	2 273	1 803	1 517
Clerk	990	882	718	574	491
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	881	772	639	524	455
Delivery worker	1 095	1 033	905	745	728
Domestic helper/baby sitter	571	558	424	363	337
Driver	940	902	766	668	647
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	4 971	4 647	3 951	3 224	3 009
Salesperson	1 588	1 462	1 257	1 005	922
Waiter/waitress	1 322	1 284	1 084	922	874
Watchman/guard	1 704	1 570	1 215	978	828
Others	4 771	4 728	3 882	3 316	3 068
Total	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 122	12 876

Table 5: The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with earnings from employment

Earnings from employment	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Less than \$4,200	9 166	8 632	6 331	5 036	4 639
\$4,200 – less than \$6,000	6 312	5 542	3 997	3 372	3 218
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	4 924	4 763	4 282	3 272	2 687
\$8,000 and above	1 702	1 804	2 504	2 442	2 332
Total	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 122	12 876

Table 6: The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by geographical district

District	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Central & Western	156	136	112	108	103
Eastern	898	841	690	569	520
Islands	645	641	528	459	388
Kowloon City	728	678	577	488	494
Kwai Tsing	2 571	2 515	2 072	1 728	1 599
Kwun Tong	3 130	3 030	2 601	2 186	1 985
North	1 089	1 016	865	698	629
Sai Kung	1 098	1 005	823	594	525
Sha Tin	1 490	1 348	1 095	916	805
Sham Shui Po	1 660	1 556	1 281	1 138	1 061
Southern	492	419	331	282	277
Tai Po	656	619	522	394	356
Tsuen Wan	671	663	540	421	351
Tuen Mun	1 307	1 225	978	834	795
Wan Chai	60	59	45	29	30
Wong Tai Sin	2 089	1 840	1 516	1 192	1 043
Yau Tsim Mong	494	425	372	303	315
Yuen Long	2 870	2 725	2 166	1 783	1 600
Total	22 104	20 741	17 114	14 122	12 876

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0453****(Question Serial No. 3531)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 323):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients benefiting from the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) over the past five years with breakdown by case nature (such as "old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.), and the average amount of DE and the median monthly income involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from DE arrangement by case nature from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	2 725	2 844	2 764	2 712	2 644
Permanent disability	3 209	3 256	3 232	3 221	3 185
Ill health	2 770	2 758	2 695	2 602	2 726
Single parent	8 411	8 201	7 668	6 635	6 142
Low-earnings	14 511	13 528	10 888	9 023	7 905
Unemployment	6 039	5 858	5 160	4 386	4 415
Others	241	218	253	235	205
Total	37 906	36 663	32 660	28 814	27 222

- (2) The average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Case nature	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	1,625	1,593	1,566	1,520	1,501
Permanent disability	741	753	761	769	759
Ill health	1,266	1,255	1,257	1,238	1,237
Single parent	1,777	1,779	1,861	1,878	1,876
Low-earnings	2,240	2,238	2,317	2,325	2,341
Unemployment	1,621	1,608	1,597	1,595	1,639
Others	1,510	1,541	1,510	1,483	1,589
Total	1,792	1,775	1,785	1,756	1,739

- (3) The median earning from employment of CSSA recipients by case nature from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Case nature	Median monthly earning from employment of CSSA recipients (\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	2,600	2,540	2,500	2,300	2,183
Permanent disability	412	440	455	472	458
Ill health	1,495	1,454	1,413	1,300	1,318
Single parent	2,817	2,881	3,360	3,360	3,430
Low-earnings	5,000	5,000	5,400	5,350	5,415
Unemployment	2,321	2,275	2,200	2,175	2,340
Others	2,172	2,320	2,178	2,019	2,200
Total	3,246	3,200	3,500	3,400	3,500

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0454****(Question Serial No. 3532)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 324):

Regarding the Support for Self-reliance Scheme and Intensive Employment Assistance Projects under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the average monthly disregarded earnings (DE) over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The average monthly DE of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)
2009-10	1,792
2010-11	1,775
2011-12	1,785
2012-13	1,756
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	1,739

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3533)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 325):

In integrating the 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:

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department commissioned 26 non-government organisations (NGOs) to operate 41 projects under the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to assist employable CSSA recipients to seek employment so as to become self-reliant. The IEAPS projects provide CSSA recipients with a range of one-stop, integrated employment assistance services on family basis, including individual interviews, personalised action plan for seeking employment, information on the labour market, job matching, employment-related training, arrangement of work exposure services, post-employment support and temporary financial aid, etc. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$108 million. NGOs operating the IEAPS projects have flexibility to deploy the funding allocated in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0456

(Question Serial No. 3534)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 326):1

Please provide the following information on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) –

- the number of employable adult recipients who have 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 (year-end figures) with breakdown by age group (14 or below, 15-59, 60 or above);
- the number of CSSA recipients in the age group of 15-59 who do not need to join the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme in the past five years (year-end figures), and the reasons for exemption from joining the SFS Scheme; and
- the number of employable adult recipients who have 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 (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:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 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 considered as employable adults. The number of employable adults aged 15-59 by duration of receiving CSSA from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
One and less than one year	8 191	5 799	4 353	3 819	3 210
More than one to three years	9 115	9 859	7 783	5 737	4 746
More than three to five years	7 252	6 058	5 792	5 963	5 102
More than five years	31 037	30 154	26 668	23 604	21 517

(b) All employable adults under the CSSA Scheme are required to join the SFS Scheme.

(c) The number of employable adults by duration of receiving CSSA, selected age groups and educational attainment from 2009-10 to 2013-14 respectively was as follows –

Table 1: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for one and less than one year

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2009-10	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	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	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	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	No schooling/kindergarten	1	23	52	88	164
	Primary	28	245	410	704	1 387
	Lower secondary	76	439	418	308	1 241
	Upper secondary	101	344	281	207	933
	Post secondary	31	16	17	30	94
	Total	237	1 067	1 178	1 337	3 819
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	1	11	33	70	115
	Primary	18	187	326	589	1 120
	Lower secondary	81	379	354	264	1 078
	Upper secondary	79	276	251	201	807
	Post secondary	23	23	16	28	90
	Total	202	876	980	1 152	3 210

Table 2: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than one to three years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2009-10	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	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	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	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	No schooling kindergarten	4	38	74	152	268
	Primary	30	390	746	1 211	2 377
	Lower secondary	113	525	583	513	1 734
	Upper secondary	139	408	410	322	1 279
	Post secondary	7	23	20	29	79
	Total	293	1 384	1 833	2 227	5 737
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	2	24	83	115	224
	Primary	18	298	634	966	1 916
	Lower secondary	100	413	495	417	1 425
	Upper secondary	140	318	370	276	1 104
	Post secondary	11	23	14	29	77
	Total	271	1 076	1 596	1 803	4 746

Table 3: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than three to five years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2009-10	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	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	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	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	No schooling/kindergarten	5	37	73	172	287
	Primary	37	328	835	1 271	2 471
	Lower secondary	141	546	683	542	1 912
	Upper secondary	162	323	414	312	1 211
	Post secondary	10	18	23	31	82
	Total	355	1 252	2 028	2 328	5 963
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	3	27	64	123	217
	Primary	28	292	683	1 113	2 116
	Lower secondary	111	442	577	494	1 624
	Upper secondary	138	276	345	315	1 074
	Post secondary	10	12	23	26	71
	Total	290	1 049	1 692	2 071	5 102

Table 4: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than five years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2009-10	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	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	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	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	No schooling/kindergarten	35	91	708	1 220	2 054
	Primary	734	667	3 809	5 913	11 123
	Lower secondary	826	1 056	2 330	1 877	6 089
	Upper secondary	1 310	727	1 103	940	4 080
	Post secondary	96	65	47	50	258
	Total	3 001	2 606	7 997	10 000	23 604
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	57	71	546	1 074	1 748
	Primary	693	595	3 248	5 289	9 825
	Lower secondary	791	951	2 112	1 884	5 738
	Upper secondary	1 266	709	1 022	917	3 914
	Post secondary	135	56	41	60	292
	Total	2 942	2 382	6 969	9 224	21 517

The number of cases refers to CSSA cases with a continuous period of receiving CSSA regardless of whether there have been any changes in the status of being employable adults.

Upper secondary level of educational attainment includes completion of training in institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0457****(Question Serial No. 3535)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 327):

Please provide the following information on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) –

- The number of CSSA recipients having earnings from employment in the past five years (year-end figures), with breakdown by range of earnings (\$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);
- The number of CSSA cases having earnings from employment in the past five years (year-end figures), with breakdown by total household employment earnings (\$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);
- The number of CSSA cases having household members who had/had not engaged in paid employment in the past five years (year-end figures); and
- The number of CSSA cases involving singleton recipients aged 65 or above, and the number of two-person CSSA cases with both recipients aged over 65 in the past five years (year-end figures).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

- & (b) The breakdown of CSSA recipients having earnings from employment by range of earnings from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Earnings from employment	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Less than \$1,000	6 074	6 181	5 980	5 575	5 477
\$1,000 – less than \$2,500	8 250	7 982	6 428	5 791	5 612
\$2,500 – less than \$5,000	12 090	11 618	10 372	9 072	8 580
\$5,000 – less than \$10,000	11 206	10 634	9 533	7 842	6 993
\$10,000 – less than \$15,000	407	414	487	606	681
\$15,000 and above	87	62	51	91	20
Total	38 114	36 891	32 851	28 977	27 363

- (c) The number of CSSA cases with and without recipient(s) having earnings from employment from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Number of cases with recipient(s) having earnings from employment	Number of cases without any recipient having earnings from employment	Total
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	27 453	224 206	251 659
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	25 905	218 673	244 578

- (d) The number of singleton and two-person CSSA cases with all recipients aged 65 and above from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Number of singleton CSSA cases with recipients aged 65 and above	Number of two-person CSSA cases with both recipients aged 65 and above
2009-10	99 290	17 143
2010-11	98 899	16 994
2011-12	98 394	17 070
2012-13	97 745	16 763
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	97 238	16 415

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3536)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 328):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) continues 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 CSSA recipients who had successfully secured employment after participating in the projects, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved for the various employment assistance projects for this financial year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance projects into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). Since the commencement of the IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, a total of 14 294 persons had participated in the project and 4 371 of the participants had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. SWD does not have breakdown of the figures by financial year.

The estimated expenditure for IEAPS in 2014-15 is about \$108 million. The non-governmental organisations operating the IEAPS projects have flexibility to deploy the funding allocated in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0459****(Question Serial No. 3537)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 329):

Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients under low-earnings and unemployment categories and their percentage to the overall number of CSSA cases in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings and unemployment cases and their percentage to the total number of CSSA cases for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
Low-earnings	15 469	5.4	14 088	5.0	11 765	4.3
Unemployment	32 560	11.3	29 364	10.4	26 081	9.5

	2012-13		2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
Low-earnings	9 942	3.7	8 891	3.4
Unemployment	23 293	8.7	21 149	8.1

The number of CSSA recipients of low-earnings and unemployment cases and their percentage to the total number of CSSA recipients for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
Low-earnings	51 893	10.8	47 413	10.3	39 059	8.9
Unemployment	59 501	12.4	52 869	11.4	46 132	10.5

	2012-13		2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
Low-earnings	32 264	7.8	28 202	7.1
Unemployment	40 214	9.7	34 840	8.8

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0460

(Question Serial No. 3538)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 330):

Please provide the number of cases and recipients who have secured employment and left the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) net under the low-earnings and unemployment nature of the CSSA Scheme by age group, residing district and gender over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of CSSA cases and recipients leaving CSSA net due to employment.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0461

(Question Serial No. 3539)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 331):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who have taken up full-time re-training programmes provided by the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) by age group, residing district, gender and nature of cases over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients who have taken up full-time re-training programmes provided by ERB.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3540)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 332):

Please provide the following information by age group over the past five years –

- (a) How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) unemployment (UT) cases had changed to CSSA low-earnings (LE) cases upon the recipients successfully securing a job? How long did it take for such CSSA cases to change to CSSA LE cases and how long did it last? Please provide a breakdown by six months or below, 12 months, 18 months, two years or above;
- (b) How many CSSA UT cases had changed to CSSA single-parent (SP) cases upon the recipients successfully securing a job? How long did it take for such cases to change to CSSA SP cases and how long did it last? Please provide a breakdown by six months or below, 12 months, 18 months, two years or above; and
- (c) How many CSSA cases originally under other categories had changed to CSSA LE cases upon the recipients successfully securing a job? How long did it take for such cases to change to CSSA LE cases and how long did it last? Please provide a breakdown by six months or below, 12 months, 18 months, two years or above.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of CSSA LE cases from 2009-10 to 2013-14 which were originally classified as “unemployment” a year earlier was as follows –

	Number of LE cases which were UT cases a year earlier
As at end-December 2009	1 278
As at end-December 2010	1 312
As at end-December 2011	899
As at end-December 2012	705
As at end-December 2013	628

Further analysis on duration of receiving CSSA before and after the change in case nature is not available.

- (b) The number of CSSA SP cases from 2009-12 to 2013-14 which were originally classified as “unemployment” a year earlier was as follows –

	Number of SP cases which were UT cases a year earlier
As at end-December 2009	516
As at end-December 2010	434
As at end-December 2011	395
As at end-December 2012	399
As at end-December 2013	340

Further analysis on duration of receiving CSSA before and after the change in case nature is not available.

- (c) The number of CSSA LE cases from 2009-10 to 2013-14 which were originally classified as other case nature a year earlier was as follows –

Table 1: The number of LE cases as at end-December 2009 which were of other case nature as at end-December 2008

Case nature as at end-December 2008	Number of LE cases which were of other case nature as at end-December 2009
Old age	432
Permanent disability	65
Ill health	214
SP	424
UT	1 278
Others	86
Overall	2 499

Table 2: The number of LE cases as at end-December 2010 which were of other case nature as at end-December 2009

Case nature as at end-December 2009	Number of LE cases which were of other case nature as at end-December 2010
Old age	382
Permanent disability	69
Ill health	218
SP	414
UT	1 312
Others	112
Overall	2 507

Table 3: The number of LE cases as at end-December 2011 which were of other case nature as at end-December 2010.

Case nature as at end-December 2010	Number of LE cases which were of other case nature as at end-December 2011
Old age	347
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	213
SP	283
UT	899
Others	91
Overall	1 887

Table 4: The number of LE cases as at end-December 2012 which were of other case nature as at end-December 2011.

Case nature as at end-December 2011	Number of LE cases which were of other case nature as at end-December 2012
Old age	292
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	139
SP	275
UT	705
Others	75
Overall	1 540

Table 5: The number of LE cases as at end-December 2013 which were of other case nature as at end-December 2012.

Case nature as at end-December 2012	Number of LE cases which were of other case nature as at end-December 2013
Old age	225
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	124
SP	244
UT	628
Others	70
Overall	1 345

Further analysis on duration of receiving CSSA before and after the change in case nature is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0463****(Question Serial No. 3541)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 333):

Please inform this Committee of the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance over the past five years and the expenditure involved.

	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of persons receiving rent allowance	Total expenditure for rent allowance
2009-10			
2010-11			
2011-12			
2012-13			
2013-14			

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 for rent allowance (\$ million)
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	233 424	390 180	2,825
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	227 113	371 983	2,173

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0464****(Question Serial No. 3542)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 334):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases that are living in public rental housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or higher than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) over the past five years –

Household	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 public housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to, and greater than MRA and with breakdown by number of eligible members in the family in the past five years was as follows –

2009-10		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	65 815	2 519
2	44 082	206
3	23 677	48
4	13 862	27
5	5 326	10
6 and above	1 924	1
Total	154 686	2 811

2010-11		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	66 841	3 307
2	44 399	315
3	22 614	46
4	12 332	38
5	4 425	11
6 and above	1 573	2
Total	152 184	3 719

2011-12		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	68 229	2 732
2	43 980	184
3	20 840	36
4	10 760	32
5	3 755	6
6 and above	1 378	1
Total	148 942	2 991

2012-13		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	68 867	3 231
2	42 822	198
3	18 867	32
4	8 988	17
5	2 998	14
6 and above	1 179	1
Total	143 721	3 493

2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note]		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	68 850	3 231
2	41 458	225
3	17 394	42
4	7 840	19
5	2 572	14
6 and above	1 081	3
Total	139 195	3 534

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0465****(Question Serial No. 3543)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 335):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing flats) receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) over the past five years –

Household	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1-person			
2-person			
3-person			
4-person			
5-person			
6-person or above			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases living in private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to, or exceeding MRA, by the number of eligible members, for the past five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

2009-10		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	7 684	13 971
2	5 767	4 655
3	3 253	2 814
4	1 310	1 242
5	328	442
6 and above	198	168
Total	18 540	23 292

2010-11		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	6 972	13 445
2	5 494	4 842
3	3 009	2 900
4	1 174	1 205
5	284	453
6 and above	172	190
Total	17 105	23 035

2011-12		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	8 309	10 675
2	5 118	4 408
3	3 096	2 329
4	1 144	1 138
5	282	423
6 and above	152	178
Total	18 101	19 151

2012-13		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	8 096	9 693
2	5 267	3 882
3	2 853	2 236
4	1 160	909
5	302	341
6 and above	168	135
Total	17 846	17 196

2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	6 429	10 025
2	4 337	4 304
3	2 257	2 505
4	884	1 007
5	258	362
6 and above	116	156
Total	14 281	18 359

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0466****(Question Serial No. 3544)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 336):

Please provide the number 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 2010 to 2014 (as at end-February).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

The number of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Actual rent exceeding MRA	
	Public housing	Private housing
2009-10	2 811	23 292
2010-11	3 719	23 035
2011-12	2 991	19 151
2012-13	3 493	17 196
2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)	3 534	18 359

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0467****(Question Serial No. 3545)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 337):

Please list the number of households which are currently on 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:

The information sought is provided as follows –

The number and percentage of CSSA households in each of the public housing estates as at end-December 2013 were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	541	13%
Bo Shek Mansion	59	22%
Broadview Garden	23	5%
Butterfly	1254	24%
Chai Wan	402	25%
Chak On	489	27%
Cheung Ching	594	12%
Cheung Fat	379	31%
Cheung Hang	555	13%
Cheung Hong	1348	16%
Cheung Kwai	57	13%
Cheung On	482	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	239	19%
Cheung Shan	154	10%
Cheung Wah	711	36%
Cheung Wang	822	19%
Ching Ho	1915	27%
Cho Yiu Chuen	222	9%
Choi Fai	171	13%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Choi Fook	718	21%
Choi Ha	220	38%
Choi Hung	1382	19%
Choi Ming Court	558	20%
Choi Tak	1041	18%
Choi Wan (I)	745	13%
Choi Wan (II)	404	14%
Choi Ying	908	23%
Choi Yuen	1251	25%
Chuk Yuen (North)	564	42%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1443	24%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	125	13%
Chun Shek	406	19%
Chung On	563	21%
Clague Garden Estate	75	14%
Easeful Court	52	10%
Fortune	758	36%
Fu Cheong	1884	32%
Fu Heng	677	37%
Fu Shan	282	18%
Fu Shin	735	31%
Fu Tai	876	17%
Fu Tung	176	11%
Fuk Loi	536	17%
Fung Tak	656	51%
Fung Wah	126	33%
Fung Wo	213	15%
Grandeur Terrace	784	19%
Hau Tak	638	15%
Healthy Village	143	12%
Heng On	372	40%
High Prosperity Terrace	55	7%
Hin Keng	357	47%
Hin Yiu	208	26%
Hing Man	262	13%
Hing Tin	157	33%
Hing Tung	290	14%
Hing Wah (I)	449	20%
Hing Wah (II)	768	22%
Ho Man Tin	1033	22%
Hoi Fu Court	803	29%
Hoi Lai	835	17%
Hong Tung	233	50%
Hung Hom	705	26%
Jat Min Chuen	472	13%
Ka Fuk	377	19%
Ka Wai Chuen	292	18%
Kai Ching	741	15%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Kai Tin	497	22%
Kai Yip	1050	25%
Kam Peng	50	20%
Kin Ming	1297	19%
Kin Sang	174	30%
King Lam	685	42%
Ko Cheung Court	246	14%
Ko Yee	271	23%
Kwai Chung	2925	22%
Kwai Fong	1086	18%
Kwai Hing	138	39%
Kwai Luen	286	20%
Kwai Shing (East)	1282	21%
Kwai Shing (West)	754	15%
Kwong Fuk	974	16%
Kwong Tin	328	14%
Kwong Yuen	576	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	208	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	699	15%
Lai King	669	16%
Lai Kok	778	28%
Lai On	272	21%
Lai Tak Tsuen	205	8%
Lai Yiu	420	15%
Lakeside Garden	26	11%
Lam Tin	667	22%
Lee On	618	17%
Lei Cheng Uk	597	47%
Lei Muk Shue	1715	44%
Lei Tung	709	29%
Lei Yue Mun	765	24%
Lek Yuen	571	18%
Leung King	924	34%
Lok Fu	719	20%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	458	13%
Lok Wah (North)	312	11%
Lok Wah (South)	1861	27%
Long Bin IH	125	25%
Long Ping	1069	25%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	651	16%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	879	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	860	13%
Lung Hang	521	12%
Lung Tin	101	27%
Lung Yat	133	16%
Ma Hang	90	10%
Ma Tau Wai	399	19%
Mei Lam	703	17%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Mei Tin	1343	21%
Mei Tung	370	26%
Ming Tak	265	18%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	228	11%
Model Housing	108	16%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	123	13%
Nam Cheong	269	37%
Nam Shan	605	23%
Nga Ning Court	55	13%
Ngan Wan	65	15%
Oi Man	804	13%
Oi Tung	1130	29%
On Tin	120	17%
On Ting	1035	21%
On Yam	782	15%
Pak Tin	1969	26%
Ping Shek	596	13%
Ping Tin	1325	24%
Po Lam	560	29%
Po Tat	1757	24%
Po Tin	2227	35%
Pok Hong	465	39%
Prosperous Garden	92	14%
Sai Wan	60	9%
Sam Shing	254	14%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	874	22%
Sau Mau Ping	2905	24%
Sha Kok	1356	22%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	73	11%
Shan King	1428	23%
Shatin Pass	237	19%
Shek Kip Mei	2167	25%
Shek Lei (I)	1016	21%
Shek Lei (II)	1824	23%
Shek Mun	364	19%
Shek Pai Wan	802	16%
Shek Wai Kok	985	16%
Shek Yam (East)	490	21%
Shek Yam	600	23%
Sheung Lok	159	47%
Sheung Tak	1014	18%
Shin Ming	378	19%
Shui Pin Wai	649	28%
Shun Lee	705	16%
Shun On	622	21%
Shun Tin	1308	19%
Siu Sai Wan	694	12%
Sun Chui	1031	16%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Sun Tin Wai	468	14%
Tai Hang Tung	600	30%
Tai Hing	1844	22%
Tai Ping	90	29%
Tai Wo	794	40%
Tai Wo Hau	1342	18%
Tai Yuen	759	16%
Tak Long	180	9%
Tak Tin	976	48%
Tin Chak	982	25%
Tin Ching	1615	26%
Tin Heng	1031	18%
Tin King	229	24%
Tin Ping	391	34%
Tin Shui	1091	14%
Tin Tsz	810	25%
Tin Wah	877	24%
Tin Wan	639	21%
Tin Yan	1678	31%
Tin Yat	568	17%
Tin Yiu	1282	15%
Tin Yuet	1029	25%
Tsing Yi	269	37%
Tsui Lam	329	20%
Tsui Lok	134	42%
Tsui Ping (South)	661	14%
Tsui Ping (North)	1576	47%
Tsui Wan	216	37%
Tsz Ching	1950	24%
Tsz Hong	353	18%
Tsz Lok	1241	20%
Tsz Man	380	19%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	26	11%
Tung Tau	1014	43%
Tung Wui	416	32%
Un Chau	1799	24%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1860	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1234	26%
Verbena Heights	196	21%
Wah Fu	1111	12%
Wah Kwai	412	38%
Wah Lai	227	16%
Wah Ming	647	39%
Wah Sum	310	21%
Wan Hon	498	50%
Wan Tau Tong	292	45%
Wan Tsui	601	17%
Wang Tau Hom	795	14%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Wing Cheong	177	16%
Wo Che	910	15%
Wo Lok	398	21%
Wu King	481	11%
Yan On	452	18%
Yat Tung	2000	17%
Yau Lai	1805	21%
Yau Oi	1407	15%
Yau Tong	899	25%
Yiu On	361	34%
Yiu Tung	799	16%
Yue Kwong Chuen	68	7%
Yue Wan	391	18%
Yung Shing Court	382	22%

The number of households on CSSA by nature of case in each of the public housing estates as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	243	70	55	89	39	28	17	541
Bo Shek Mansion	55	-	1	1	2	-	-	59
Broadview Garden	14	2	-	4	2	-	1	23
Butterfly	792	61	121	163	17	82	18	1 254
Chai Wan	276	16	27	46	9	18	10	402
Chak On	336	11	33	76	1	29	3	489
Cheung Ching	336	35	41	84	31	58	9	594
Cheung Fat	244	32	28	35	8	29	3	379
Cheung Hang	336	46	42	48	31	43	9	555
Cheung Hong	890	68	84	151	37	95	23	1 348
Cheung Kwai	24	4	5	5	5	13	1	57
Cheung On	317	42	41	35	7	32	8	482
Cheung Sha Wan	155	4	13	39	15	8	5	239
Cheung Shan	97	10	9	12	13	8	5	154
Cheung Wah	433	27	71	88	29	49	14	711
Cheung Wang	365	67	86	126	55	110	13	822
Ching Ho	897	47	175	458	99	197	42	1 915
Cho Yiu Chuen	165	9	10	13	11	13	1	222
Choi Fai	96	8	23	13	9	22	-	171
Choi Fook	375	18	42	148	42	77	16	718
Choi Ha	145	12	20	17	7	19	-	220
Choi Hung	865	45	121	183	59	88	21	1 382
Choi Ming Court	272	37	81	66	47	48	7	558
Choi Tak	602	23	53	233	26	75	29	1 041
Choi Wan (I)	387	41	88	116	30	61	22	745
Choi Wan (II)	216	10	42	71	19	37	9	404
Choi Ying	490	17	81	187	35	89	9	908
Choi Yuen	823	61	90	156	20	79	22	1 251
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	30	90	50	22	44	14	564
Chuk Yuen (South)	876	58	118	237	54	90	10	1 443
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	95	5	-	6	6	13	-	125
Chun Shek	255	18	43	47	12	26	5	406
Chung On	246	63	63	75	24	68	24	563
Clague Garden Estate	64	1	2	6	1	1	-	75
Easeful Court	16	1	5	15	5	8	2	52
Fortune	555	29	67	41	18	44	4	758
Fu Cheong	1 256	79	193	140	81	125	10	1 884
Fu Heng	401	55	114	48	15	37	7	677
Fu Shan	180	12	26	36	9	15	4	282
Fu Shin	430	36	93	98	16	47	15	735
Fu Tai	365	61	100	125	94	118	13	876
Fu Tung	83	9	23	34	13	13	1	176
Fuk Loi	365	28	51	56	9	19	8	536
Fung Tak	432	29	86	38	15	50	6	656
Fung Wah	79	11	13	8	2	9	4	126

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Fung Wo	54	18	32	80	5	18	6	213
Grandeur Terrace	145	29	97	268	97	135	13	784
Hau Tak	353	45	78	74	30	49	9	638
Healthy Village	104	5	11	8	7	7	1	143
Heng On	194	32	46	47	14	19	20	372
High Prosperity Terrace	14	1	6	18	8	7	1	55
Hin Keng	198	20	40	40	17	30	12	357
Hin Yiu	103	13	29	43	5	13	2	208
Hing Man	121	26	21	49	22	19	4	262
Hing Tin	75	6	26	24	16	7	3	157
Hing Tung	172	21	25	35	17	19	1	290
Hing Wah (I)	261	56	34	39	22	34	3	449
Hing Wah (II)	503	48	46	111	20	36	4	768
Ho Man Tin	619	63	140	89	43	63	16	1 033
Hoi Fu Court	540	24	70	77	37	51	4	803
Hoi Lai	282	41	95	188	105	115	9	835
Hong Tung	213	2	6	8	1	3	-	233
Hung Hom	484	24	59	68	16	43	11	705
Jat Min Chuen	356	17	36	22	11	24	6	472
Ka Fuk	244	29	20	36	12	31	5	377
Ka Wai Chuen	227	8	21	12	7	16	1	292
Kai Ching	320	26	69	206	28	75	17	741
Kai Tin	309	27	60	41	25	32	3	497
Kai Yip	753	31	69	128	11	46	12	1 050
Kam Peng	28	2	5	3	1	10	1	50
Kin Ming	406	98	213	288	116	158	18	1 297
Kin Sang	92	15	19	24	5	17	2	174
King Lam	448	48	76	42	12	52	7	685
Ko Cheung Court	47	10	28	82	36	32	11	246
Ko Yee	186	12	13	31	9	17	3	271
Kwai Chung	1 276	210	330	566	205	294	44	2 925
Kwai Fong	611	88	138	92	63	83	11	1 086
Kwai Hing	83	10	11	17	7	10	-	138
Kwai Luen	135	10	26	58	16	31	10	286
Kwai Shing (East)	764	80	132	119	68	101	18	1 282
Kwai Shing (West)	447	47	62	107	31	53	7	754
Kwong Fuk	507	71	111	164	26	72	23	974
Kwong Tin	178	13	46	43	21	19	8	328
Kwong Yuen	308	60	74	50	13	38	33	576
Kwun Lung Lau	117	7	20	23	19	21	1	208
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	487	22	64	40	31	51	4	699
Lai King	436	32	42	81	22	47	9	669
Lai Kok	480	39	75	102	21	49	12	778
Lai On	173	20	30	24	8	16	1	272
Lai Tak Tsuen	145	17	18	6	7	12	-	205
Lai Yiu	260	25	33	37	31	28	6	420

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lakeside Garden	16	2	3	2	2	-	1	26
Lam Tin	398	15	57	110	33	46	8	667
Lee On	287	58	111	78	23	52	9	618
Lei Cheng Uk	334	39	43	74	25	68	14	597
Lei Muk Shue	847	126	188	272	102	140	40	1 715
Lei Tung	403	62	65	99	14	39	27	709
Lei Yue Mun	418	27	88	124	40	59	9	765
Lek Yuen	318	42	59	84	15	32	21	571
Leung King	523	73	111	109	17	72	19	924
Lok Fu	388	68	84	89	24	60	6	719
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	20	38	24	13	38	1	458
Lok Wah (North)	154	19	40	44	13	36	6	312
Lok Wah (South)	1 427	48	105	165	12	84	20	1 861
Long Bin IH	24	11	24	9	1	55	1	125
Long Ping	548	54	115	187	37	103	25	1 069
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	317	17	59	120	28	94	16	651
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	493	58	97	130	30	56	15	879
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	418	59	104	143	39	80	17	860
Lung Hang	240	18	66	94	31	42	30	521
Lung Tin	59	11	8	10	1	12	-	101
Lung Yat	44	3	7	49	5	19	6	133
Ma Hang	45	4	13	10	7	10	1	90
Ma Tau Wai	212	26	33	87	9	27	5	399
Mei Lam	400	33	74	111	18	51	16	703
Mei Tin	501	68	166	340	89	135	44	1 343
Mei Tung	234	13	24	53	13	24	9	370
Ming Tak	169	15	22	30	12	14	3	265
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	15	10	7	10	-	228
Model Housing	54	9	9	12	12	11	1	108
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	7	7	8	2	8	1	123
Nam Cheong	171	13	31	24	9	21	-	269
Nam Shan	335	23	58	114	18	51	6	605
Nga Ning Court	22	-	8	9	7	7	2	55
Ngan Wan	31	2	5	15	6	4	2	65
Oi Man	405	51	83	146	46	65	8	804
Oi Tung	768	84	83	112	36	39	8	1 130
On Tin	24	3	6	44	20	18	5	120
On Ting	642	69	83	129	22	69	21	1 035
On Yam	460	55	61	72	61	58	15	782
Pak Tin	1 265	60	214	191	72	136	31	1 969
Ping Shek	395	28	42	59	20	46	6	596
Ping Tin	857	59	129	143	41	77	19	1 325
Po Lam	301	49	60	85	28	32	5	560
Po Tat	1 005	70	146	214	115	180	27	1 757
Po Tin	1 227	158	340	135	20	329	18	2 227
Pok Hong	274	13	67	66	13	23	9	465

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Prosperous Garden	86	-	3	2	-	-	1	92
Sai Wan	25	3	9	8	8	6	1	60
Sam Shing	139	15	20	40	11	20	9	254
Sau Mau Ping (South)	439	19	81	182	46	83	24	874
Sau Mau Ping	1 767	141	268	293	159	234	43	2 905
Sha Kok	790	70	148	188	40	73	47	1 356
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	38	3	10	5	6	9	2	73
Shan King	814	93	161	192	37	102	29	1 428
Shatin Pass	116	4	25	58	7	23	4	237
Shek Kip Mei	1 273	70	220	331	60	176	37	2 167
Shek Lei (I)	616	80	74	132	33	64	17	1 016
Shek Lei (II)	957	107	175	249	117	175	44	1 824
Shek Mun	125	12	51	98	17	45	16	364
Shek Pai Wan	451	67	78	82	57	44	23	802
Shek Wai Kok	564	59	95	148	38	57	24	985
Shek Yam (East)	330	41	42	25	18	31	3	490
Shek Yam	371	44	49	58	37	33	8	600
Sheung Lok	129	8	5	8	1	7	1	159
Sheung Tak	550	54	115	112	87	83	13	1 014
Shin Ming	180	20	43	83	15	29	8	378
Shui Pin Wai	456	23	47	69	11	34	9	649
Shun Lee	438	28	56	93	22	57	11	705
Shun On	419	23	39	67	21	46	7	622
Shun Tin	836	49	119	148	46	94	16	1 308
Siu Sai Wan	300	80	86	123	41	59	5	694
Sun Chui	569	60	102	147	43	86	24	1 031
Sun Tin Wai	247	32	40	86	22	31	10	468
Tai Hang Tung	426	17	60	41	14	35	7	600
Tai Hing	1 210	93	140	200	47	125	29	1 844
Tai Ping	37	5	16	17	1	13	1	90
Tai Wo	546	38	88	53	11	44	14	794
Tai Wo Hau	766	97	131	159	59	100	30	1 342
Tai Yuen	353	50	131	95	44	71	15	759
Tak Long	77	7	33	26	4	29	4	180
Tak Tin	679	37	111	61	25	56	7	976
Tin Chak	443	53	127	173	49	119	18	982
Tin Ching	710	60	156	385	65	184	55	1 615
Tin Heng	201	41	139	300	141	187	22	1 031
Tin King	95	20	20	49	14	24	7	229
Tin Ping	209	21	48	54	17	35	7	391
Tin Shui	540	57	132	174	52	107	29	1 091
Tin Tsz	503	50	98	80	23	46	10	810
Tin Wah	486	51	112	101	31	82	14	877
Tin Wan	392	65	76	43	25	30	8	639
Tin Yan	843	82	199	298	32	206	18	1 678
Tin Yat	132	24	70	162	79	95	6	568
Tin Yiu	620	61	178	210	53	131	29	1 282
Tin Yuet	467	42	127	156	84	141	12	1 029

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsing Yi	171	17	23	22	6	25	5	269
Tsui Lam	145	16	37	87	18	22	4	329
Tsui Lok	107	7	5	11	1	3	-	134
Tsui Ping (South)	432	29	60	65	29	41	5	661
Tsui Ping (North)	991	61	178	159	48	118	21	1 576
Tsui Wan	122	29	17	23	5	17	3	216
Tsz Ching	1 265	67	178	174	106	141	19	1 950
Tsz Hong	111	13	42	82	52	49	4	353
Tsz Lok	799	50	109	135	51	83	14	1 241
Tsz Man	209	13	41	45	26	40	6	380
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	7	2	2	1	2	26
Tung Tau	650	53	94	105	27	74	11	1 014
Tung Wui	319	14	27	22	6	22	6	416
Un Chau	1 226	81	164	130	53	122	23	1 799
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 351	73	164	101	41	109	21	1 860
Upper Wong Tai Sin	779	78	115	115	60	78	9	1 234
Verbena Heights	153	5	17	6	2	11	2	196
Wah Fu	571	100	103	166	79	70	22	1 111
Wah Kwai	284	30	41	23	12	20	2	412
Wah Lai	98	20	29	40	15	21	4	227
Wah Ming	373	57	59	80	22	42	14	647
Wah Sum	170	31	29	28	21	28	3	310
Wan Hon	444	4	11	25	3	7	4	498
Wan Tau Tong	189	32	30	18	8	13	2	292
Wan Tsui	302	59	47	106	30	48	9	601
Wang Tau Hom	413	66	73	112	40	75	16	795
Wing Cheong	63	6	14	46	8	33	7	177
Wo Che	372	72	157	143	50	73	43	910
Wo Lok	247	22	42	47	11	22	7	398
Wu King	191	25	56	104	31	62	12	481
Yan On	179	18	54	113	10	60	18	452
Yat Tung	575	86	229	492	267	324	27	2 000
Yau Lai	956	34	163	380	98	146	28	1 805
Yau Oi	734	80	137	202	78	148	28	1 407
Yau Tong	512	44	101	102	73	56	11	899
Yiu On	164	33	73	48	8	20	15	361
Yiu Tung	507	64	81	70	32	43	2	799
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	6	8	2	2	10	1	68
Yue Wan	197	36	31	82	12	28	5	391
Yung Shing Court	213	27	39	27	25	48	3	382
Total	87 950	8 386	15 761	21 272	6 991	12 783	2 605	155 748

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3546)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 338):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please advise -

- (a) The number of CSSA households living in public housing estates, the number as a percentage of the total number of households living in public housing estates and the total 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 number of different CSSA households currently living in public housing estates with breakdown by the following case nature –
 - (i) singleton cases: able-bodied adult, adult with disability/in ill-health, able-bodied child, child with disability/in ill health, and elderly person;
 - (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 155 748 CSSA cases residing in public housing estates as at end-December 2013, representing about 22% of the total households living in public housing estates. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the amount of CSSA payment involved.
- (b) There were 267 177 CSSA recipients residing in public housing estates as at end-December 2013, representing about 13% of the total population in public housing estates.
- (c) The number of CSSA cases in public housing estates by selected profiles as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

- (i) The number of CSSA singleton cases by category of case nature

Category	Number of CSSA singleton cases
Able-bodied adults	4 967
Disabled adults	13 099
Able-bodied children	1 005
Disabled children	36
Elderly persons aged 60 and above	56 904

Disabled adults/children refer to cases with recipients receiving the standard rates of 50% disabled, 100% disabled, requiring constant attendance and in ill-health.

- (ii) There were 38 827 CSSA family cases with at least one able-bodied adult residing in public housing as at end-December 2013.
- (iii) There were 33 505 CSSA family cases without able-bodied adult residing in public housing as at end-December 2013.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0469****(Question Serial No. 3547)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 339):

Please provide in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature, with their gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, number of children in their families, the age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0-5, aged 5-10, aged 10-12, aged 12-14 and aged 15) as well as other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The breakdown of CSSA SP recipients by selected profiles for the period from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2011-12			2012-13		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	17	413	430	8	355	363
25-29	51	1 120	1 171	54	1 058	1 112
30-39	585	7 904	8 489	513	7 369	7 882
40-49	1 483	12 405	13 888	1 307	11 466	12 773
50-59	1 928	3 202	5 130	1 824	2 993	4 817
60 and over	845	167	1 012	818	166	984
Total	4 909	25 211	30 120	4 524	23 407	27 931

Age group	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
18-24	6	339	345
25-29	52	1 048	1 100
30-39	457	7 056	7 513
40-49	1 186	10 734	11 920
50-59	1 675	2 808	4 483
60 and over	823	150	973
Total	4 199	22 135	26 334

Table 2: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by marital status

Marital status	2011-12			2012-13		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	141	2 094	2 235	143	2 118	2 261
Married/Cohabited	1 338	2 143	3 481	1 201	2 155	3 356
Separated	1 014	4 438	5 452	820	3 904	4 724
Divorced	2 097	12 157	14 254	2 078	11 406	13 484
Widowed	319	4 379	4 698	282	3 824	4 106
Total	4 909	25 211	30 120	4 524	23 407	27 931

Marital status	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Never Married	148	2 154	2 302
Married/Cohabited	1 057	2 172	3 229
Separated	767	3 655	4 422
Divorced	1 964	10 740	12 704
Widowed	263	3 414	3 677
Total	4 199	22 135	26 334

Table 3: The number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
No schooling/kindergarten	2 263	1 871	1 630
Primary	12 624	11 346	10 415
Lower Secondary	9 122	8 677	8 307
Upper Secondary	5 898	5 815	5 751
Post-secondary	213	222	231
Total	30 120	27 931	26 334

Table 4: The number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children in their families

Number of children	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
1	17 546	16 649	15 765
2	10 098	9 153	8 581
3	2 077	1 773	1 651
4	332	297	274
5 and above	67	59	63
Total	30 120	27 931	26 334

Table 5: The number of children of CSSA SP recipients by age of the children

Age of children	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
0-4	5 142	5 072	5 063
5-9	9 598	9 321	9 128
10-11	5 662	5 030	4 847
12-14	10 300	9 561	9 068
15-21	15 247	13 056	11 441
Total	45 949	42 040	39 547

Table 6: Total monthly income of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly income

Type of monthly income	2011-12 (\$'000)	2012-13 (\$'000)	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013) (\$'000)
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	27,077	23,751	21,863
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,202	1,217	1,255
Meals provided by other parties	65	64	53
Maintenance payment	3,370	3,568	3,757
Pension	134	139	136
Other income	200	155	229
Overall	32,048	28,895	27,293

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0470****(Question Serial No. 3548)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 340):

As stipulated by the Administration, children under the age of 18 cannot apply for 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, they can apply for CSSA on a family basis. In this connection, would the Administration please provide the number of new applications made by children under the age of 18 by the above means, the number of such cases receiving CSSA and the expenditure involved over the past five financial years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of new applications made by children under the age of 18 who are living with their guardians nor the expenditure involved. The number of CSSA cases from 2009-10 to 2013-14 with recipients aged under 18 who were not living with their parents/guardians was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2009-10	7 702
2010-11	7 822
2011-12	7 606
2012-13	7 426
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	7 153

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3549)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 341):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients having been referred to food banks due to special circumstances and the reasons for such referrals over the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

There were about 5 100, 2 900 and 2 100 CSSA recipients referred to Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects for food assistance under special circumstances in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to end-January 2014) respectively. The major reason for referral is immediate financial hardship encountered by the CSSA recipients because of unexpected expenses arising from sudden changes of their personal circumstances.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0472****(Question Serial No. 3550)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 342):

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, 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	
SSA	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				
	Portable CSSA (PCSSA) Scheme				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1)(a) The number of SSA (including HOAA, NOAA, HDA and NDA) cases aged 65 or above by age group and the corresponding expenditure from 2009-10 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Allowance type	2009-10			
	Number of cases			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
HOAA	Not applicable	157 139	270 823	5,429
NOAA	69 980	Not applicable	Not applicable	891
HDA	967	1 589	9 202	381
NDA	7 212	8 681	29 710	755

Allowance type	2010-11			
	Number of cases			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
HOAA	Not applicable	154 990	282 012	5,552
NOAA	71 068	Not applicable	Not applicable	897
HDA	969	1 563	9 823	399
NDA	7 615	8 319	30 070	749

Allowance type	2011-12			
	Number of cases			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
HOAA	Not applicable	150 760	294 537	5,918
NOAA	76 189	Not applicable	Not applicable	976
HDA	1 075	1 481	10 632	443
NDA	8 464	7 986	31 163	798

Allowance type	2012-13			
	Number of cases			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
HOAA	Not applicable	147 906	309 359	6,318
NOAA	89 010	Not applicable	Not applicable	1,143
HDA	1 143	1 441	11 011	486
NDA	9 430	7 356	30 606	855

- (b) The number of SSA (including Old Age Allowance (OAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) ^[Note 1], Guangdong (GD) Scheme, HDA and NDA) cases aged 65 or above by age group and the corresponding estimated expenditure for 2013-14 were as follows –

Allowance type	2013-14			
	Number of cases (as at end-December 2013)			Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
OAA	Not applicable	67 142	125 600	2,946
OALA	107 131	85 886	217 026	12,863 ^[Note 2]
GD Scheme	16 416			175
HDA	1 200	1 428	11 083	515
NDA	5 168	2 856	11 340	363

^[Note 1] With the introduction of OALA in April 2013, HOAA was renamed as OAA and there were no more NOAA cases in 2013-14.

^[Note 2] The expenditure for OALA includes back-payment to the elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

- (2) The number of CSSA recipients (including PCSSA recipients) aged 65 or above by age group and the corresponding expenditure from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows -

Type	2009-10			
	Number of recipients			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	23 012	28 299	57 466	7,740
100% disabled	4 050	5 422	27 013	
Requiring constant attendance	870	1 634	12 729	

Type	2010-11			
	Number of recipients			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	22 104	27 071	57 138	7,627
100% disabled	4 219	5 296	27 633	
Requiring constant attendance	915	1 689	13 005	

Type	2011-12			
	Number of recipients			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	22 093	25 289	56 932	8,209
100% disabled	4 647	5 024	27 687	
Requiring constant attendance	954	1 648	13 273	

Type	2012-13			
	Number of recipients			Expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	22 155	23 491	56 842	8,691
100% disabled	5 073	4 719	27 146	
Requiring constant attendance	996	1 495	13 267	

Type	2013-14			
	Number of recipients (as at end-December 2013)			Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	21 547	21 829	55 829	8,698
100% disabled	5 327	4 482	27 273	
Requiring constant attendance	1 071	1 402	13 844	

For the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14, the SSA/CSSA expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of SSA allowance/CSSA standard rates payment in the respective years.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0473****(Question Serial No. 3554)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 354):

Please provide the number of non-Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) persons with disabilities (receiving 100% and 50% of disability allowance respectively) over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) cases for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Allowance type	
	HDA	NDA
2009-10	16 617	113 257
2010-11	17 332	117 577
2011-12	18 292	123 459
2012-13	18 867	128 247
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	19 189	103 996

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3555)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 355):

Please provide the number of non-Comprehensive Social Security Assistance persons with disabilities (receiving 100% and 50% of disability allowance respectively) with a breakdown by categories of below 50%, 60% and 70% of median income over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the breakdown of the number of Disability Allowance recipients by categories of below 50%, 60% and 70% of median income.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0475****(Question Serial No. 4817)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 363):

Please provide in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature and their gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, the number of children in their families, the age distribution of their children (with breakdown of those aged 0-5, aged 5-10, aged 10-12, aged 12-14 and aged 15), 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 breakdown of CSSA SP recipients and children of SP cases by selected profiles in 2010-11 and 2011-12 was 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 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	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

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 cases by age of the children

Age of children	Number 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)
Earnings from employment 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	58	65
Maintenance payment	3,279	3,370
Pension	149	134
Other income	181	200
Overall	31,383	32,048

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4818)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 364):

Please list in table form for the past five years the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applicants who were victims of family violence, the processing time from application to approval, the number of applicants exempted from the seven-year resident requirement, the number of applicants who gave up during the process, the number of cases turned down, and the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on CSSA applicants who are victims of family violence.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0477****(Question Serial No. 4819)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 380):

Operates the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme which provides cash assistance for persons who are injured as a result of violent crimes or acts of law enforcement or their dependants as appropriate; and the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for victims of road traffic accidents or their dependants as appropriate.

Please list in table form for the past 10 years the number of applicants under this scheme who were victims of domestic violence, the gender ratio, the rate of successful applications, the amount of compensation, and the reasons for being turned down.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Among the 1 520 applications for CLEIC from 2009-10 to 2013-14, there were 52 cases involving domestic violence. The number of domestic violence cases, the gender ratio, the rate of successful applications and the amount of compensation in the past five years were as follows –

Year	Number of domestic violence cases	Gender			Rate of successful applications (%)	Amount of compensation (\$ million)
		Male	Female	Ratio of Male to Female		
2009-10	15	4	11	1 : 2.75	87	0.34
2010-11	10	2	8	1 : 4	90	0.27
2011-12	13	1	12	1 : 12	69	0.20
2012-13	6	-	6	--	50	0.21
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	8	2	6	1 : 3	75	0.13

From 2009-10 to 2013-14, 12 applications for CLEIC were turned down for various reasons, such as the sick leave period was below the minimum requirement, injury not arising from a crime of violence, applicants could not be contacted, amount of damages received had exceeded the assessed award payable under the CLEIC Scheme and applicants withdrawing the applications.

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of cases applying for TAVA Scheme involving victims of domestic violence.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0478****(Question Serial No. 4820)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 500):

Regarding further enhancing the provision of Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), the launch of Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence and further enhancement of Short-term food assistance service, would the Administration please inform this Committee –

Please set out in table form the number of persons seeking assistance and the kinds of assistance sought since the VSP enhancement was introduced. How would the Administration further enhance support services for victims of family violence?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The numbers of service users served by VSP since its commencement of service in June 2010 are as follows –

Year	Number of service users served
2010-11 (June 2010 – Mar 2011)	405
2011-12 (Apr 2011 – Mar 2012)	613
2012-13 (Apr 2012 – Mar 2013)	661
2013-14 (Apr 2013 – Dec 2013)	540

Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on the judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity work is conducted and volunteers are recruited to assist the service users. VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4821)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 501):

Regarding further enhancing the provision of Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), the launch of Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence (EPSDV) and further enhancement of Short-term food assistance service, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following -

1. How could the short-term food assistance service be further enhanced;
2. Please set out in table form the number of victims of family violence in need of food assistance in the past five years; and
3. The male/female ratio of these victims, time of receiving assistance and number of household members;
4. Please set out in table form the breakdowns of the number of victims, their family background and number of household members in the districts over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since October 2013 enhanced the short-term food assistance service projects by extending the service period for each service user from a maximum of six weeks to a maximum of eight weeks and increasing the allocation per meal day by 10%. Since March 2014, it has also split two service projects with higher demand into four to facilitate more effective management and delivery of the service. In 2014-15, SWD will continue to monitor the implementation of these service enhancements.
- 2., 3., 4. SWD does not have the statistics on the number of victims of family violence in need of food assistance.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0480****(Question Serial No. 4822)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 600):

Regarding domestic violence, please advise –

1. Please set out in table form the number of cohabitants seeking assistance since the amendment of the Domestic Violence Ordinance.
2. How many domestic violence cases, in which assistance had been sought, involved new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities in the recent five years? Of these cases, how many had needed housing assistance?
3. What was the male/female ratio in the above cases? How many of them needed to be exempted from the 7-year residence requirement? How many cases were rejected? Please set out the information in table form.
4. How much resources have to be allocated to these cases each year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of newly reported domestic violence cases involving cohabitation relationship, as captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases since the amendment of the Domestic Violence Ordinance (now renamed Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Ordinance), were as follows –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of newly reported domestic violence cases involving cohabitation relationship	581	353	218	202	200	562

2. & 3. The information system was enhanced on 1 April 2013 to capture the profile of the victims served by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs). There was no relevant statistical information before 2013.

The numbers of domestic violence victims having arrived at Hong Kong (HK) for less than seven years and of ethnic minorities in the active cases served by FCPSUs as at end-December 2013 ^[Note 1] are set out at the table below –

	Child abuse	Spouse/	Total

		Cohabitant Battering	
(i)	Total number of victims in the active cases served by FCPSUs as at end-December 2013	1 263	3 695
(ii)	Out of (i), number of victims having arrived at HK for less than seven years ^[Note 1]	89	562
(iii)	Out of (i), number of victims of ethnic minorities ^{[Note 1] [Note 2]}	23	125

[Note 1]: Information on the “year of arrival” and “ethnicity” of the victims of some cases which were handled by FCPSUs before the system enhancement on 1 April 2013 could not be reflected.

[Note 2] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

A breakdown by the gender of the spouse/cohabitant battering victims served by FCPSUs as at end-December 2013 is as follows –

Nature of Abuse	Male	Female	Total
Spouse/Cohabitant Battering	407	2 025	2 432

There is no statistical information on the numbers of victims of different sexual orientations being served by FCPSUs, victims in need for housing assistance, as well as the number of such cases requiring the waiving of the 7-year residence requirement and having been rejected for such services.

4. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services for victims of domestic violence and families in need irrespective of their years of residence, ethnicity and sexual orientation. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres /Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, 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. In 2014-15, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,342.8 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the cases as mentioned in (1) and (2) above.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0481

(Question Serial No. 4823)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 620):

“Administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme”,

Would the Administration please advise -

1. Please set out in table form the number of cohabitants seeking assistance since the amendment of the Domestic Violence Ordinance;
2. The male/female ratio of the applicants, of whom how many required exemption from the seven-year residence requirement, the number of applications turned down and the reasons; and
3. Please set out in table form their needs for any other services.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of cohabitants applying for CSSA and SSA.

SWD provides support services to applicants of CSSA and SSA as appropriate according to their welfare needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4824)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 625):

Regarding family and child protection services including services to individuals and families affected by problems of child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody disputes, please advise -

1. The amendment of the Domestic Violence Ordinance covers same-sex cohabitants. Since the extension of the scope of protection under the Ordinance, has additional resources been allocated to the provision of domestic violence services and other relevant measures for the homosexual group? If not, what are the reasons?
2. There is serious discrimination against persons of transgender in Hong Kong. For those transgender persons who are made homeless due to termination of employment or refusal of tenancy (not related to domestic violence) by landlords, no accommodation services are provided and their service requests are rejected by all existing organisations. When would the Administration set up refuge services suitable for transgender persons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need regardless of their 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 and child care centres, etc. Victims of domestic violence of different sexual orientations may also receive support from the above mentioned services.
2. The Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) subvented by SWD offers temporary accommodation service to families and individuals who are victims of domestic violence or in crisis irrespective of whether they are transgender persons. MCISC also provided temporary accommodation for transgender persons. SWD has no plan to set up another shelter specifically for transgender persons.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0483****(Question Serial No. 4840)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 629):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) ("over rent") (e.g. CSSA "over rent" households in private housing/CSSA households in private housing x 100%; CSSA "over rent" households in public housing/CSSA households in public housing x 100%) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent exceeding MRA and breakdown by number of eligible members for the past five years were in the following tables –

Number of eligible members	Public housing with Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note]
1	2 519	3 307	2 732	3 231	3 231
2	206	315	184	198	225
3	48	46	36	32	42
4	27	38	32	17	19
5	10	11	6	14	14
6 and above	1	2	1	1	3
Total	2 811 (1.8%)	3 719 (2.4%)	2 991 (2.0%)	3 493 (2.4%)	3 534 (2.5%)

Number of eligible members	Private housing with Actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note]
1	13 971	13 445	10 675	9 693	10 025
2	4 655	4 842	4 408	3 882	4 304
3	2 814	2 900	2 329	2 236	2 505
4	1 242	1 205	1 138	909	1 007
5	442	453	423	341	362
6 and above	168	190	178	135	156
Total	23 292 (55.7%)	23 035 (57.4%)	19 151 (51.4%)	17 196 (49.1%)	18 359 (56.2%)

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0484

(Question Serial No. 4841)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 630):

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent equal to the maximum rent allowance (MRA) over the past five years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent equal to MRA and breakdown by number of eligible members, for the past five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows -

Number of eligible members	Public housing				
	Actual rent equal to MRA				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)
1	60	77	17	15	27
2	2	2	-	4	3
3	-	-	-	-	1
4	-	-	-	-	1
5	2	-	1	-	-
Total	64	79	18	19	32
	less than 0.1%				

Number of eligible members	Private housing				
	Actual rent equal to MRA				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)
1	740	691	52	51	213
2	162	141	1	4	11
3	25	19	1	0	6
4	-	1	-	1	5
5	8	5	3	-	1
Total	935 (2.2%)	857 (2.1%)	57 (0.2%)	56 (0.2%)	236 (0.7%)

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0485

(Question Serial No. 4842)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 631):

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) over the past five years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than MRA and breakdown by number of eligible members, for the past five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Number of eligible members	Public housing				
	Actual rent less than MRA				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)
1	65 755	66 764	68 212	68 852	68 823
2	44 080	44 397	43 980	42 818	41 455
3	23 677	22 614	20 840	18 867	17 393
4	13 862	12 332	10 760	8 988	7 839
5	5 324	4 425	3 754	2 998	2 572
6 and above	1 924	1 573	1 378	1 179	1 081
Total	154 622 (98.2%)	152 105 (97.6%)	148 924 (98.0%)	143 702 (97.6%)	139 163 (97.5%)

Number of eligible members	Private housing				
	Actual rent less than MRA				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)
1	6 944	6 281	8 257	8 045	6 216
2	5 605	5 353	5 117	5 263	4 326
3	3 228	2 990	3 095	2 853	2 251
4	1 310	1 173	1 144	1 159	879
5	320	279	279	302	257
6 and above	198	172	152	168	116
Total	17 605 (42.1%)	16 248 (40.5%)	18 044 (48.4%)	17 790 (50.8%)	14 045 (43.0%)

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0486****(Question Serial No. 4843)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 632):

Please provide the average rent of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) "over rent" cases over the past five years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The median rent of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent greater than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) and breakdown by number of eligible members, for the past five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Number of eligible members	Public housing				
	Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	(\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)
1	1,530	1,550	1,610	1,750	1,750
2	2,800	2,740	3,050	3,220	3,300
3	3,880	3,710	4,040	4,310	4,280
4	3,820	3,940	4,430	4,650	4,600
5	3,910	3,980	4,230	4,410	4,740
6 and above	6,500	4,820	6,000	7,000	6,820

Number of eligible members	Private housing				
	Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)
1	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,800	1,800
2	3,000	3,000	3,200	3,500	3,500
3	4,000	4,000	4,300	4,500	4,500
4	4,300	4,350	4,500	5,000	5,100
5	4,500	4,500	4,800	5,500	5,500
6 and above	5,000	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,320

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0487****(Question Serial No. 4844)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 633):

Please provide the average rent of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with actual rent less than the rent allowance over the past five years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The median rent of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to the maximum rent allowance (MRA) and breakdown by number of eligible members, for the past five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Number of eligible members	Public housing				
	Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)
1	750	790	790	870	860
2	920	990	980	1,100	1,100
3	1,240	1,300	1,290	1,420	1,410
4	1,470	1,530	1,500	1,630	1,600
5	1,720	1,810	1,770	1,910	1,890
6 and above	1,890	1,950	1,880	2,060	2,010

Number of eligible members	Private housing				
	Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 ^[Note]
1	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
2	1,830	1,900	2,000	2,200	2,000
3	2,600	2,600	2,900	3,000	3,000
4	2,700	2,710	3,000	3,300	3,500
5	2,800	2,700	3,000	3,300	3,210
6 and above	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,300	4,200

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0488****(Question Serial No. 4845)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 634):

Please provide the maximum rent allowance (MRA) figures of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) from 1996 till now with a breakdown by the number of family members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Under the CSSA Scheme, 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 MRA appropriate to the size of the family, whichever is the less.

MRA per month according to the number of eligible members of a family for the past five years was as follows –

Effective period	MRA per month (\$)					
	Single person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 & more persons
From 2009 – 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
1.2.2013 – 31.1.2014	1,440	2,905	3,795	4,035	4,045	5,055
With effect from 1.2.2014	1,535	3,095	4,040	4,295	4,310	5,385

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4846)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 635):

Please provide the number of cases which have been granted rent allowance exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) on a discretionary basis over the past five years with a breakdown by nature of cases (old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the number of cases which have been granted rent allowance exceeding MRA on a discretionary basis.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4847)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 636):

Please list for the past five years the numbers of approved Compassionate Rehousing cases in which applicants have been allocated public housing units owing to their actual rent being higher than the Maximum Rent Allowance, with a breakdown by case nature (Old age, Permanent disability, Ill health, Single parent, Low-earnings, Unemployment and Others).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the available statistics sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0491

(Question Serial No. 4848)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 637):

Please advise the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases which have been granted special grants (e.g. domestic removal grant, rent deposit grant, dental grant, etc.) on a discretionary basis by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past five years. Please provide the categories of grants and the amounts respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

SWD does not keep information on the number of CSSA cases with special grants payable on a discretionary basis in the past five years.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4854)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 652):

Starting from 2006 and by items of grants (rent allowance, medical allowance, transport allowance, meal allowance, education allowance, human resources allowance), what is the total amount of grants provided each year by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Financial records are available from 2007-08 onwards. The expenditure for Humanitarian Assistance for Torture Claimants and Asylum Seekers operated by ISS-HK was \$21 million in 2007-08 (Actual), was \$56 million in 2008-09 (Actual), was \$124 million in 2009-10 (Actual), was \$151 million in 2010-11 (Actual), was \$143 million in 2011-12 (Actual), was \$191 million in 2012-13 (Actual) and is \$204 million in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate).

There is no breakdown by assistance item. The proportions of direct assistance (including accommodation, transportation, food and utilities) and administrative expenses (including staff emoluments) are about 75% and 25% respectively. As medical assistance is provided by the Hospital Authority whereas education assistance is provided by the Education Bureau, SWD does not have information on the related expenditure.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5899)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (700) General Non-recurrent
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 73):

It is stated in the Policy Address that the Government will “inject \$200 million into the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund to strengthen the support for athletes (including young athletes) with disabilities”. Please provide the details, time frame and number of beneficiaries of the plan.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In February 2014, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved a non-recurrent commitment of \$200 million for injection into the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund (the Fund) as seed money to generate stable investment return with a view to sustaining financial support for athletes with disabilities. With the injection, \$4.7 million has been earmarked under the Fund for 2014-15 allocations to support the development of 12 target sports by sports associations as well as the provision of subsistence grants for 78 athletes with disabilities and employment facilitating grants for two retired athletes with disabilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0494

(Question Serial No. 6377)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Question (Member Question No. 187):

Regarding the proposed carer allowance to carers of elderly persons (carers), which is being planned, how does the Administration link the allowance to the expenses on subsidised community care services (CCS) used by the elderly? The table below has been consolidated based on the preliminary content and proposals from the Community Care Fund (CCF). Please fill in the following blanks –

Amount of allowance per month	HK\$2,000		HK\$4,000	
Number of elderly persons taken care of	1		2	
Number of care-giving hours per month	80 hours		120 hours	
Type of elderly persons taken care of	Impairment at moderate level or above		Impairment at moderate level or above	
Major care items by carers	Independent activities of daily living, such as meals, housekeeping, drug management, purchasing daily necessities and escorting service, etc., and/or personal care and assistance required by elderly persons in daily living, such as helping them in moving around, dressing, toileting and personal hygiene etc.		Independent activities of daily living, such as meals, housekeeping, drug management, purchasing daily necessities and escorting service, etc., and/or personal care and assistance required by elderly persons in daily living, such as helping them in moving around, dressing, toileting and personal hygiene etc.	
Supplementary care items by carers (if applicable)				
The anticipated conversion arrangement regarding interface with subsidised CCS	Reduced meal delivery service	Hour(s)	Reduced meal delivery service	Hour(s)
	Reduced personal care service	Hour(s)	Reduced personal care service	Hour(s)
	Reduced escorting service	Hour(s)	Reduced escorting service	Hour(s)
	Reduced services from day care centres for the elderly (DEs)	Hour(s)	Reduced services from DEs	Hour(s)
	Others: _____	Hour(s)	Others: _____	Hour(s)

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Commission on Poverty, at its meeting held on 24 March 2014, agreed to the Government's proposal to conduct a two-year pilot scheme funded by CCF to provide eligible carers from low income families with a living allowance. Elderly persons who are being taken care of by eligible carers under the pilot scheme may apply or continue to apply for subsidised CCS. Service providers of subsidised CCS would make professional assessment on the service mix applicable to such elderly persons, taking into account the care-giving provided by the carers and having regard to the circumstances of individual cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3826)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 115):

It is stated in paragraph 121 of the Budget Speech that “some \$160 million for upgrading 51 social centres for the elderly (SEs) to neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), and enabling all subvented elderly centres to increase their manpower as well as programme expenses. The purposes are to enhance the support for elderly people as well as processing care needs assessment and service applications for long-term care services.” In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee: of the some \$160 million additional funding, how much will be for subvented elderly centres to increase their manpower and programme expenses respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Additional full-year recurrent funding has been earmarked for elderly centres to strengthen community support services for elderly persons and their carers, including –

- (a) some \$53 million per year for 41 District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and 119 NECs to employ more social workers for strengthening support for elderly persons living in the community;
- (b) additional subvention of some \$82.5 million per year for 51 SEs to raise their standard of services to that of NECs, and to employ more social workers for service delivery;
- (c) some \$22 million per year for 41 DECCs to employ more social workers for enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers; and
- (d) some \$6.7 million per year to regularise the District-based Scheme on Carer Training whereby 211 subvented elderly centres (i.e. 41 DECCs and 170 NECs (including the 51 SEs which will be upgraded as NECs, as referred to in (b) above)) will organise training activities for carers.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3827)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 116):

It is stated in paragraph 121 of the Budget Speech that “some \$160 million for upgrading 51 social centres for the elderly (SEs) to neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), and enabling all subvented elderly centres to increase their manpower as well as programme expenses. The purposes are to enhance the support for elderly people as well as processing care needs assessment and service applications for long-term care services.” In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee whether new premises for existing SEs would be identified to meet the prescribed spatial standard for NECs. If yes, what are the arrangements and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will increase the standard internal floor area provision of NECs to be upgraded from SEs by 156 square metres to meet the enhanced functions of the centres. SWD will identify suitable premises for relocating these centres elsewhere or setting up sub-bases as appropriate to meet their enhanced functions. Since it is an ongoing exercise and subject to the premises identified for reprovisioning or setting up of sub-bases, the expenditure could not be estimated at this stage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3828)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 117):

It is stated in paragraph 121 of the Budget Speech that “some \$160 million for upgrading 51 social centres for the elderly (SEs) to neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), and enabling all subvented elderly centres to increase their manpower as well as programme expenses. The purposes are to enhance the support for elderly people as well as processing care needs assessment and service applications for long-term care services”. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of additional staff for each SE and the respective posts; the staffing establishment of those centres after the manpower increase and whether the full-year subvention for such centres will be in line with that for existing NECs; and the amount of additional subvention for each elderly centre as a result of the above measures.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Additional subvention of some \$82.5 million per year will be allocated to 51 SEs so that they may raise their standard of services to that of NECs and employ more social workers for service delivery. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating these upgraded elderly centres have flexibility to deploy the additional funding in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. With the additional subvention, the annual recurrent funding of about \$2.6 million for each of these upgraded elderly centres will be in line with that of the existing NECs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0498****(Question Serial No. 3829)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 118):

What will be and what was the unit cost of each place of self-care hostels and homes for the aged participating in the conversion programme respectively in the coming year and the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Self-care hostels and homes for the aged participating in the conversion to care-and-attention homes are providing places with continuum of care (COC). The monthly unit costs per COC place for the past three years and the coming year are set out as follows –

Year	Monthly unit cost per COC place
2011-12 (Actual)	\$10,980
2012-13 (Actual)	\$12,539
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	\$13,225
2014-15 (Estimate)	\$14,085

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0499****(Question Serial No. 3830)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 119):

What will be/was the unit cost for each place in contract homes for the elderly provided by the Administration in the coming year and the past three years respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average cost per place per month for subsidised residential care places in contract homes from 2011-12 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

Cost per place per month (\$)			
2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
8,768	10,936	12,739	13,629

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0500****(Question Serial No. 3831)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 120):

What will be/was the unit cost for each care-and-attention (C&A) place provided by the Administration in the coming year and the past three years respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The respective average costs per place per month for C&A places in subvented C&A Homes and in self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) participating in the conversion to C&A homes providing a continuum of care (COC) in the past 3 years and in 2014-15 are tabulated as follows –

	Cost per place per month (\$)			
	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual) [Note 2]	2013-14 (Revised Estimate) [Note 2]	2014-15 (Estimate) [Note 2]
C&A Homes [Note 1]	9,635	12,539	13,225	14,085
S/C hostel and H/A participating in the conversion to C&A homes providing COC	10,980			

[Note 1] C&A Homes are upgraded to provide COC as from 2013-14.

[Note 2] Cost per place per month for C&A places has taken into account cost per place in C&A Homes and S/C hostels and H/A participating in the conversion to C&A homes providing COC.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3832)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 101):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of small group home units, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of small group home (SGH) units is as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
108	108	108

An additional four SGHs will commence service upon completion of construction works and invitation of proposals in 2015-16.

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department’s activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3833)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 102):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of family and child protection workers, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above workers;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the workers;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the workers;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates; and
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of family and child protection workers from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
168	168	168

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department’s activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0503****(Question Serial No. 3834)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 103):

It is stated in the Estimate that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of clinical psychologists under the clinical psychological support service, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimate, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. The 2012-13 Actual number for the above clinical psychologists;
2. The 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the clinical psychologists;
3. The 2014-15 Estimate for the clinical psychologists;
4. The reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimate;
5. Whether such information will be included again in future Estimate; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of clinical psychologists from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Government Sector	58	58	59
Subvented Sector	21	21	21

The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0504****(Question Serial No. 3835)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 104):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of family life education workers, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above workers;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the workers;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the workers;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of Family Life Education (FLE) workers in FLE units is as follows –

2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Revised Estimate	2014-15 Estimate
22	22	22

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the department's activities and services provided to the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0505****(Question Serial No. 3836)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 105):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of family aide workers, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above workers;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the workers;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the workers;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

1. to 3. The numbers of family aide workers from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
48	48	48

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimate have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3837)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 106):

It is stated in the Estimate that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of family support networking teams (FSNTs), which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimate, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the FSNTs;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the FSNTs;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the FSNTs;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimate;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of FSNTs are as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
7	7	7

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimate have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department’s activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3838)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 107):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of supervision cases per family and child protection worker, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. The 2012-13 Actual number for the supervision cases served;
2. The 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the supervision cases served;
3. The 2014-15 Estimate for the supervision cases served;
4. The reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. Whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of supervision cases served by each family and child protection worker are as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
31	30	31

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 3839)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 108):

It is stated in the Estimates that "the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision". Since the number of vulnerable households newly and successfully contacted through outreaching attempts per family support networking team (FSNT) worker, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. The 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. The 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. The 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. The reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. Whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. to 3. The number of vulnerable households newly and successfully contacted through outreaching attempts per FSNT worker is set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
212	212	212

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0509****(Question Serial No. 3840)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 109):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of vulnerable households newly and successfully referred to welfare or mainstream services per family support networking team (FSNT) worker, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of vulnerable households newly and successfully referred to welfare or mainstream services per FSNT team worker is set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
156	156	156

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3841)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Question (Member Question No. 110):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of standalone child care centres (CCCs) will be increased from 690 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to 722 in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following-

1. What will be the geographical distribution of the additional 32 places?
2. In how many CCCs will the above additional places be distributed?
3. How many people were on the waiting list of CCCs in each district and what was the waiting time in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In 2014-15, the 32 additional places will be provided by in-situ expansion of four existing aided standalone CCCs in Eastern, Central and Western, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong districts. SWD does not keep any waiting list for CCC service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3842)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 111):

As stated in the Estimates for 2014-15, the number of assessment cases served by clinical psychological support in the 2012-13 Actual was 2 302, and the number of cases is 1 993 both in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate and in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the projected substantial reduction in the above number of cases?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In 2012-13, two clinical psychologists (CPs) resigned and four others were on maternity leave or prolonged sick leave. This affected the rate of taking up new assessment cases. Starting from November 2013, the two vacant CP posts have been filled, while the four CPs on maternity/ sick leave have gradually recovered/resumed normal work. The number of the assessment cases served in 2014-15 is expected to gradually pick up.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3843)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 112):

As stated in the Estimates for 2014-15, the number of treatment cases served by clinical psychological support in the 2012-13 Actual was 2 302, and the number of cases is 1 993 both in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate and in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the projected substantial reduction in the above number of cases?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

In 2012-13, two clinical psychologists (CPs) resigned and four others were on maternity leave or prolonged sick leave. This affected the rate of taking up and handling treatment cases. Starting from November 2013, the two vacant CP posts have been filled, while the four CPs on maternity/sick leave have gradually recovered/resumed normal work. The number of the treatment cases handled in 2014-15 is expected to gradually pick up.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0513

(Question Serial No. 3844)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 113):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of residential homes for children (RHCs) were 1 697 in the 2012-13 Actual. This has represented a decrease of 20 places as against 1 717 in the 2012-13 Original Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above shortfall? How would the Administration ensure that the plan to increase the places in the coming year would be faithfully implemented?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

There are 1 697 places in RHCs in 2012-13 (Actual) as reported in the 2014-15 (Estimates), which is 20 places less than 1 717 places in RHCs in 2012-13 Plan as reported in the 2012-13 (Estimates). The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked funding for the additional places to be achieved through in-situ expansion but the implementation is subject to the availability of space in existing RHCs and the lead time for preparation including premises fitting-out works. While the number of places in RHCs has increased to 1 703 in 2013-14, SWD will collaborate closely with the concerned operators to provide the remaining 14 additional places in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0514****(Question Serial No. 3845)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 114):

What were the respective numbers of various case natures under family and child protection services in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of supervision cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to December 2013), broken down by case nature, is provided as follows –

Case Nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to December 2013)
Child Abuse	2 451	2 446	2 311
Spouse/Cohabitant Battering	5 241	5 041	4 551
Child Custody	365	310	236
Case of Multiple Nature	341	260	247
Total	8 398	8 057	7 345

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 3846)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 121):

It is stated in the Estimates that "the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision". Since the enrolment rate and cost per place per month for care-and-attention (C&A) homes, which were shown in previous Estimates, are not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual figures for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. In 2013-14, the Administration has allocated additional recurrent funding to upgrade about 7 800 places in subvented C&A homes to places providing a continuum of care (COC). As a result, places in subvented C&A homes have turned into places providing COC. In line with such service enhancement, the enrolment rate and cost per place per month of C&A places with COC will be reflected under the service category of "C&A homes providing COC" in the Controlling Officer's Report from 2014-15 onwards. SWD does not prepare separate enrolment rate and cost for C&A homes. The number of places under C&A homes providing COC, the enrolment rate and cost per place from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are set out as follows –

	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Number of places	-	7 849	8 249
Enrolment rate	-	95%	95%
Unit cost	\$12,539	\$13,225	\$14,085

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators will better reflect the department's activities and services provided to the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3847)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 122):

In the 2014-15 Estimates, the actual number of places in day care centres for the elderly (DEs) and day care units for the elderly (DCUs) in the 2012-13 Estimate and the number of places in DEs and DCUs in the Revised Estimate in 2013-14 are 2 669 and 2 752. These are 135 and 99 less than the 2 804 and 2 851 places in the Original Estimate for 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the difference; and how it would ensure implementing the plan of increasing the places to 2 981 in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has originally planned to provide 225 and 182 additional day care (DC) places within 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. Owing to the delay in construction works and other site-specific issues, the provision of some of the planned DC places was behind schedule. In 2014-15, an additional 229 DC places are expected to commence service and there will be an estimated total of 2 981 DC places. SWD will continue to closely monitor the progress of the planned DC places to ensure they could be provided as early as practicable.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3848)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 123):

According to the 2014-15 Estimates, the actual number of places provided by the private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in 2012-13 and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 were 7 403 and 7 815 respectively. Compared with the Original Estimate of 7 920 and 8 220 for 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively, there were a decrease of 517 and 405 places respectively. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for such discrepancies; and how to ensure that the plan to increase the number of such places to 8 115 in the coming year can actually be achieved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

While the original estimate of EBPS places in 2012-13 was 7 920, the actual number is 7 403. The difference in the number of places was due to reasons including the deferral of service commencement of EBPS places purchased in 2012-13 to 2013-14 under the arrangement of phased purchase, places falling short of the purchase target under the purchase exercise in 2012-13, and reduction of EBPS places from existing homes due to closure or relocation of homes to premises of smaller area, etc. Taking into account all these factors and the reduction of EBPS places in 2013-14 due to closure and relocation of EBPS homes, the original estimate of 8 220 EBPS places in 2013-14 has been revised as 7 815.

The Social Welfare Department plans to purchase 300 EA1 places under EBPS in 2014-15 to meet the target of 8 115 places.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0518****(Question Serial No. 3849)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 124):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Estimates that the places for contract homes will be increased from 1 676 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to 1 811 in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What is the geographical distribution of the additional 135 places?
- (2) In how many existing contract homes and new contract homes will the above additional places be distributed respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The geographical distribution of the 135 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2014-15 in two new and two existing contract homes is as follows –

District	Number of places	
	New Contract Home	Existing Contract Home
Sha Tin	60	
Sham Shui Po	60	
Tsuen Wan		5
Kwai Tsing		10

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0519

(Question Serial No. 3850)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 125):

Regarding attendance per session per centre of District Elderly Community Centre (DECC) in the 2014-15 Estimates, the figures in the 2012-13 Actual and in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate were both 196. This represents an increase of 9 in each case as against 185 in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Original Estimate. In the 2014-15 Estimate, the figure is consistently 196. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above increases. Has there been and will there be any revision of requirements for attendance per session per centre in the past three years and the coming year in the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) of DECC; if yes, what are the details and reasons for revision?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has projected the numbers for 2013-14 Revised Estimate and 2014-15 Estimate based on the actual attendance per session per DECC in 2012-13, which was 196. There has not been and will not be any revision of requirements for attendance per session per centre in the past three years and the coming year in the FSA of DECC.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3851)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 126):

According to the 2014-15 Estimates, the actual attendance per session per centre for social centres for the elderly (SEs)/neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in 2012-13 and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 were both 90, i.e. an increase of 10 as compared with the Original Estimate of 80 for 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. Moreover, the estimated attendance per session per centre for NECs in 2014-15 continues to be 90. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for such increase; whether the attendance per session per centre laid down in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) for district elderly community centres (DECCs) have been/will be revised in the past three years or in the coming year; if yes, what are the details and the reasons for the revision?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has projected the numbers for 2013-14 Revised Estimate and 2014-15 Estimate based on the actual attendance per session per NEC in 2012-13, which was 90. There has not been and will not be any revision of requirements for attendance per session per centre in the past three years and the coming year in the FSA of NEC.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3852)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 127):

The cost per place per month in nursing homes (NHs) has substantially increased from \$15,646 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to \$20,519 in the 2014-15 Estimate. What are the reasons for the above increase in cost? What proportion of the additional funding will be for recruiting staff and recurrent expenses?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration plans to provide an additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$64.8 million to upgrade all the 1 574 subsidised NH places in six subvented NHs to provide a continuum of care in 2014-15. This accounts for the increase in the unit cost of NH places in 2014-15 as compared with that of 2013-14. With the additional allocation, these NHs may enhance their manpower to meet the care needs of the elderly residents whose health conditions have deteriorated. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating NHs have the flexibility to deploy the additional funding in arranging suitable staffing to meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3853)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 128):

The cost per place per month in private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) has substantially increased from \$7,927 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to \$9,506 in the 2014-15 Estimate. What are the reasons for the said increase in cost? Has the Administration revised the service requirements for private homes participating in EBPS over the past 3 years and in the coming year? If yes, please give the details. If not, how could it be ensured that the additional cost will be for enhancing the quality of services at such private homes.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

From 2014-15 onwards, the Administration proposes to provide additional annual recurrent funding of about \$122.7 million to raise the unit subsidy of all places under EBPS. In raising the subsidies for places under EBPS, consideration has been given to enabling these homes to recruit and retain manpower more effectively. The Social Welfare Department monitors the services of these homes through surprise inspections to ensure their service meeting the enhanced requirements under EBPS which exceed the minimum staffing and space standards under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3854)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 129):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Estimates that "all social centres for the elderly (SEs) will be upgraded to neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs)". If the SEs cannot identify premises with an area of 303 square metres which is the standard requirement for existing NECs, resulting in their inability to provide the numbers of programmes or groups laid down in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) for NECs owing to insufficient spatial provision, will the Administration inform this Committee whether such centres will be exempted from complying with the requirements of the FSAs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will increase the standard internal floor area provision of NECs to be upgraded from SEs by 156 square metres to meet the enhanced functions of the centres. SWD will identify suitable premises for relocating these centres elsewhere or setting up sub-bases as appropriate to meet their enhanced functions. SWD will consider, on a case-by-case basis, the circumstances of elderly centres not complying with the requirements laid down in the FSAs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3855)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 130):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Estimates that the Administration would explore the feasibility of extending the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) to Guangdong (GD). In respect of this, would the Administration please inform this Committee –

1. when OALA will be extended to GD;
2. whether there will be any residence requirement for extending OALA to GD; if yes, please give the details; and
3. whether there will be any difference between the application procedures for the above scheme and those for the GD Scheme of Old Age Allowance; if yes, please give the details.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In his 2014 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government will seriously explore the feasibility of extending OALA to GD in light of the GD Scheme's operating experience. The review will be conducted later this year, and the Social Welfare Department is not yet in a position to provide the details.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0525****(Question Serial No. 3856)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 131):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Estimates that the Administration would enhance the community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers in elderly centres. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee –

1. the amount of additional funding and its purposes for the above initiative;
2. the targeted elderly centres and their number in the above initiative; and
3. whether the amounts of additional funding for various types of elderly centres in respect of the above initiative are different; if yes, please provide the breakdown.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

To enhance community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers, additional recurrent funding will be allocated to elderly centres in 2014-15. Details of the funding allocation in a full year are as follows –

Funding allocation	Enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers	Regularising District-based Scheme on Carer Training	
Total funding (\$ million)	22	6.7	
Targeted elderly centres	District Elderly Community Centre (DECC)	DECC	Neighbourhood Elderly Centre (NEC)
Number of elderly centres	41	41	170 ^[Note]
Is the funding evenly distributed among all the units?	Yes	Yes	Yes

^[Note] Including the 51 Social Centres for the Elderly to be upgraded to NECs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0526****(Question Serial No. 3857)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 132):

In the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of halfway houses for discharged mental patients will be increased from 1 509 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to 1 534 in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What is the geographical distribution of the additional 25 places?
2. In how many existing halfway houses and new halfway houses are the above additional places distributed respectively, and what are the details of the distribution?
3. How many people have been on the waiting list of halfway houses for discharged mental patients in the past 3 years and what is the waiting time?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

1. & 2. An additional 25 places of halfway house will be provided through in-situ expansion of an existing unit in Wan Chai in 2014-15.
3. The information sought is set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	735	8.4
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	688	8.2
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	671	N/A ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2013-14 is not yet available as the average waiting time is 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0527****(Question Serial No. 3858)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 133):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the number of places of long stay care homes (LSCHs) for discharged mental patients has increased from 1 507 in the 2012-13 Actual to 1 587 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. the geographical distribution of the additional 80 places;
2. how many of such places are provided by existing and new LSCHs respectively, and the details of the distribution; and
3. the number of people on the waiting list for LSCHs in the past 3 years and the waiting time?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The additional 80 places will be provided at a new LSCH in Tin Shui Wai.
3. The information sought is provided as follows –

Financial year	Number of applicants on the waiting list	Average waiting time (in month)
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	1 222	33.6
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	1 325	16.7
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	1 540	Not available ^[Note]

^[Note] The average waiting time for 2013-14 is not available at this stage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0528

(Question Serial No. 3859)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 134):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of moderately mentally handicapped hostel (HMMH) will increase from 2 292 in the 2012-13 Actual to 2 384 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What is the geographical distribution of the additional 92 places?
2. In how many existing and new moderately HMMHs are the above additional places distributed, and what are the details of the distribution?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Among the 92 additional HMMH places in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate, 20 places will be provided by a new project in Sham Shui Po and 72 places by another new project in Tuen Mun.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0529****(Question Serial No. 3860)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 135):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH) will be increased from 2 384 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimates to 2 405 in the 2014-15 Estimates. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What is the geographical distribution of the additional 21 places?
- (2) In how many existing HMMH and new HMMH are the above additional places distributed respectively, and what are the details of the distribution?
- (3) How many people were on the waiting list of HMMH and what was the waiting time in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) & (2) The 21 additional HMMH places will be provided through in-situ expansion of an existing unit in Yau Tsim Mong in 2014-15.
- (3) The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for HMMH in the past three years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	1 369 (as at end-March 2012)	84.4
2012-13	1 533 (as at end-March 2013)	83.8
2013-14	1 642 (as at end-December 2013)	Not available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2013-14 is not yet available as the average waiting time is 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0530

(Question Serial No. 3861)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 136):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of severely mentally handicapped (HSMH) hostels has increased from 3 382 in the 2012-13 Actual to 3 486 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following -

1. What is the geographical distribution of the additional 104 places?
2. In how many existing HSMHs and new HSMHs are the above additional places distributed respectively, and what are the details of the distribution?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Among the 104 additional HSMH places in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate, 52 places will be provided by a new service unit in Sham Shui Po and 52 places by another new service unit in Yuen Long.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0531****(Question Serial No. 3862)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 137):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped (HSMH) will be increased from 3 486 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to 3 652 in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What will be the geographical distribution of the additional 166 places?
2. In how many existing HSMHs and new HSMHs will the above additional places be distributed respectively, and what will be the details of the distribution?
3. How many people were on the waiting list of HSMH and what was the waiting time in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Among the 166 HSMH places to be provided in 2014-15, 50 places will be provided at a new service unit in Sham Shui Po and 75 places through in-situ expansion of an existing unit in Southern District. Since the provision of the remaining places is still at the preparatory stage, the Social Welfare Department is unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution for these places at this juncture.
3. The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for HSMH in the past three years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	2 082 (as at end-March 2012)	81.6
2012-13	2 190 (as at end-March 2013)	86.4
2013-14	2 170 (as at end-December 2013)	Not available ^[Note]

[Note]

The figure for 2013-14 is not yet available as the average waiting time is 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0532****(Question Serial No. 3863)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 138):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the number of places of care-and-attention (C&A) homes for the severely disabled(SD) has increased from 959 in the 2012-13 Actual to 991 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What is the geographical distribution of the additional 32 places?
2. In how many existing C&A homes for the severely disabled and new C&A homes for the SP are the above additional places distributed respectively, and what are the details of the distribution?
3. How many people were on the waiting list of C&A homes for the severely disabled and what was the waiting time in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. In 2013-14, 32 additional C&A/SD places will be provided at a new service unit in Sham Shui Po.
3. The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for C&A/SD from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	389 (as at end-March 2012)	31.2
2012-13	425 (as at end-March 2013)	48
2013-14	455 (as at end-December 2013)	Not available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2013-14 is not yet available as the average waiting time is 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0533****(Question Serial No. 3864)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 139):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimate, the places of small group homes (SGHs) for the disabled will be increased from 64 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to 80 in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What is the geographical distribution of the additional 16 places?
2. In how many existing SGHs for the disabled and new SGHs for the disabled are the above additional places distributed respectively, and what are the details of the distribution?
3. How many people were on the waiting list of SGHs for the disabled and what was the waiting time in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The 16 additional places will be provided in two new Small Group Homes for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children (SGHMMHC) in Wong Tai Sin district in 2014-15.
3. The numbers of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for SGHMMHC in the past three years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in month)
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	73	7.2
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	79	12.4
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	85	Not available ^[Note]

^[Note] The average waiting time for 2013-14 is not available at this stage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3865)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 140):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of supported hostel (SHOS) would increase from 554 in the 2012-13 Actual to 596 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What is the geographical distribution of the additional 42 places?
2. In how many existing SHOSs and new SHOSs are the above additional places distributed respectively, and what are the details of the distribution?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The 42 additional SHOS places in 2013-14 were provided by a new project in Sha Tin.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3866)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 141):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimate, the places of supported hostels would increase from 596 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to 626 in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What will be the geographical distribution of the additional 30 places?
2. In how many existing supported hostels and new supported hostels will the above additional places be distributed respectively, and what will be the details of the distribution?
3. How many people were on the waiting list of supported hostels and what was the waiting time in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Among the 30 additional supported hostel (SHOS) places to be provided in 2014-15, 10 places will be provided through in-situ expansion of an existing service unit in Yuen Long while 20 places will be provided through a new project in Sham Shui Po.
3. The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for SHOS in the past three years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	1 012 (as at end-March 2012)	31.5
2012-13	1 173 (as at end-March 2013)	26.0
2013-14	1 311 (as at end-December 2013)	Not available ^[Note]

^[Note] The average waiting time for 2013-14 is not available at this stage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3867)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 142):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimate, the places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) in the 2012-13 Actual and in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate would be 3 382 and 3 486 respectively. This represents a decrease of 137 and 162 places as against 3 519 and 3 648 places in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Original Estimates respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above shortfall? How would the Administration ensure that the plan to increase the places to 3 652 in the coming year would be faithfully implemented?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration planned to provide 266 additional places of HSMH in 2013-14. Only 104 places could be provided owing to the longer than expected time required for securing the allocation of premises and carrying out fitting-out works, etc. The Administration will provide 166 additional places of HSMH in 2014-15. The Social Welfare Department will closely monitor the progress of works and step up efforts in collaborating with the parties concerned in the planning and implementation process with a view to meeting the pledged target.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3868)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 143):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, there are 959 places of Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons (C&A/SD) in the 2012-13 Actual. This has represented a decrease of 29 places as against 988 places in the 2012-13 Original Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above shortfall?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration planned to provide 80 additional places of C&A/SD in 2012-13. While 51 places were provided at a new service unit in Kwai Tsing district, 29 places did not come into operation as scheduled because of the longer than expected time required for construction works. The Social Welfare Department will closely monitor the progress of works and step up efforts in collaborating with the parties concerned in the implementation process with a view to providing the planned 29 places as soon as practicable.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3869)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 144):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of supported hostels (SHOSs) are 554 and 596 in the 2012-13 Actual and in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate respectively. This has represented a decrease of 40 and 20 places as against 594 and 616 places in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Original Estimates respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above shortfall? How would the Administration ensure that the plan to increase the places to 626 in the coming year would be faithfully implemented?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration originally planned to provide 42 and 20 additional places of SHOS in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. Owing to the longer than expected time required for carrying out construction and fitting-out works, etc., the 42 additional places came into operation in 2013-14 and the other 20 additional places will be provided in 2014-15.

Together with 10 newly planned places, the Administration will provide 30 additional places of SHOS in 2014-15. The Social Welfare Department will closely monitor the progress of work and step up efforts in collaborating with the parties concerned in the planning and implementation process with a view to providing the planned additional places as soon as practicable.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0539****(Question Serial No. 3870)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 145):

What was/will be the annual provision for each of the six Community Rehabilitation Network centres in Hong Kong in the past three years and in the coming year? (Please complete the following table)

Community Rehabilitation Network	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Hong Kong East Kornhill Centre				
Kowloon Central Wang Tau Hom Centre				
Kowloon West Lei Cheng Uk Centre				
New Territories West Tai Hing Centre				
New Territories Tai Ping Centre				
New Territories Prince of Wales Centre				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The annual recurrent expenditure for the six Community Rehabilitation Network centres from 2011-12 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

Financial Year	Annual Recurrent Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	24
2012-13 (Actual)	25.4
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	26.4
2014-15 (Estimate)	27.5

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0540****(Question Serial No. 3871)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 146):

What was/will be the annual provision for each of the 6 parents/relatives resource centres in Hong Kong in the past three years and in the coming year? (Please complete the following table)

Parents/Relatives Resource Centre	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Heep Hong Society Jockey Club Parents Resource Centre				
Caritas-Hong Kong Parents Resource Centre				
Baptist Oi Kwan Social Services Resource & Service Centre for the Relatives of Ex-mentally Ill People				
Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association Bradbury Parents Resource Centre				
Heep Hong Society Hoi Fu Centre				
Hong Kong Society for the Blind Parents Resource Centre for Visually Impaired Children				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The annual funding allocation for the six Parents / Relatives Resources Centres for Disabled Persons from 2011-12 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

Financial Year	Annual Funding Allocation (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	12.0
2012 -13 (Actual)	12.6
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	12.9
2014-15 (Estimate)	13.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0541****(Question Serial No. 3872)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 147):

What was/will be the annual provision for each of the four community rehabilitation day centres in Hong Kong in the past three years and in the coming year? (Please complete the following table)

Community Rehabilitation Day Centre	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Haven of Hope Christian Service Haven of Hope Community Rehabilitation Day Centre				
Christian Family Service Centre Community Rehabilitation Day Centre				
SAHK NT East Community Rehabilitation Day Centre				
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council NT West Community Rehabilitation Day Centre				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The annual expenditure for the four Community Rehabilitation Day Centres from 2011-12 to 2014-15 is provided as follows –

Financial Year	Annual expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	15.2
2012-13 (Actual)	17.3
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	18.0
2014-15 (Estimate)	20.0

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0542

(Question Serial No. 3873)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 148):

What was the annual provision for each of the 16 district support centres for persons with disabilities in Hong Kong since their commencement of service, and what will be their provision for the coming year? What is the respective date of commencement of service at the permanent accommodation for each centre? (Please complete the following table)

District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities	Annual Provision				Commencement of Service at the Permanent Accommodation (Month/Year)
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
St. James' Settlement WE NET Club					
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Lok Kwan District Support Centre					
Christian Family Service Centre Cheerful Place - District Support Centre (Kwun Tong East)					
Hong Chi Association Hong Chi District Support Centre (Kwun Tong West)					
The Neighbourhood Advice- Action Council Wong Tai Sin Wellness Support Centre					
Haven of Hope Christian Service Haven of Hope Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung District Support Centre					
Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HKS Homantin Lutheran Yung Lok Centre					
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Sham Shui Po District Support Centre					

District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities	Annual Provision				Commencement of Service at the Permanent Accommodation (Month/Year)
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Po Leung Kuk Po Leung Kuk District Support Centre (Sha Tin)					
Yan Chai Hospital Yan Chai Hospital District Support Centre (Tai Po)					
Hong Chi Association Hong Chi District Support Centre-N.T. (North District)					
Caritas – Hong Kong Caritas Joyous Link					
Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong ELCHK, Kwai Chung District Support Centre					
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tuen Mun District Support Centre					
Wai Ji Christian Service Yuen Long District Support Centre					
Fu Hong Society Tin Shui Wai District Support Centre					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) were set up, in January 2009, to 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 training or residential care service. The annual funding allocation for the service since 2009 and the date / tentative date of service commencement of 16 DSCs at their permanent accommodations are set out at Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively. Among the 16 DSCs, 10 are currently operating in their permanent accommodation, while 5 are expected to move in their identified permanent accommodation from 2014 to 2017. The remaining DSC is currently using commercial premises as its temporary accommodation. We will continue to work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments in identifying suitable premises for this DSC.

Financial Year	Annual Funding Allocation (\$ million)
2009–10 (Actual)	105.1
2010–11 (Actual)	100.2
2011–12 (Actual)	109.4
2012–13 (Actual)	118.6
2013–14 (Revised Estimate)	121.4
2014–15 (Estimate)	135.5

	Name of District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities	Commence Operation Date/Tentative Commence Operation Date in the Permanent Accommodation
1.	St. James' Settlement(E/W)	July 2012
2.	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Lok Kwan District Support Centre	Not applicable [Note]
3.	Christian Family Service Centre Cheerful Place - District Support Centre (Kwun Tong East)	December 2017*
4.	Hong Chi Association Hong Chi District Support Centre (Kwun Tong West)	February 2012
5.	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Wong Tai Sin Wellness Support Centre	June 2011
6.	Haven of Hope Christian Service Haven of Hope Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung District Support Centre	October 2011
7.	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HKS Homantin Lutheran Yung Lok Centre	April 2011
8.	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Sham Shui Po District Support Centre	September 2014*
9.	Po Leung Kuk Po Leung Kuk District Support Centre (Shatin)	March 2012
10.	Yan Chai Hospital Yan Chai Hospital District Support Centre (Tai Po)	July 2012
11.	Hong Chi Association Hong Chi District Support Centre-N.T. (North District)	September 2015*
12.	Caritas – Hong Kong Caritas Joyous Link	August 2011
13.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong ELCHK, Kwai Chung District Support Centre	March 2015*
14.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tuen Mun District Support Centre	September 2014*
15.	Wai Ji Christian Service Yuen Long District Support Centre	May 2010
16.	Fu Hong Society Tin Shui Wai District Support Centre	February 2010

[Note] The District Support Centre has used commercial premises as its temporary accommodation since September 2011

[*] Tentative operation date in permanent accommodation

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3874)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 149):

What was the annual provision for each of the 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory since their commencement of service, and what will be their provision for the coming year? What is the respective date of commencement of service at the permanent accommodation for each centre? (Please complete the following table)

ICCMWs		Annual Provision				Commencement of Service at the Permanent Accommodation (Month/Year)
Service District	Agency Name	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Central Western & Southern Districts	Fu Hong Society					
Central Western & Southern Districts	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals					
Islands District	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association					
Eastern District	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service					
Eastern District	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong					
Wanchai	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service					
Kwun Tong	The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong					
Wong Tai Sin	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong					
Tseung Kwan O (South)	Christian Family Service Centre					
Sai Kung & Tseung Kwan O (North)	Stewards Ltd.					
Kowloon City	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong					
Yau Tsim Mong	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association					
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association					
Tsuen Wan	Caritas Hong Kong					
Kwai Tsing	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service					

Kwai Chung	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association					
Shatin	Stewards Ltd.					
Shatin	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association					
Tai Po	The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong					
North District	Caritas Hong Kong					
Yuen Long	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong					
Yuen Long	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association					
Tuen Mun	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association					
Tuen Mun	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration allocated \$135 million to set up ICCMWs at 24 service points across the territory in October 2010. The Case Management Programme (CMP) of the Hospital Authority (HA) has been implemented for patients with severe mental illness in 15 districts. Additional recurrent funding totalling \$60.5 million was made available to ICCMWs in 2011-12 to 2013-14 to strengthen their manpower in dovetailing with the CMP for patients with severe mental illness and providing services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. In 2014-15, additional full-year recurrent funding of \$9.3 million is earmarked to further strengthen the manpower of ICCMWs to tie in with the extension of the CMP to the remaining 3 districts. Each ICCMW will be allocated additional resources in accordance with the respective team size.

The dates of service commencement of individual ICCMWs at their permanent sites are set out in the Annex.

District	NGOs	Date of service commencement at permanent site					Remarks
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (tentative)	
Central, Western, Southern & Islands District	Fu Hong Society			✓			
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals					✓	
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association				✓		
Eastern & Wanchai District	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service (Hong Kong East)						Note 1
	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service (Wanchai)	✓					
	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong				✓		
Kwun Tong District	Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	✓					
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung District	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong				✓		
	Christian Family Service Centre						Note 1
	Stewards Limited					✓	
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong District	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong						Note 2
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association						Note 1
Shamshuipo District	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	✓					
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing District	Caritas – Hong Kong						Note 1
	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service (Kwai Tsing)					✓	
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (Kwai Chung)					✓	
Shatin District	Stewards Limited	✓					
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association					✓	
Tai Po & North District	Mental Health Association of Hong Kong					✓	
	Caritas – Hong Kong						Note 1
Yuen Long District	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong				✓		
	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	✓					
Tuen Mun District	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association				✓		
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited						Note 2

[Note 1] Permanent site has yet to be identified. SWD is supporting the rental expenses for using suitable commercial premises as temporary accommodation/offices of the ICCMWs.

[Note 2] Pending completion of construction/conversion works, the tentative date of service commencement at the permanent site has been scheduled for 2018-19.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0544****(Question Serial No. 3875)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 71):

As at December 2013, 671 discharged mental patients were waiting for places of halfway houses (HWHs). However, the Government's plan is to provide 25 additional residential care places, accounting for 3.7% of the overall demand for service, in the coming year. Please inform this Committee of—

1. the cost per place per month in a HWH for discharged mental patients in the past five years;
2. the total number of applicants on the waiting list (breakdown by gender) and the number of new applicants (breakdown by gender) for such places each year in the past five years; and
3. the number of additional places each year in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

1. The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling Officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for HWH. The expenditure for HWH in each of the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	151.2
2010-11 (Actual)	151.7
2011-12 (Actual)	145.9
2012-13 (Actual)	154.7
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	160.7

2. The information sought is as follows –

Year	Number of applicants		Number of new applicants	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	422	394	378	255
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	404	380	326	270
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	365	370	336	244
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	346	342	364	231
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	310	361	289	219

3. There was no new provision of HWH in the past five years. The Social Welfare Department plans to provide 25 additional places of HWH in 2014-15 to meet the service demand.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0545****(Question Serial No. 3876)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 150):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) will be increased from 1 860 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to 2 100 in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following -

1. What will be the geographical distribution of the additional 240 places?
2. In how many existing IPs and new IPs will the above additional places be distributed respectively, and what will be the details of the distribution?
3. How many people were on the waiting list of IPs and what was the waiting time in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The 240 additional IP places in 2014-15 Estimate will be provided in KG-cum-CCCs in various districts having regard to the service demand. Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, the Social Welfare Department is unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this stage.
3. The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for IP in the past three years is set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	1 536 (as at end-March 2012)	12.2
2012-13	1 779 (as at end-March 2013)	12.7
2013-14	1 529 (as at end-December 2013)	Not available ^[Note]

[Note] The average waiting time for 2013-14 is not available at this stage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0546****(Question Serial No. 3877)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 72):

As at December 2013, 1 540 discharged mental patients were waiting for places of long stay care homes (LSCHs), while the Government has no plan to provide additional residential care places. Please inform this Committee of –

1. the cost per place per month in a LSCH in the past five years;
2. the total number of applicants on the waiting list and the number of new applicants for such places each year in the past five years; and
3. the number of additional places each year in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling Officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for LSCH. The expenditure for LSCH from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	151.2
2010-11 (Actual)	151.3
2011-12 (Actual)	171
2012-13 (Actual)	183.9
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	191.9

2. The number of applicants and new applicants on the waiting list for LSCH from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Number of new applicants
2009-10	992 (as at end-March 2010)	100
2010-11	1 116 (as at end-March 2011)	124
2011-12	1 222 (as at end-March 2012)	167
2012-13	1 325 (as at end-March 2013)	232
2013-14	1 540 (as at end-December 2013)	165

3. The number of additional LSCH places from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Year	Number of additional places for LSCH
2009-10 (Actual)	-
2010-11 (Actual)	100
2011-12 (Actual)	-
2012-13 (Actual)	-
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	80

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3878)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 73):

The number of residential places in integrated vocational training centres (IVTC) has remained to be 170 since 2003. However, mentally handicapped persons have urgent needs for residential care services. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following-

1. the reasons for not increasing the service places;
2. the Administration indicated previously that they did not have information on the total number of people on the waiting list for IVTC residential service each year, or the increase of people on the waiting list each year. Would the Administration consider compiling relevant statistics immediately; if yes, please give the reasons; if no, again please give the reasons; and
3. the cost per place per month in the past five years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. 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, a range of vocational rehabilitation services, including IVTC for persons with disabilities who are not yet able to join the competitive open job market, are being provided. To meet the short-term accommodation need of the trainees of IVTC while receiving vocational rehabilitation training, 170 boarding places are provided by IVTC. The service need for the boarding places will be kept under review.
2. The service may admit service users directly or through referral from service units. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics in this aspect.

3. The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for IVTC (residential service). The expenditure for the service for the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	7.7
2010-11 (Actual)	7.7
2011-12 (Actual)	8.2
2012-13 (Actual)	8.6
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	9.0

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0548****(Question Serial No. 3879)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 74):

As at December 2013, 1 642 people were waiting for places of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH). The Government plans to provide 21 additional places, accounting for 1.27% of the overall demand for service. The projected waiting time will exceed 18 years based on the above percentage. Please inform this Committee of the average cost per place per month in such hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, the total number of people on and the number of people added to the waiting list each year as well as the number of additional places each year in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for HMMH. The expenditure for the service for the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure for HMMH (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	142.3
2010-11 (Actual)	153.3
2011-12 (Actual)	153.0
2012-13 (Actual)	177.8
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	190.9

The numbers of applicants and new applicants on the waiting list for HMMH for the past five years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Number of new applicants
2009-10	1 330 (as at end-March 2010)	112
2010-11	1 386 (as at end-March 2011)	189
2011-12	1 369 (as at end-March 2012)	229
2012-13	1 533 (as at end-March 2013)	261
2013-14	1 642 (as at end-December 2013)	183 ^[Note]

^[Note] This is the number of new applicants from 1 April 2013 to 31 December 2013.

The number of additional places of HMMH for the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Number of additional places
2009-10 (Actual)	0
2010-11 (Actual)	91
2011-12 (Actual)	18
2012-13 (Actual)	5
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	92

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0549****(Question Serial No. 3880)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 151):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of social workers providing medical social services, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number of the above social workers;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for these social workers;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for these social workerse;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of medical social workers is as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
431	435	437

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimate have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0550****(Question Serial No. 3881)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 152):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the caseload per worker providing medical social services, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of-

1. the 2012-13 Actual caseload per worker;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate of caseload per worker;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate of caseload per worker;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average caseload per medical social worker for the period from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
63	65	65

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0551****(Question Serial No. 3882)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 75):

As at December 2013, 2 170 people were waiting for places of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH). The Government plans to provide 166 additional places, accounting for 7.6% of the overall demand for service. Please inform this Committee of the average cost per place per month in such HSMH, the total number of people on and the number of people added to the waiting list each year as well as the number of additional places each year in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for HSMH. The expenditure for hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) for the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Number of places	Expenditure for HSMH (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	3 058	398.0
2010-11 (Actual)	3 193	415.2
2011-12 (Actual)	3 218	469.4
2012-13 (Actual)	3 382	501.5
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	3 486	554.8

The number of applicants and new applicants on the waiting list for HSMH for the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Number of new applicants
2009-10	1 965 (as at end-March 2010)	166
2010-11	1 995 (as at end-March 2011)	176
2011-12	2 082 (as at end-March 2012)	242
2012-13	2 190 (as at end-March 2013)	203
2013-14	2 170 (as at end-December 2013)	151 ^[Note]

^[Note] This is the number of new applicants from 1 April 2013 to 31 December 2013.

The number of additional places of HSMH for the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Number of additional places
2009-10 (Actual)	46
2010-11 (Actual)	135
2011-12 (Actual)	25
2012-13 (Actual)	164
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	104

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0552****(Question Serial No. 3883)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 76):

As at December 2013, 495 people were waiting for places of severely physically handicapped persons hostels (HSPH). The Government has no intention to provide additional places. Please inform this Committee of –

1. the average cost per place per month in a HSPH in the past five years;
2. the total number of people on and the number of people added to the waiting list for such places each year in the past five years; and
3. the number of additional places each year in the past 10 years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for HSPH. The expenditure for HSPH in the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure for HSPH (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	75.3
2010-11 (Actual)	78.5
2011-12 (Actual)	88.2
2012-13 (Actual)	94.5
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	100.8

2. The numbers of applicants and new applicants on the waiting list for HSPH in the past five years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Number of new applicants
2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	370	73
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	386	85
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	398	105
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	459	107
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	495	82

3. The number of additional places of HSPH for the past 10 years is set out in the Annex.

**Number of Additional Places of
Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons in the Past 10 Years**

Year	Number of additional places
2004-05 (Actual)	-
2005-06 (Actual)	-
2006-07 (Actual)	-
2007-08 (Actual)	-
2008-09 (Actual)	67
2009-10 (Actual)	-
2010-11 (Actual)	45
2011-12 (Actual)	-
2012-13 (Actual)	-
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0553****(Question Serial No. 3884)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 153):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimate, the places of sheltered workshops (SWs) will be increased from 5 111 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to 5 161 in the 2014-15 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What will be the geographical distribution of the additional 50 places?
2. In how many existing SWs and new SWs will the above additional places be distributed respectively, and what will be the details of the distribution?
3. How many people were on the waiting list of SWs and what was the waiting time in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows–

1. & 2. The 50 additional SW places planned for 2014-15 are to be provided through in-situ expansion. The Social Welfare Department is in the course of identifying suitable service unit(s) and unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this juncture.
3. The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for SW in the past three years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in month)
2011-12	2 450 (as at end-March 2012)	16.8
2012-13	2 515 (as at end-March 2013)	12.6
2013-14	2 668 (as at end-December 2013)	Not Available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2013-14 is not yet available as the average waiting time is 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0554****(Question Serial No. 3885)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 77):

As at December 2013, 455 people were waiting for places of care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled (C&A/SDs). The Government plans to provide 30 additional places, accounting for 6.59% of the overall demand for service. Please inform this Committee of –

1. the average cost per place per month in a C&A/SD in the past five years;
2. the total number of people on and the number of people added to the waiting list for such places each year in the past five years; and
3. the number of additional places each year in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

1. The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling Officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the average cost per place per month for C&A/SD. The expenditure for the service from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Financial Year	Expenditure for C&A/SD (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	134.8
2010-11 (Actual)	139.2
2011-12 (Actual)	155.6
2012-13 (Actual)	166.6
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	187.1

2. The number of applicants for C&A/SD on the waiting list and the number of new applicants from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are set out as follows –

Type of service	No. of applicants					No. of new applicants				
	2009-10 (as at end March 2010)	2010-11 (as at end March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end Dec 2013)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
C&A/SD	341	361	389	425	455	116	109	117	116	86 (Note)

[Note] From 1 April 2013 to 31 December 2013.

3. The number of additional C&A/SD places from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Year	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
Number of new places	50	51	-	51	32

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0555****(Question Serial No. 3886)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 78):

As at December 2013, 128 people were waiting for places of care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs). Since 2008, the Government has not increased the number of such places. Please inform this Committee of –

1. the average cost per place per month in a C&A/AB in the past five years;
2. the total number of applicants (breakdown by gender) and the number of new applicants (breakdown by gender) on waiting list for such places each year in the past five years;
3. the existing provision of places, with breakdown by gender, on Hong Kong Island and in West Kowloon and the New Territories; and
4. the age distribution of service users of and applicants for C&A/ABs with breakdown by age groups of 60-69, 70-79 and 80 or above.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (1) The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling Officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for C&A/ABs.

The expenditure for C&A/ABs in the past five years is as follows –

Year	Expenditure(\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	99.5
2010-11 (Actual)	99
2011-12 (Actual)	110
2012-13 (Actual)	118
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	122.7

- (2) The number of applicants and new applicants for places of C&A/AB with a breakdown by gender in the past four years is set out below. The figures for 2009-10, prior to the implementation of the computerised Client Information System, are not available.

Year	Number of applicants (as at end-March of financial year)		Number of new applicants	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
2010-11	73	30	93	112
2011-12	65	25	93	105
2012-13	90	30	91	130
2013-14	92#	36#	74	90

As at end-December 2013.

- (3) The existing number of places of C&A/AB on Hong Kong Island, in West Kowloon and in the New Territories is provided as follows –

Region	Number of places	
	Male	Female
Hong Kong Island	129	246
West Kowloon	20	110
New Territories	115	205

- (4) The number of service users of C&A/AB and applicants for places of C&A/AB by age group in the past four years is set out below. The figures for 2009-10, prior to the implementation of the computerised Client Information System, are not available.

Year	Number of service users			Number of applicants		
	Age 60-69	Age 70-79	Age 80 or above	Age 60-69	Age 70-79	Age 80 or above
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	32	157	572	12	31	60
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	38	142	599	9	27	54
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	40	144	602	18	25	77
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	46	137	608	30	32	66

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3887)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 79):

As at December 2013, 85 children were waiting for places of small group homes for the children with disabilities. The Government planned to increase the number of places from 64 to 80 in the 2010-11 Estimates. In 2011-12, the Government provided 64 places. It remained at 64 in 2012-13, but was projected to increase to 80 in 2013-14. Please inform this Committee of –

1. needy children have not been provided with the services due to the Government's failure to meet its target. Has the Government provided additional service support for the children on the waiting list? If yes, please provide the details; if not, what are the reasons?
2. the total number of applicants and number of new applicants on the waiting list for such places each year in the past five years;
3. the age distribution of service users of and applicants for places of small group homes for the children with disabilities by age groups of 6-8, 9-11, 12-15 and 16-18; and
4. the average cost per place per month in the small group homes in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department has planned to provide 16 additional small group home places for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)) to meet the service demand. Subject to the approval for the change of land use, the tentative date of service commencement is scheduled for 2014-15. For the children on the waiting list, their caseworkers will continue to provide them with necessary support services and review their welfare plans, including their need for alternative residential care services or priority placements.

2. The numbers of applicants and new applicants on the waiting list for SGH(MMHC) in the past five years were as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Number of new applicants
2009-10	70 (as at end-March 2010)	24
2010-11	51 (as at end-March 2011)	30
2011-12	73 (as at end-March 2012)	45
2012-13	79 (as at end-March 2013)	28
2013-14	85 (as at end-December 2013)	30

3. The numbers of service users of SGH(MMHC) and applicants for places of SGH(MMHC) by age group in the past four years are provided below. The figures for 2009-10, prior to the implementation of the computerised Client Information System, are not available.

Year	Number of service users				Number of applicants			
	Age 6-8	Age 9-11	Age 12-15	Age 16-18	Age 6-8	Age 9-11	Age 12-15	Age 16-18
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2	13	27	17	11	15	16	9
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	4	11	30	18	16	23	27	7
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	3	9	26	25	13	22	38	6
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	5	11	20	21	13	25	42	5

4. The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling Officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for SGH(MMHC).

The expenditure for SGH(MMHC) in the past five years was as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2009-10 (Actual)	3.7
2010-11 (Actual)	4.5
2011-12 (Actual)	5.8
2012-13 (Actual)	6.1
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	6.3

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0557****(Question Serial No. 3888)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 154):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the number of places provided by early education and training centres (EETCs) will be increased from 2 628 in the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 to 3 094 in the Estimate for 2014-15. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following -

1. the geographical distribution of the additional 466 places;
2. how many of such places will be provided by existing and new EETCs respectively, and the details of the distribution; and
3. the number of children on the waiting list of EETCs in the past three years and the waiting time?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Among the 466 EETC places to be provided in 2014-15, 90 places will be provided at a new service unit in Kwun Tong, 90 places at a new service unit in Sha Tin, 90 places at a new service unit in Kwai Chung and 60 places at a new service unit in Tuen Mun. 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 premises configuration, etc., the Social Welfare Department is unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this stage.
3. The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for EETC in the past three years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	3 467 (as at end-March 2012)	15.7
2012-13	3 878 (as at end-March 2013)	15.2
2013-14	3 540 (as at end-December 2013)	Not available ^[Note]

[Note] The figure for 2013-14 is not yet available as the average waiting time is 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3889)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 80):

As at December 2013, 1 131 people were waiting for places of supported hostels. The Government plans to provide 30 additional places, accounting for 2.65% of the overall demand for service. Please inform this Committee of –

1. the total number of people (breakdown by gender) on and the number of people (breakdown by gender) added to the waiting list for such places each year in the past five years;
2. the number of additional places (breakdown by gender) each year in the past five years; and
3. the cost per place per month in a supported hostel in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of applicants and new applicants on the waiting list for Supported Hostel (SHOS) by gender for the past five years are set out in the Annex.
2. & 3. The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for SHOS. The number of additional places by gender and the expenditure for SHOS for the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Number of additional places			Expenditure (\$ million)
	M	F	Total	
2009-10 (Actual)	-	-	-	27.5
2010-11 (Actual)	86	68	154	28.2 ^[Note]
2011-12 (Actual)	-	-	-	40.2
2012-13 (Actual)	-	-	-	44.4
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	24	18	42	49.0

^[Note] The expenditure decreased in 2010-11 due to the reduction of civil service pay with effect from 1 January 2010.

Numbers of Applicants and New Applicants for Supported Hostel

Year	Number of applicants ^[Note 1]			Number of new applicants ^[Note 2]		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
2009-10	540	404	944	84	57	141
2010-11	564	437	1 001	91	75	166
2011-12	563	449	1 012	138	116	254
2012-13	634	539	1 173	130	129	259
2013-14	728	583	1 311	131	88	219

[Note 1] As at the end of the financial year except 2013-14 for which the figure as at end-December 2013 was provided.

[Note 2] Full year figures except for 2013-14 in respect of which the number of new applicants from 1 April 2013 to 31 December 2013 was provided.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0559****(Question Serial No. 3890)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 81):

What were the cost per place per month in an early education and training centre (EETC) for children with disabilities, the total number of children on the waiting list for such services and the additional number of children on the waiting list every year, as well as the annual increase in the number of such places in the past three years? (With a breakdown of children aged 0-2 and aged 2-6)

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The cost per place per month for pre-school services for children with disabilities is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for EETC. The expenditure for the service for the past three years is set out as follows—

Expenditure (\$ million)		
2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
134.7	152.4	155.3

The number of applicants on the waiting list for EETC from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of applicants		
	Aged 0 – below 2	Aged 2 – below 6	Total
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	543	2 924	3 467
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	662	3 216	3 878
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	578	2 962	3 540

The number of new applicants on the waiting list for EETC from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of new applicants		
	Aged 0 – below 2	Aged 2 – below 6	Total
2011-12	373	1 730	2 103
2012-13	431	1 649	2 080
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	289	1 284	1 573

The number of additional places for EETC from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is provided as follows –

Number of additional places		
2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
235	-	15

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3891)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 155):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the places of early education and training centres were 2 613 and 2 628 in the 2012-13 Actual and in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate respectively. This has represented a decrease of 481 and 466 places as against 3 094 and 3 094 places in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Original Estimates respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above shortfall? How would the Administration faithfully ensure that the plan to increase the places to 3 094 in the coming year would be implemented?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration planned to provide 481 additional places for early education and training centres in 2013-14. Only 15 additional places were provided in 2013-14 owing to the longer than expected time required for the completion of planning work, such as conducting local consultation, securing the allocation of premises, etc. The Social Welfare Department will closely monitor the progress of work and step up efforts in collaborating with the parties concerned in the planning and implementation process with a view to providing the planned additional places in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3892)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 156):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the number of places of occasional child care service (OCCS) will be increased from 77 in the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 to 81 in the Estimate for 2014-15. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. the geographical distribution of the additional four places;
2. how many of such places would be provided by existing and new OCCS units respectively, and the details of the distribution; and
3. the number of children on the waiting list of OCCS in the past three years and the waiting time?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. In 2014-15, two additional OCCS places for children with disabilities will be provided in an existing service unit in Yuen Long and another two in a new service unit in Tuen Mun.
3. The computerised system administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the statistics on the number of applications and the waiting time for occasional child care services for children with disabilities since the service units provide drop-in service and admit children directly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3893)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 157):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the numbers of places of occasional child care are 77 in the 2012-13 Actual and in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate. This has represented a decrease of 4 places as against 81 places in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Original Estimates. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above shortfall? How would the Administration ensure that the plan to increase four places in the coming year would be faithfully implemented?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration planned to provide four additional places of occasional child care service for children with disabilities in special child care centre (SCCC) in 2013-14. These places have not come into operation as scheduled owing to the longer than expected time required for the completion of planning work of SCCC, such as conducting local consultation, securing the allocation of premises, etc. The Social Welfare Department will closely monitor the progress of work and step up efforts in collaborating with the parties concerned in the planning and implementation process with a view to providing the planned additional places in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0563****(Question Serial No. 3894)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 158):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the number of places provided by special child care centres (SCCCs) will be increased from 1 757 in the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 to 1 883 in the Estimate for 2014-15. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. the geographical distribution of the additional 126 places;
2. how many of such places will be provided by existing and new SCCC respectively, and the details of the distribution; and
3. the number of children on the waiting list of SCCC in the past three years and the waiting time?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Among the 126 SCCC places to be provided in 2014-15, 24 places will be provided at a new service unit in Tuen Mun. Since the provision of the remaining places is still at the preparatory stage, the Social Welfare Department is unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this juncture.
3. The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for SCCC in the past three years are set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	1 319 (as at end-March 2012)	16.8
2012-13	1 404 (as at end-March 2013)	16.9
2013-14	1 112 (as at end-December 2013)	Not available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2013-14 is not yet available as the average waiting time is 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3895)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 159):

As stated in the 2014-15 Estimates, the number of places of special child care centres in the 2012-13 Actual and in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate is both 1 757. This has represented a decrease of 126 as against 1 883 in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Original Estimates. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above shortfall? How would the Administration ensure that the plan to increase the places by 126 in the coming year would be faithfully implemented?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration planned to provide 126 additional places for special child care centres in 2013-14. These places have not come into operation as scheduled owing to the longer than expected time required for the completion of planning work, such as conducting local consultation, securing the allocation of premises, etc. The Social Welfare Department will closely monitor the progress of work and step up efforts in collaborating with the parties concerned in the planning and implementation process with a view to providing the planned additional places in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0565****(Question Serial No. 3896)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 82):

Since 2006-07, the number of places under the integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IPs) has remained at 1 860. Please inform this Committee of-

- the total number of children on and the number of children added to the waiting list for such places each year in the past five years (with a breakdown by age groups of 0-2 and 2-6);
- the cost per place per month under the IPs each year in the past five years (with a breakdown by age groups of 0-2 and 2-6); and
- the waiting time each year in the past five years (with a breakdown by age groups of 0-2 and 2-6).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (KG-cum-CCC) provides training and care for children aged 2-6 with mild disabilities in an ordinary KG-cum-CCC with a view to facilitating their future integration into the mainstream education. The information sought is provided as follows –

- The number of applicants on the waiting list for IP from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Year	Number of applicants		
	Aged 0-below 2	Aged 2-below 6	Total
2009-10 (as at end-March 2010)	28	1 128	1 156
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	27	1 407	1 434
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	35	1 501	1 536
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	59	1 720	1 779
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	46	1 483	1 529

The number of new applicants on the waiting list for IP from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Year	Number of new applicants		
	Aged 0 – below 2	Aged 2 – below 6	Total
2009-10	Not available [Note]	Not available [Note]	1 098
2010-11	Not available [Note]	Not available [Note]	1 171
2011-12	96	1 041	1 137
2012-13	111	1 068	1 179
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	87	889	976

[Note] The existing computerised system for processing applications for pre-school rehabilitation services was rolled out by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in June 2010. The existing system does not keep the data sought.

- (b) The cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. SWD does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for IP. The expenditure for the service for the past five years is set out as follows –

Expenditure for IP (\$ million)				
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
87.5	87.4 ^[Note]	89.4	94.8	97.6

[Note] The expenditure decreased in 2010-11 due to the reduction of civil service pay with effect from 1 January 2010.

- (c) SWD does not capture the average waiting time for rehabilitation services by age group of the applicants. The average waiting time for IP from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Average waiting time (in months)				
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
8.7	10	12.2	12.7	Not available ^[Note]

[Note] The average waiting time for 2013-14 is not available at this stage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3897)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 160):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Estimates that the Administration will enhance care and support services for ageing service users in day rehabilitation service units. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

1. the amount of additional funding for the above initiative;
2. the ranks and numbers of additional staff to be provided through the above initiative for each sheltered workshop (SW) and day activity centre (DAC); and
3. the additional funding to be received by each SW and DAC for the whole year in respect of the above initiative.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$93 million to increase the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities (including day activity centres, sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres) for strengthening care and support for ageing service users. The Social Welfare Department is working out the details with a view to implementing the improvement measure in the third quarter of 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0567

(Question Serial No. 3898)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 161):

In the 2014-15 Estimates, it is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Administration will provide one-stop case management support services for persons with disabilities and their families/carers in district support centres for persons with disabilities. In paragraph 103 of the 2009-10 Policy Address, it is also stated that the Administration has set up 16 District Support Centres since January 2009 to provide one-stop community support services for persons with disabilities who live at home, and for their families. What are the differences between the 2 initiatives? What are the details of the current initiative and the additional resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up 16 DSCs in January 2009 to provide one-stop and district-based community support services for persons with disabilities, regardless of the type of service users' disabilities. Additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$10.6 million has been earmarked to enhance the services of DSCs with a view to meeting the multifarious needs of service users through a case-management approach. Under this approach, the service needs of individual service users will be followed through by designated case managers who are responsible for coordinating and arranging the required rehabilitation services for service users. SWD is working out the implementation details of this initiative.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3899)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 162):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Estimates that the Administration will enhance the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) 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. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of additional staff of various ranks to be provided in each ICCMW in respect of the above initiative;
- (b) the amount of additional funding for each ICCMW under the above initiative; and
- (c) whether there will be any changes in the Funding and Service Agreement with ICCMWs arising from the above initiative. If yes, please provide the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$9.3 million to strengthen the manpower of ICCMWs. Each centre will be allocated additional resources in accordance with the respective team size. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have 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. Upon the allocation of additional resources, the Social Welfare Department will work with the ICCMW operators to review the Funding and Service Agreement having regard to the enhanced services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3900)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 163):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Estimates that the Administration will enhance the sign language interpretation service for persons with hearing impairment. In a press conference on the 2014 Policy Address, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare stated that the Administration would strengthen the manpower of Multi-service Centres for Hearing Impaired Persons and relevant Social and Recreational Centres for the Disabled to enhance sign language interpretation services for persons with hearing impairment. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the amount of additional funding for the above initiative;
- (b) the provision of additional staff of various ranks by each Multi-service Centre for Hearing Impaired Persons in respect of the above initiative; and
- (c) the types of service units referred to as the “relevant Social and Recreational Centres for the Disabled” and the number of service units.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$2.57 million to strengthen the manpower of 2 Multi-service Centres for Hearing Impaired Persons and 4 Social and Recreational Centres for the Disabled, with a view to enhancing sign interpretation services for persons with hearing impairment. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the centres have the flexibility to deploy the additional funding in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3901)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 164):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Estimates that the Administration will strengthen medical social services for children with special needs. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

1. the amount of additional funding and the number of additional staff of various ranks for the above initiative;
2. the provision of additional staff of various ranks by each medical social services unit and the amount of additional funding for each unit in respect of the above initiative; and
3. whether service units other than medical social services units are involved in the above initiative; if yes, please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

With a view to strengthening medical social services for children with special needs and dovetailing with the initiative of the Child Assessment Services of the Department of Health to strengthen interim support for children who are diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, the Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$1 million to create 1 Assistant Social Work Officer post for each of the two Medical Social Services Units (MSSUs) attached to the Child Assessment Centres. This initiative will not affect the manpower provision of other non-MSSUs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3902)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 165):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of social workers providing probation and community service orders services, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimate, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the Actual number in 2012-13;
2. the Revised Estimate for 2013-14;
3. the Estimate for 2014-15;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimate;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of social workers providing probation services and administering the community service orders services are set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
165	168	168

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimate have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3903)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 166):

It is stated in the Estimates that "the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision". Since the number of social workers serving in social service centres for ex-offenders, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of -

1. the Actual number in 2012-13;
2. the Revised Estimate for 2013-14;
3. the Estimate for 2014-15;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon.CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. to 3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisation operating the social service centres for ex-offenders has the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.
4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3904)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 167):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of social workers engaged in the community-based programmes for ex-offenders, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of -

1. the Actual number in 2012-13;
2. the Revised Estimate for 2013-14;
3. the Estimate for 2014-15;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. to 3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisation operating the community-based programmes for ex-offenders has flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.
4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0574****(Question Serial No. 3905)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 168):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of social workers for the Young Offender Assessment Panel (YOAP), which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. The Actual number in 2012-13;
2. The Revised Estimate for 2013-14;
3. The Estimate for 2014-15;
4. The reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. Whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of social workers for YOAP are as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
3	3	3

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3906)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 169):

It is stated in the Estimates that "the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision". Since the number of cases supervised per worker per month of social service centres for ex-offenders, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. The Actual number in 2012-13;
2. The Revised Estimate for 2013-14;
3. The Estimate for 2014-15;
4. The reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. Whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisation operating the social service centres for ex-offenders has flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The number of cases supervised per worker of individual centres may vary according to the team size.
4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3907)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 170):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of cases closed per worker per month of social service centres for ex-offenders, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the Actual number in 2012-13;
2. the Revised Estimate for 2013-14;
3. the Estimate for 2014-15;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisation operating the social service centres for ex-offenders has flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The number of cases closed per worker of individual centres may vary according to the team size.
4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0577****(Question Serial No. 3908)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 83):

There are only 77 places for occasional child care services (OCCS) for children with disabilities in the 18 districts in Hong Kong. An additional 4 places will be provided. Please inform this Committee of the following –

1. The cost per place per month of OCCS for children with disabilities in the past three years (with breakdowns of 0 to 2 years old, and 2 to 6 years old);
2. The total number of people on and the number of people added to the waiting list each year in the past three years (with breakdowns of 0 to 2 years old, and 2 to 6 years old);
3. The additional places each year in the past 10 years (with breakdowns of 0 to 2 years old, and 2 to 6 years old); and
4. What are the Government's principles in providing additional places?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

OCCS for children with disabilities provides short-term day care service in special child care centres or early education and training centres for children with disabilities aged 2 – 6. The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for OCCS for children with disabilities. The expenditure for the service in the past three years is set out as follows –

	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
Expenditure for OCCS (\$million)	2.6	2.8	2.9

2. The computerised system currently administered by the Social Welfare Department does not capture the statistics on the number of applications and the waiting time for OCCS for children with disabilities since the service units provide drop-in service and admit children directly.

3. The number of additional OCCS places for children with disabilities aged 2 – 6 for the past 10 years is set out as follows –

Number of additional places									
2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
3	-	8	2	4	7	-	9	-	-

4. The planned provision of OCCS for children with disabilities is made having regard to the service demand. The Administration will continue to review the service demand and increase the number of OCCS places as necessary.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3909)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 84):

There are only 77 places for occasional child care services (OCCS) for children with disabilities in the 18 districts in Hong Kong. An additional 4 places will be provided. However, some parents said that they spent one day searching for OCCS but to no avail. Would the Government consider setting up a centralised system to facilitate parents' access to the service as soon as possible? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Occasional child care service (OCCS) for children with disabilities provides short-term day care service in special child care centres or early education and training centres for children with disabilities aged 2 – 6 whose parents/carers have to stay away from home occasionally to attend to personal or urgent matters. As at end-March 2013, there were 77 places of OCCS for children with disabilities over the territory and the average attendance rate of the service in 2012-13 was about 36%. Parents/carers may make use of the service through direct application or referral by medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation centres. The Social Welfare Department has uploaded the information of pre-school rehabilitation centres providing OCCS for children with disabilities on its homepage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0579****(Question Serial No. 3910)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 85):

The integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (IP) provides services for children aged 2 to 6 with developmental delay. In 2013-14, what were the respective numbers of disabled children participating in the IP who were mildly mentally handicapped, slightly physically handicapped and without serious mobility problem, mildly or moderately hearing impaired, mildly or moderately visually impaired, or with other kinds of disabilities? (Please give a breakdown by each year of age.)

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

As at end-December 2013, a total of 1 844 children were attending IP. The number of children assessed or suspected to have the specified types of disabilities at the time of their application for the service is set out as follows –

Age Group	Type of Disability ^[Note 1]			
	Mild intellectual disability	Physical disability ^[Note 2]	Hearing impairment ^[Note 2]	Visual impairment ^[Note 2]
2 to below 3	13	2	2	-
3 to below 4	62	13	5	6
4 to below 5	159	14	4	-
5 or above	344	21	15	4
Total	578	50	26	10

^[Note 1] An applicant may have more than one type of disability. Only the specified types of disabilities are shown in the table.

^[Note 2] The Central Referral System captures the numbers of children assessed or suspected to have physical disability, hearing impairment or visual impairment, but does not capture statistics on these disabilities by severity level.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0580****(Question Serial No. 3911)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 86):

For special child care centres (SCCC), what were the average cost per place per month, the total number of children on and the number of children added to the waiting list each year, and the number of additional places each year in the past 3 years? (with breakdowns of 0-2 years old, and 2- 6 years old)

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

SCCC provides centre-based intensive training and care for children aged 2-6 with moderate or severe disabilities. The cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services is provided in the Controlling officer's Report. The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the cost per place per month for SCCC. The expenditure for the service for the past 3 years is set out as follows –

Expenditure for SCCC (\$ million)		
2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
220.0	238.7	251.3

The number of applicants on the waiting list for SCCC from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of applicants		
	Aged 0 – below 2	Aged 2 – below 6	Total
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	186	1 133	1 319
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	221	1 183	1 404
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	173	939	1 112

The number of new applicants on the waiting list for SCCC from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of new applicants		
	Aged 0 – below 2	Aged 2 – below 6	Total
2011-12	239	478	717
2012-13	251	486	737
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	131	361	492

The number of additional places for SCCC from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is provided as follows –

Number of additional places		
2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
111	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3912)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 87):

It is stated in the Estimates that the Administration will continue to help implement the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services for residential care homes for the elderly (the Pilot Scheme). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What are the results of the review on the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme conducted in mid-June 2013?
- (2) Please give the details and the amount of funding involved if the Pilot Scheme is to be extended to all districts in Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme was launched in June 2010 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 for the first three years (i.e. from June 2010 to June 2013). To allow us time to conduct a comprehensive review on the Pilot Scheme, we have earmarked an additional \$1.4 million for extending the existing Pilot Scheme for one year (i.e. until July 2014) as a tide-over arrangement during the review period. We are conducting a review on the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme, and will, in the light of the review findings, consider the way forward.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3913)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 90):

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has launched the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme). Please inform us:

1. As regards the mode of service of the Pilot Scheme, some elderly persons would like to have single-mode direct home-based service. Will the Administration consider adding this mode of service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. Some elderly persons are dissatisfied with the Pilot Scheme's mandatory service requirement of providing no less than eight hours of direct home-based services for the elderly each month, as their needs for home-making, meal delivery or escort services have not been taken into account. Will the Administration relax this mandatory service requirement? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme is to be implemented in two phases over a period of four years, with the first phase introduced in September 2013. In designing the parameters of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, the Administration has conducted in-depth briefings, consultation sessions and discussions with relevant stakeholders, including the Elderly Commission, non-governmental organisations, concern groups, etc. SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of the University of Hong Kong to conduct a formative and outcome evaluation (the Evaluation) of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The Evaluation will examine, among others, the voucher holders' service consumption patterns, satisfaction level, care outcomes, etc. as well as Recognised Service Providers' operational experiences. Moreover, COA has also been commissioned to conduct a Case Mix Study on Community Care Services for the Elderly (the Study). The Study will examine different care needs of groups of elderly persons with moderate to severe levels of impairment and different care needs of groups of elderly persons with the same impairment level. The results of the Evaluation and the Study would assist the Administration in identifying areas of concern on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme and formulating the design of the second phase, which is scheduled for implementation in September 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3914)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 98):

As at March 2014, it is stated in "A Guide to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)" that for the purpose of payment of standard rates, a child is defined as one aged below 15 or aged 15-21 receiving full-time education (students receiving post-secondary education are normally not eligible under the Scheme). Nevertheless, since last financial year, the Administration has relaxed the eligibility for post-secondary students with disabilities from CSSA households to continue to receive CSSA. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of -

1. whether the Guide is misleading the public and when will its content be updated;
2. details of the policy which allows post-secondary students with disabilities to continue to receive CSSA;
3. the publicity concerning the above policy and how it will achieve wide dissemination of information to uphold the public's right of knowing;
4. the number of post-secondary students and post-secondary students with disabilities from CSSA households respectively in the past five years; and
5. the number of cases of post-secondary students with disabilities from CSSA households re-applying for CSSA, the number of cases of successful applications for CSSA as well as the number of withdrawal cases after successful applications for CSSA since the implementation of the policy.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

To be eligible for assistance under the CSSA Scheme, able-bodied persons aged 15 to 59 must participate in the Support for Self-reliance Scheme and actively seek full-time jobs. However, able-bodied persons aged below 22 can be assisted to receive education up to the secondary level under the CSSA Scheme. If these students pursue post-secondary education, they are generally excluded from CSSA and should seek assistance from the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA). In this connection, as announced in the 2014 Policy Address, the Social Welfare Department has included post-secondary students of CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance with effect from 2014-15 so that a family's entitlement will not be affected if it has members receiving post-secondary education.

The above arrangements do not apply to persons with disabilities. If they pursue post-secondary education, they are still eligible for CSSA on the ground of disability, subject to meeting other eligibility criteria. However, they will not be given special grants to meet their educational expenses under the CSSA Scheme and should apply for such assistance from SFAA.

The eligibility criteria for the CSSA Scheme are set out in "A Guide to CSSA".

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on post-secondary students and post-secondary students with disabilities in CSSA households.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3921)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 171):

According to the 2014-15 Estimate, the actual number of supervision cases served under probation service in 2012-13 is 5 133, and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 is 4 838. When compared with the Original Estimates of 6 574 for 2012-13 and 5 506 for 2013-14, there is a decrease of 1 441 and 668 cases respectively. What are the reasons for such discrepancies? What were/will be the number of workers providing the above service in the past three years and the coming year respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of cases put under probation orders is affected by a number of factors such as the crime rate, the number of offenders arrested by the police and convicted by the court, and the courts' sentencing decision. The number of social workers for probation service in 2011-12 was 132. Upon the implementation of the Integrated Model on Community-based Services for Offenders in July 2012, the 11 Probation Offices were integrated with the Community Service Orders Office and two Community Support Service Centres to form seven Probation and Community Service Orders Offices. The number of social workers providing both probation and community service orders services was 165 in 2012-13, and 168 in 2013-14. The number will remain to be 168 in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3922)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 172):

According to the 2014-15 Estimate, the actual number of supervision cases served under Community Service Orders (CSOs) Scheme in 2012-13 is 2 376, and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 is 2 051. When compared with the Original Estimates of 2 971 for 2012-13 and 2 773 for 2013-14, there is a decrease of 595 and 772 cases respectively. What are the reasons for such discrepancies? What were/will be the number of workers providing the above service in the past three years and the coming year respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of cases put under CSO is affected by a number of factors such as the crime rate, the number of offenders arrested by the police and convicted by the court, and the courts' sentencing decision. The number of social workers in administering the CSO Scheme in 2011-12 was 27. Upon the implementation of the Integrated Model on Community-based Services for Offenders in July 2012, the CSO Office has been integrated with the 11 Probation Offices and two Community Support Service Centres to form seven Probation and Community Service Orders Offices and the Co-ordinating Office of Community Service Orders. The numbers of social workers providing both probation and CSO services was 165 in 2012-13, was 168 in 2013-14 and is 168 in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0586****(Question Serial No. 3923)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 173):

According to the 2014-15 Estimates, the actual cost per case served per month under the Community Service Orders (CSO) Scheme in 2012-13 is \$2,496, a substantial increase of \$444 when compared with the Original Estimate of \$2,052; and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 is \$2,650, again a substantial increase of \$833 against the Original Estimate of \$1,817. What are the reasons for such increases? What were/will be the number of workers providing the above service in the past three years and the coming year respectively? What were/will be the number of cases served per worker per month and the numbers of cases closed per worker per month in the past three years and the coming year respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The increase in the cost per case served under the CSO Scheme in the 2014-15 Estimate as compared with the 2012-13 Actual, the 2013-14 Original Estimate and the 2013-14 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the decrease in the number of supervision cases and increase in staff cost mainly attributed by 2013-14 Civil Service Pay Adjustment.

The number of social workers in administering the CSO Scheme in 2011-12 was 27, and the numbers of CSO supervision cases served and cases completed per social worker per month were 44.25 and 5.6 respectively. Upon the implementation of the Integrated Model on Community-based Services for Offenders in July 2012, the CSO Office has been integrated with the 11 Probation Offices and two Community Support Service Centres to form seven Probation and Community Service Orders Offices and the Co-ordinating Office of Community Service Orders. The information sought is provided as follows –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Number of social workers providing probation service and administering CSO Scheme	165	168	168
Number of CSO supervision cases served per social worker per month	6.77	6.57 ^[Note]	6.57 ^[Note]
Number of CSO cases completed per social worker per month	0.99	0.74 ^[Note]	0.74 ^[Note]

[Note] The number is projected based on the latest actual figures available in 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3924)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 174):

According to the 2014-15 Estimates, the actual number of admissions to probation home in 2012-13 is 81, and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 is 69. When compared with the Original Estimates of 102 for 2012-13 and 104 for 2013-14, there is a decrease of 21 and 35 admissions respectively. What are the reasons for such discrepancies?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The probation home provides residential training for young offenders as ordered by the courts. The estimated number of admissions was projected based on the latest actual figures available in 2012 and 2013. It is, however, subject to variation since admissions to probation home are affected by various factors such as the crime rate, the number of juvenile offenders arrested by the police and convicted by the court and the courts' sentencing decisions.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3925)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 175):

According to the 2014-15 Estimate, the actual number of discharges from probation home in 2012-13 is 82, and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 is 109. When compared with the Original Estimate of 100 for 2012-13 and 77 for 2013-14, there is a decrease of 18 and 32 discharges respectively. What are the reasons for such discrepancies?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The probation home provides residential training for probationers as ordered by the courts and the probationers must be released upon completion of the training programme. The estimated number of discharges from probation home was projected based on the latest actual figures available in 2012 and 2013. It is, however, subject to variation since discharge from probation home is affected by various factors such as the number of admissions, court disposals and length of stay.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3926)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 176):

According to the 2014-15 Estimate, the actual cost per resident per month of probation homes in 2012-13 is \$53,084, and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 is \$56,443. It is estimated that the above cost will increase to \$60,006 in 2014-15. What are the reasons for the difference? What were/will be the number of workers providing the above service and the manpower ratio of workers to cases in the past three years and the coming year respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The increase in the cost per resident per month for probation home in the 2014-15 Estimate as compared with the 2012-13 Actual and 2013-14 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the anticipated increase in departmental expenses and staff cost.

The probation home has been co-located with the reformatory school and remand home/place of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), since July 2007. TMCJH is a gazetted home designed for a capacity of 388 places, with 116 frontline workers providing supervision and care for residents. The existing staff provision is adequate to handle the current service demand.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0590

(Question Serial No. 3927)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 177):

According to the 2014-15 Estimates, the actual cost per resident per month of reformatory school in 2012-13 is \$53,084, and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 is \$56,443. It is estimated that the above cost will increase to \$60,006 in 2014-15. What are the reasons for the differences? What were/will be the number of workers providing the above service and the manpower ratio of workers to cases in the past three years and the coming year respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The increase in the cost per resident per month for the reformatory school in the 2014-15 Estimate as compared with the 2012-13 Actual and 2013-14 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the anticipated increase in departmental expenses and staff cost.

The reformatory school has been co-located with the probation home and remand home/place of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), since July 2007. TMCJH is a gazetted home designed for a capacity of 388 places, with 116 frontline workers providing supervision and care for residents. The existing staff provision is adequate to handle the current service demand.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0591

(Question Serial No. 3928)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 178):

The number of admissions to reformatory school has substantially reduced from 25 in 2012-13 Actual to 12 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate and the 2014-15 Estimate. What are the reasons for the above reduction?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Reformatory school provides residential training for young offenders as ordered by the courts. The estimated number of admissions was projected based on the latest actual figures available in 2013. It is, however, subject to variation since admissions to reformatory school are affected by a number of factors such as the crime rate, the number of juvenile offenders arrested by the police and convicted by the court, and the courts' sentencing decisions.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0592

(Question Serial No. 3929)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 179):

According to the 2014-15 Estimates, the actual cost per resident per month of remand homes/places of refuge in 2012-13 is \$53,084, and the Revised Estimate for 2013-14 is \$56,443. It is estimated that the above cost will increase to \$60,006 in 2014-15. What are the reasons for the differences? What were/will be the numbers of workers providing the above service and the manpower ratio of workers to cases in the past three years and the coming year respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The increase in the cost per resident per month for remand home/place of refuge in the 2014-15 Estimate as compared with the 2012-13 Actual and 2013-14 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the anticipated increase in departmental expenses and staff cost.

The remand home/place of refuge has been co-located with the probation home and reformatory school in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), since July 2007. TMCJH is a gazetted home designed for a capacity of 388 places, with 116 frontline workers providing supervision and care for residents. The existing staff provision is adequate to handle the current service demand.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3932)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 182)

There is an increase of \$1.9 million in the financial provision for the Government sector under the Programme "Young People" in the 2014-15 Estimate as compared with the 2013-14 Revised Estimate. However, there is a reduction of \$123.5 million in the financial provision for the subvented sector in the 2014-15 Estimate as compared with the 2013-14 Revised Estimate, a reduction of 6.8%. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What are the reasons for the increase of \$1.9 million in the financial provision for the Government sector?
2. What is the amount of reduced provision for the subvented sector providing young people service as a result of the completion of the Programme Worker (PW) initiative? What is the number of PWs involved?
3. What are the reasons for the reduction in the financial provision for the subvented sector providing young people service other than the conclusion of the PW initiative?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The increase in financial provision for the Government sector under Young People in 2014-15 is mainly due to the net increase of three posts in the supporting general grades and general increase in departmental expenditure.
2. With the completion of the PW initiative, the financial provision for the subvented sector under all relevant Programmes will be reduced by \$268 million in 2014-15. About 2 500 PW posts will be involved.
3. There is no other reduction in the financial provision for the subvented sector other than those related to the completion of the PW initiative.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3933)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 183):

What is the annual provision for each pilot cyber youth outreaching project (PCYOP) since the service was launched?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has commissioned three non-governmental organisations to each launch a PCYOP with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Each pilot project has been allocated a grant of \$5.2 million for the implementation of project for three years starting from August 2011.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0595****(Question Serial No. 3934)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 184):

What was and will be the number of integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) in Hong Kong and the average amount of annual provision for each centre in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
No. of ICYSCs	138	138	138	138
Average amount of annual expenditure per centre (\$ million)	6.36	6.74	7.0	7.36

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0596****(Question Serial No. 3935)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 185):

What was and will be the average amount of annual provision for each children and youth centre (CYC) in Hong Kong in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Average amount of annual expenditure per CYC (\$ million)	2.8	2.84	2.95	3.09

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3936)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 196):

What were and will be the average amount of annual expenditure for a government sector Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) in Hong Kong in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average expenditure for an IFSC run by the Social Welfare Department was \$12.7 million in the 2011-12 (Actual), was \$13.3 million in 2012-13 (Actual), is \$14.2 million in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and will be \$14.8 million in 2014-15 (Estimate).

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0598

(Question Serial No. 3937)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 197):

What were and will be the average annual expenditure for an Integrated Family Service Centre operated by subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Hong Kong in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average expenditure for an Integrated Family Service Centre run by NGOs was \$9.5 million in 2011-12 (Actual), was \$9.9 million in 2012-13 (Actual), is \$10.8 million in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and will be \$11.4 million 2014-15 (Estimate).

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0599****(Question Serial No. 3938)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 198):

What was and will be the average amount of annual provision for each district elderly community centre (DECC) in Hong Kong in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average expenditure for a DECC in the past three years was as follows –

(\$ million)		
2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
6.6	7.0	7.2

With the additional subvention earmarked for DECCs to employ more social workers with a view to strengthening the support provided for elderly persons living in the community, including those elderly persons with dementia and their carers, the estimated expenditure for a DECC is \$8.5 million in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0600****(Question Serial No. 3939)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 199):

What was and will be the average amount of annual provision for each neighbourhood elderly centre (NEC) in Hong Kong in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average annual recurrent funding for each NEC in the past three years was as follows –

(\$ million)		
2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
1.9	2	2.1

With the additional subvention earmarked for NECs to employ more social workers with a view to strengthening the support provided for elderly persons living in the community, the annual recurrent funding for each NEC will be about \$2.6 million in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0601****(Question Serial No. 3940)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 200):

What was the average amount of annual provision for each social centre for the elderly (SE) in Hong Kong in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average annual recurrent funding for each SE in the past three years is as follows –

(\$ million)		
2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
0.97	1.03	1.06

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0602****(Question Serial No. 3941)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 186):

It is stated in the Estimate that “the indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the number of attendees in core programme sessions per worker of integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs), which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimate, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimate;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The estimated number of attendees in core programme sessions per worker of ICYSCs in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is based on the actual figure in 2012-13 as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
4 605	4 605	4 605

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimate have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0603****(Question Serial No. 3942)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 187):

It is stated in the Estimate that "the indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision". Since the number of clients served per worker at any one time by integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs), which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimate;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of clients served per worker at any one time by ICYSCs is as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
80	80	80

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3943)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 188):

What was the number of school social workers in Hong Kong in each of the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of school social workers in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 was 574, 568 and 566 respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0605****(Question Serial No. 3944)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 189):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the caseload per school social worker, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average caseload per school social worker from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
75	75	75

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0606****(Question Serial No. 3945)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 190):

It is stated in the Estimates that "the indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision". Since the number of cases closed having achieved the agreed goal per school social worker, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of cases closed having achieved the agreed goal per school social worker from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
25	25	25

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0607****(Question Serial No. 3946)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 191):

It is stated in the Estimates that “the indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision”. Since the caseload per worker of outreaching social work, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average caseload per worker of outreaching social work from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
81	81	81

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0608****(Question Serial No. 3947)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 192):

It is stated in the Estimates that "the indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision". Since the number of cases closed having achieved case goal plan per outreaching social work team, which was shown in previous Estimates, is not found in the 2014-15 Estimates, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. the 2012-13 Actual number for the above service;
2. the 2013-14 Revised Estimate for the service;
3. the 2014-15 Estimate for the service;
4. the reasons for not showing such information in the 2014-15 Estimates;
5. whether such information will be included again in future Estimates; if yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of cases closed having achieved case goal plan per outreaching social work team from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
81	81	81

4. & 5. The targets and indicators in the 2014-15 Estimates have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Department's activities and services provided for the public. There is no plan to revert to the old format.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3948)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 193):

What is the average annual funding for each of the 16 district youth outreaching social work teams (DYOTs) and the three youth outreaching teams (YOTs) in Hong Kong in the coming year? What are the respective targets of service, service hours and requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements (FSA) for the two types of outreaching teams?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average annual funding for each of the 16 DYOTs and the three YOTs are \$6.4 million and \$5.3 million respectively in the 2014-15 Estimate. The target service users of both DYOTs and YOTs are young people at the age of 6-24 who are unattached to normal social systems and are vulnerable or exposed to undesirable systems or elements. DYOTs operate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. while YOTs operate from 10 a.m. to 6 a.m. the next day.

Under the FSA, both DYOTs and YOTs are required to meet the performance standards in terms of output (OS) and outcome (OC). For the OSs, the common output indicators for DYOTs and YOTs are the numbers of cases served, cases closed, clients identified and direct contact hours. Besides, DYOTs are required to meet the output indicator on the number of anti-drug programme sessions while the three YOTs are required to meet the common output indicators on the numbers of group/programme sessions, young night drifters served and referrals successfully made for mainstream services/employment programmes. For the OCs, the DYOTs are required to meet the outcome indicators on the percentage of cases closed and participants of anti-drug programmes with their anti-drug knowledge and/or awareness enhanced. The three YOTs are required to meet the common outcome indicators on the percentage of programmes having goals achieved as well as the satisfaction rates of services received and enhanced resilience/problem solving capacity.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0610****(Question Serial No. 3949)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 194):

What was and will be the annual provision for each team of overnight outreaching services for young night drifters (YND) in Hong Kong in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The average expenditure for each team of YND in the past three years and the coming year are provided below –

Year	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Average expenditure per YND (full-year) (\$ million)	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.0

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0611****(Question Serial No. 3950)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 195):

What was and will be the amount of annual provision for court social work service in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The services for ex-offenders and discharged prisoners include social service centres, hostel service, employment development service, community education and crime prevention service and court social work service, etc. which aim to help them turn over a new leaf and re-integrate into the community as well as rendering enquiry and counselling services to alleviate their stress and anxiety associated with prosecution. The total expenditure for the services in the past 3 years and in 2014-15 is as follows –

	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2014-15 (Estimate)
Expenditure (\$ million)	47.6	50.3	52.4	52.7

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the operating non-governmental organisation has flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. There is no breakdown of expenditure specifically allocated for court social work service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3968)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 357):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams (DYOTs) (serial number 039), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 October 2008;
2. What were the dates and revisions of the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how have they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for DYOT was revised once in December 2010 to reflect the injection of additional resources. In the revised FSA, it is agreed with the service operators concerned to adjust the performance standards by adding outcome and output standards on anti-drug programmes and enhancing the agreed levels of casework and anti-drug programmes.
- 4.& 5. For the revision of the FSA for DYOT, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3969)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 361):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) (No. 063) of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 October 2010?
2. What are the respective date and detail of each revision of the above FSA since its formulation?
3. What are the details of each revision of the above FSA since its formulation?
4. Before the Administration revises the above FSA, what stakeholders have been consulted and how have they been consulted?
5. Would the Administration revise the above FSA in the coming three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Would the Administration consider uploading the old version(s) of the above FSA to the website of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. With additional allocation in 2011-12, the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) of the service was revised in April 2012 to update the output requirements on the numbers of members served, cases served and outreaching visits and linkage activities/programmes conducted.
4. In the revision of the FSA for ICCMW, SWD had, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings.
5. With additional allocation in 2013-14, SWD will revise the FSA in April 2014 to update the output requirements on the number of cases served as well as the number of outreaching visits and linkage activities/programmes conducted.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3970)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 388):

Please provide in table form the staffing establishment in various ranks; and the manpower ratio of supervisors to frontline staff in each Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector over the past five years and in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The manpower provision for individual IFSCs run by the government sector, including supervisor, frontline social workers and support staff, will be arranged with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality. The numbers of frontline social workers and supervisors and their ratio in the past five years and for the coming year are set out in the Annex.

Year	Manpower provision for IFSCs run by the government sector		
	Number of supervisors	Number of frontline social workers	Ratio
2009-10	64	704	1:11.0
2010-11	64	704	1:11.0
2011-12	64	724	1:11.3
2012-13	65	738	1:11.4
2013-14	65	738	1:11.4
2014-15	65	738	1:11.4

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3971)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 389):

Please set out in table form the staffing establishment of various ranks and the ratio of supervisory staff to frontline workers in each sheltered workshop run by the government sector in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department hived off the operation of two sheltered workshop-cum-hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons to non-government organisations in 2012-13. These two former service units were Hang Ngai Manufacturing and Hostel, and Wing Lung Bank Golden Jubilee Sheltered Workshop and Hostel. Their staffing establishments, which remained the same from 2009-10 to 2011-12, are set out in the Annex.

**Staffing Establishments of Hang Ngai Manufacturing and Hostel
and Wing Lung Bank Golden Jubilee Sheltered Workshop and Hostel**

Rank	Hang Ngai Manufacturing and Hostel	Wing Lung Bank Golden Jubilee Sheltered Workshop and Hostel
Social Work Officer	-	1
Assistant Social Work Officer	1	1
Senior Social Work Assistant	-	1
Social Work Assistant	4	2
Welfare Worker	-	7
Enrolled Nurse	-	5
Hostel Manager / Manageress	1	-
Workshop Instructor II	2	1
Workshop Instructor III	5	7
Clerical Assistant	1	1
Motor Driver	1	1
Cook	2	2
Ward Attendant	6	18
Property Attendant	2	2
Workman II	4	6
Total	29	55

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 3972)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 375):

It is stated in the Estimates that "subsidised social welfare services are provided by the Government, by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through government subventions and, to a lesser extent, by the subvented and private sectors through contract service." Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What are the services provided through contract service in the past three years and the coming year;
- (2) What is the respective funding involved in services provided by the subvented sector through contract service in the past three years and the coming year; and
- (3) What is the respective funding involved in services provided by the private sector through contract service in the past three years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Social welfare services provided through contract service in the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) included certain residential care services for the elderly and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services for the elderly. New contracts to be awarded in 2014-15 are related to the provision of residential care services for the elderly, community and home care service for the elderly, as well as the provision of residential care services for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities.

Expenditure for the services provided through contract service in the past three years and coming year is provided in the following table. Services provided by the private sector account for about 60% - 70% of the expenditure.

Year	Contract service (\$ million)
2011-12	875.1
2012-13	1,047.0
2013-14	1,169.2
2014-15	1,574.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0617****(Question Serial No. 3973)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 376):

It is stated in the Estimates that "in 2013-14, 165 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are operating under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG)." In this connection, please provide a list of NGOs newly operating under and those having left the LSG Subvention System in each of the past five years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Organisations newly operating under the LSG Subvention System from 2009-10 to 2013-14

Year	Organisations newly operating under the LSG Subvention System
2009-10	1. The Child Development Centre 2. International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited 3. Helping Hand
2010-11	Nil
2011-12	Nil
2012-13	Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited
2013-14	Nil

Organisations having left the LSG Subvention System from 2009-10 to 2013-14

Year	Organisations having left the LSG Subvention System
2009-10	Hospital Authority which provided Supported Employment service for people with disabilities
2010-11	Nil
2011-12	Nil
2012-13	Nil
2013-14	Nil

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3974)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 377):

It is stated in the Estimates that the Administration will strengthen the central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as increasing other charges for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant subvention for Family and Child Services. As such, would the Administration inform this Committee of the additional funding allocated to central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as to other charges respectively? For the additional supervisory support posts, which ranks of notional mid-point salary value will be used for calculation and what are the numbers of staff in these ranks?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The allocation of additional funding for the enhancement of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) to different Programmes under Head 170 of the Controlling Officer's Report is for budgetary purpose only. Under the LSGSS, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions to strengthen central administrative and supervisory support, meet the expenditure on "Other Charges" and enable the recruitment and retention of paramedical staff or hiring of services as appropriate in ensuring service quality and meeting service needs for services under different Programmes.

The total additional recurrent expenditure for the enhancement of LSGSS in different Programmes is about \$470 million in 2014-15. About 10% of the \$470 million is apportioned for the enhancement of LSGSS under this Programme (Family and Child Welfare) for budgetary purpose.

The additional funding for supervisory support is estimated at the mid-point salary of Social Work Officer.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0619

(Question Serial No. 3975)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 378):

It is stated in the Estimates that there will be a net increase of 27 posts for family and child services in 2014-15. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the ranks, number and service areas involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The net increase of 27 posts involves the creation of posts in the Clinical Psychologist grade and supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to strengthen psychological and supporting services for family and child welfare.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3976)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 379):

It is stated in the Estimates that there will be a net increase of 138 posts for social security services in 2014-15. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the ranks, number and service areas involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The net increase of 138 posts involves the creation of posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Analyst/Programmer, Statistician, Statistical Officer, Census and Survey Officer grades, as well as supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to support the implementation of the Old Age Living Allowance, process applications for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) due to relaxation of the residence requirement from seven years to one year, support the enhancements of relevant computer systems, and conduct the 2014-15 Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3977)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 380):

It is stated in the Estimates that the Administration will strengthen the central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as increasing other charges for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant subvention for services for the elderly. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the respective amount of additional provision for the central administrative, supervisory support, paramedical support and other charges. For the additional supervisory support posts, which ranks of notional mid-point salary value will be used for calculation and what are the numbers of staff in these ranks?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The allocation of additional funding for the enhancement of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) to different Programmes under Head 170 of the Controlling Officer's Report is for budgetary purpose only. Under the LSGSS, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions to strengthen central administrative and supervisory support, meet the expenditure on "Other Charges" and enable the recruitment and retention of paramedical staff or hiring of services as appropriate in ensuring service quality and meeting service needs for services under different Programmes.

The total additional recurrent expenditure for the enhancement of LSGSS in different Programmes is about \$470 million in 2014-15. About 39% of the \$470 million is apportioned for the enhancement of LSGSS under this Programme (Services for Elders) for budgetary purpose.

The additional funding for supervisory support is estimated at the mid-point salary of Social Work Officer.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3978)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 381):

It is stated in the Estimates that there will be a net increase of 20 posts for elderly services in 2014-15. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the ranks, number and service areas involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The net increase of 20 posts involves the creation of posts in the Social Work Officer and Social Work Assistant grades as well as supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to support the provision of residential care services (RCS) in general and the implementation of a number of new initiatives, e.g. the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, the pilot RCS scheme in Guangdong and the pilot scheme on carer allowance under the Community Care Fund.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3979)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 382):

According to the Estimates, the Administration will strengthen the central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as increasing other charges for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention for rehabilitation and medical social services. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the respective additional funding for central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support, as well as other charges respectively. For the additional supervisory support posts, which ranks of mid-point salary value will be used for calculation and what are the numbers of staff in these ranks?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The allocation of additional funding for the enhancement of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) to different Programmes under Head 170 of the Controlling Officer's Report is for budgetary purpose only. Under the LSGSS, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions to strengthen central administrative and supervisory support, meet the expenditure on "Other Charges" and enable the recruitment and retention of paramedical staff or hiring of services as appropriate in ensuring service quality and meeting service needs for services under different Programmes.

The total additional recurrent expenditure for the enhancement of LSGSS in different Programmes is about \$470 million in 2014-15. About 36% of the \$470 million is apportioned for the enhancement of LSGSS under this Programme (Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services) for budgetary purpose.

The additional funding for supervisory support is estimated at the mid-point salary of Social Work Officer.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3980)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 383):

It is stated in the Estimates that there will be a net increase of 14 posts for rehabilitation and medical social services in 2014-15. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the ranks, number and service areas involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The net increase of 14 posts involves the creation of posts in the Social Work Officer, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Building Surveyor and Technical Officer grades as well as supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to support the work related to various units of medical social services, regularisation of Community Care Fund projects, pre-school services as well as implementation of works projects.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3981)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 384):

According to the Estimates, the Administration will strengthen the central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as increasing other charges for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant subvention for services for offenders. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the additional funding allocated to central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as to other charges respectively? For the additional supervisory support posts, which ranks of notional mid-point salary value will be used for calculation and what are the numbers of staff in these ranks?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The allocation of additional funding for the enhancement of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) to different Programmes under Head 170 of the Controlling Officer's Report is for budgetary purpose only. Under the LSGSS, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions to strengthen central administrative and supervisory support, meet the expenditure on "Other Charges" and enable the recruitment and retention of paramedical staff or hiring of services as appropriate in ensuring service quality and meeting service needs for services under different Programmes.

The total additional recurrent expenditure for the enhancement of LSGSS in different Programmes is about \$470 million in 2014-15. About 1% of the \$470 million is apportioned for the enhancement of LSGSS under this Programme (Services for Offenders) for budgetary purpose.

The additional funding for supervisory support is estimated at the mid-point salary of Social Work Officer.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3983)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 386):

According to the Estimates, the Administration will strengthen the central administrative support as well as increasing other charges for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant subvention for young people services. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the respective additional funding for central administrative support and other charges.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The allocation of additional funding for the enhancement of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) to different Programmes under Head 170 of the Controlling Officer's Report is for budgetary purpose only. Under the LSGSS, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions to strengthen central administrative and supervisory support, meet the expenditure on "Other Charges" and, etc., as appropriate in ensuring service quality and meeting service needs for services under different Programmes.

The total additional recurrent expenditure for the enhancement of LSGSS in different Programmes is about \$470 million in 2014-15. About 13% of the \$470 million is apportioned for the enhancement of LSGSS under this Programme (Young People) for budgetary purpose.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3984)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 387):

It is stated in the Estimates that there will be a net increase of three posts for young people services in 2014-15. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the ranks, number and service areas involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The net increase of three posts involves the creation of posts in the supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance secretariat support for administering the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3985)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 391):

What intelligence assessment tools (e.g. Hong Kong Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children) are recognised by the Social Welfare Department in accepting referrals for services for persons with intellectual disabilities at present?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Currently, the most commonly used tests of intellectual abilities are as follows –

- (1) Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children - Fourth Edition (Hong Kong) for children aged from 6 years to 16 years 11 months 30 days; and
- (2) Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale III (Taiwan) for older adolescents aged 16 and 17, and for adults from 18 to 84.

The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - Fourth Edition (Hong Kong) is expected to be available at the latter half of 2014. It will be the standard scale used for assessment of adult intellectual abilities in the future.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3986)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 392):

According to the Estimates, the Administration plans to raise the incentive payment for trainees of sheltered workshops (SWs) and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs). In this connection, please inform this Committee of the criteria adopted for determining the amount paid and the amount to be increased regarding the incentive payment for trainees of SWs and IVRSCs. Is there an established mechanism for the Administration to review and determine the above amounts?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In the 2014 Policy Address, the Administration proposed to raise the incentive payment in SWs and IVRSCs. The Social Welfare Department is working out the implementation details of the initiative which will benefit about 8 500 service users of SWs and IVRSCs. The measure will be implemented within 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3987)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 393):

According to the 2014 Policy Address, the Government proposes to increase funding support for District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities (DSCs), self-help organisations, sign language interpretation services as well as short-term day and residential care services. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the amount of additional funding support to be provided to self-help organisations (SHOs), the percentage increase in funding support as compared with the previous year and how the additional funding is to be used.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2001 been providing funding support for SHOs through the Financial Support Scheme for SHOs of People with Disabilities/Chronic Illness (the Scheme). The Scheme aims at fostering the spirit of self-help and mutual support among persons with disabilities and their families through SHOs. To enhance the support for the operation and development of SHOs, the Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$5.28 million for the Scheme. The additional allocation accounts for an increase by 54% over the previous allocation for the Scheme. SWD is reviewing the operation and allocation criteria of the Scheme to ensure that financial assistance to SHOs would be more sustainable and effective in assisting the development of SHOs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3988)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 394):

According to the 2014 Policy Address, the Government proposes to increase funding support for District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities, self-help organisations, sign language interpretation services as well as short-term day and residential care services. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the amount of additional funding support to be provided to short-term day and residential care services and how the additional funding is to be used.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked an additional full-year recurrent funding of around \$23.8 million to provide 442 additional places for short-term day and residential care services for persons with disabilities aged six or above. These new initiatives will be implemented in 2014-15, and the implementation details are being drawn up.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0632****(Question Serial No. 3989)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 255):

In 2014-15, additional places in residential homes for children (RHCs) will be provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). As such, would the Administration please advise –

1. The demand for residential care services for children in general;

Item	Foster care service	Small group home	Residential crèches and nurseries	Children's home	Girls' home	Girls' hostel	Boys' home	Boys' hostel
Additional places in 2014-15								
Expenditure involved for the additional places in 2014-15								
Number of waitlisted cases - April 2012 – March 2013 - April 2013 – January 2014								
Average waiting time for admission (days)								
Enrolment rate (as at end-December 2013) (%)								
Number of children reunited with birth homes upon case completion								

2. The extra monthly incentive payment made to foster families taking care of children with special needs in the past five years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2013-14); and the geographical distribution of the additional residential homes for children.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The information sought on residential care services for children is provided in the Annex.
2. The amounts of extra monthly incentive payment for foster families taking care of children with special needs in the past five years are as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Amount of extra monthly incentive payment (\$)	752	764	767	1 010	1 056

The 14 additional places in 2014-15 will be provided through in-situ expansion of existing RHCs in Kowloon and on Hong Kong Island.

Residential care services for children

Item	Foster care service	Small group home	Residential crèche and nursery	Children's home	Girls' home [Note 1]	Girls' hostel	Boys' home [Note 1]	Boys' hostel
Additional places in 2014-15	-	-	-	5 ^[Note 2]	9 ^[Note 3]			
Expenditure for additional places in 2014-15	-	-	-	\$1.78 million				
Number of waitlisted cases ^[Note 4]								
- April 2012 – March 2013								
- April 2013 – January 2014	33	369	16	63	25	53	30	10
	33	380	13	71	22	45	39	4
Average waiting time for admission (days) ^[Note 5]	54	111	79	101	24	94	27	39
Enrolment rate (as at end-December 2013) (%)	86	96	90	90	85	84	85	95
Number of children reunited with birth homes upon case completion								
- April 2013 – January 2014	79	129	27	55	6 ^[Note 6]	14	45 ^[Note 6]	4

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

[Note 2] Since 2012-13, there are 20 additional places for residential crèches and nurseries and children's homes provided in three phases including 9 places in 2012-13, 6 places in 2013-14 and 5 places in 2014-15.

[Note 3] Since 2012-13, there are 30 additional places for girls' and boys' homes/hostels provided in two phases including 21 places in 2012-13 and 9 places in 2014-15.

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

[Note 5] Average waiting time for admission of children into various types of residential child care services from April 2013 to January 2014.

[Note 6] The figure excludes girls' and boys' homes with school on site in respect of which SWD does not keep the figures.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0633****(Question Serial No. 3990)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 256):

What are the actual numbers of cases served by the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) over the past five years? What are the average numbers of cases served by each social worker per month, and the average cost per case served per month?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of cases handled by IFSCs from 2009-10 to 2013-14 and the average number of cases handled by each IFSC social worker per month are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases served by IFSCs in a year	Average number of cases served by each IFSC social worker per month
2009-10	89 668	46.2
2010-11	88 426	45.1
2011-12	83 473	41.1
2012-13	80 671	37.9
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	70 381	36.7

There is no information on the average monthly cost for each IFSC case served.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3991)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 257):

The Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) should contact service users within 10 working days upon receiving requests for family services. As such, please inform this Committee of –

The number and percentage of cases in which service users have continued to use the service of IFSCs after having initial contacts with the social workers.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not keep the information sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3992)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 258):

The Maternal and Child Health Centres had referred 894 and 1 632 cases to Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)/Integrated Services Centres (ISCs) for follow-up in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively while there were 1 577 such cases in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013). The Hospital Authority had referred 210 and 168 cases to IFSCs/ISCs in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) respectively. As such, please inform this Committee-

1. Within 10 working days upon receipt of referral by the IFSCs of the aforesaid services, and after having initial contacts with the social workers, what were the number and percentage of cases in which service users had continued to use the service of IFSCs?
2. What were the details of the reasons for service referrals over the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics sought.
2. In the past three years, the main reasons of referrals from the Maternal and Child Health Centres and the Hospital Authority were emotional problem (37%), child care arrangement (23%), marital problem (14%), family relationship problem (9%), financial problem (4%), parenting difficulty / child discipline problem (4%), accommodation problem (3%), mental health / illness problem (2%), and addictions problem (1%).

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3993)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 259):

1. In what ways would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhance the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in 2014-15? What will be the age distribution and geographical distribution of the children who will benefit from the additional places? What will be the enhanced social work support? What will be the expenditure involved after the project enhancement?
2. What are the service demands at present and the details of the services provided of the aforesaid project?
3. What are the numbers of home-based child care service (HCCS) places and centre-based care group (CCG) places in the 18 districts and the number of children served, their utilisation rates and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In 2014-15 the Administration will enhance NSCCP by extending the age limit of children receiving the service from aged under six to aged under nine, increasing funding to operators to enhance social work support for the service, and providing at least 13 additional HCCS places per district with the result that there will be at least 234 additional HCCS places over the territory. SWD will work out details of social work support enhancement in consultation with the service operators of 18 district-based projects. The above enhancements will involve a full-year expenditure of \$4.8 million.
2. & 3. Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP to 18 districts in October 2011, each service operator is required to provide at least 26 HCCS places and 13 CCG places. Thus, there are a total of at least 468 HCCS places and 252 CCG places over the territory. The service operators have the flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand. Since the launch of NSCCP till end-2013, SWD has not received any report of children having to wait for NSCCP service.

SWD captures NSCCP service utilisation by counts of children using the service in the month whereby one child is counted once in the month. The total number of children served under HCCS and CCG from April to December 2013 was 7 861. The expenditure for NSCCP in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate is \$26.5 million. Save for the amount set aside as fee subsidy to help low-income families, the service operators have the flexibility to deploy the remaining allocation of \$18.3 million to run their projects.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3994)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 264):

In August 2011, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to implement the three-year pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOPs), which would be completed in July 2014. The Lotteries Fund (LF) has provided a total funding of \$17 million, and SWD has, on the other hand, spent more than a million dollars on an evaluative study conducted by the University of Hong Kong. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the total expenditure and the annual expenditure of the three NGOs for the whole projects?
2. What is the effectiveness of the projects as monitored by SWD?
3. What are the findings of the evaluative study?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The funding allocations for the three PCYOPs and evaluative study are \$15.6 million and \$0.8 million respectively making a total commitment of \$16.4 million from the LF. The total expenditure of the three projects is \$12.8 million as at 31 December 2013. The annual expenditure of the projects in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to 31 December 2013) are \$4.3 million, \$4.9 million and \$3.6 million respectively.
2. SWD has commissioned the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluative study on the effectiveness of the three pilot projects, which will be completed by the end of 2014.
3. The findings will be provided when the evaluative study is completed by the end of 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3995)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 265):

1. How will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhance the After School Care Programme (ASCP) in 2014-15? What are the age distribution and the geographical distribution of the children who will benefit from the additional places?
2. Regarding the above question, what social work support will be enhanced by SWD? What will be the service indicators for the enhanced programme? How much expenditure will be involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. To improve the ASCP provided by non-governmental organisations for children aged 6 to 12, an additional 360 full fee waiving quotas for providing extended service hours on weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays will be provided in some after-school care centres. The allocation of these fee waiving quotas for the 18 districts for 2014-15 is still under planning.
2. Under the enhanced ASCP, additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$17 million has been earmarked to increase the number of fee waiving quotas for the operators to waive the charges for needy families using the service. The service indicators for the enhanced programme are still under planning.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0639****(Question Serial No. 3997)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 277):

Please provide this Committee with the following information for the past three years [i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to data available month)] –

- (a) with regard to application for dental grant by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, i) the number of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applicants and applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved, with a breakdown by age group; and
- (b) the number of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients, and the geographical distribution of such clinics.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of approved claims and the related amounts of dental grant by age group of the recipients from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

(i) Claims by recipients aged 18 or below

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	22	42	25
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	1,762	1,627	1,381
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	Less than \$0.05 million	0.1	Less than \$0.05 million

(ii) Claims by recipients aged 19 – 59

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	3 340	3 594	2 877
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	4,209	4,267	4,215
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	14.1	15.3	12.1

(iii) Claims by recipients aged 60 and above

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	7 643	8 155	6 522
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	4,991	5,073	5,126
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	38.1	41.4	33.4

(iv) Overall - Claims by recipients of all age groups

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	11 005	11 791	9 424
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	4,747	4,815	4,838
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	52.2	56.8	45.6

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for dental grant within a year. Further figures on the number of applicants applying for dental grant are not readily available.

- (b) (i) The number of dental clinics designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Number of designated dental clinics (including two mobile clinics)	51	53	58

- (ii) The number of designated dental clinics (excluding the two mobile clinics) by geographical district from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

District	Number of designated dental clinics		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
Aberdeen	1	1	1
Central	1	1	1
Chai Wan	2	2	2
Diamond Hill	2	2	2
Fanling	1	1	1
Kowloon City	2	2	2
Kwai Chung	1	2	3
Kwai Tsing	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	6	6	6
Lam Tin	1	1	1
Lei Cheng Uk	1	1	1
Mongkok	1	1	3
Ngau Tau Kok	2	2	2
North Point	1	1	1
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	2	1	1
Shau Kei Wan	-	1	2
Sheung Wan	-	-	1
Tai Po	3	3	3
Tin Shui Wai	1	2	2
To Kwa Wan	1	1	1
Tseung Kwan O	3	3	3
Tsim Sha Tsui	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	2	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	2	2	2
Tung Chung	1	1	1
Wan Chai	2	2	2
Wong Tai Sin	2	2	2
Yau Ma Tei	3	3	3
Yuen Long	1	1	1

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0640

(Question Serial No. 3998)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 278):

Please provide the following information for the past three years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14) –

Regarding applications for additional grants for selected items of school-related expenses by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, with breakdown by type of grants and age group (0-6, 7-14, 15-24 and 25 or above) –

- (i) the number of applicants and applications;
- (ii) the number of applicants and applications for approved additional grants; and
- (iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grants approved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of approved claims and the amount of additional grant for school-related expenses by age group of CSSA recipients for the period from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Age group	2011-12	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of grant approved (\$)
0 - 6	283	292,043
7 - 14	319	274,501
15 - 24	65	64,698
25 or above	-	-
Overall	667	631,242

Age group	2012-13	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of grant approved (\$)
0 - 6	267	323,401
7 - 14	230	193,240
15 - 24	37	28,583
25 or above	-	-
Overall	534	545,224

Age group	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of grant approved (\$)
0 - 6	140	173,395
7 - 14	165	131,263
15 - 24	7	7,765
25 or above	-	-
Overall	312	312,423

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for additional grants within a year. Figures on the number of applicants and successful applicants for approved additional grants are not readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0641****(Question Serial No. 3999)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 279):

- (1) Please inform this Committee of the numbers of service users of the short-term food assistance service (by category of applicants) in the past three years [i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to data available month)].

Category of Applicants	Number of Beneficiaries		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Low income families			
Elderly singletons or families of elderly doubletons			
Unemployed			
New arrivals			
Persons encountering sudden change or family facing immediate financial hardship			
Street sleepers			
Others			
Total			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The numbers of service users served in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to end-January 2014) are around 33 400 , 33 600 and 27 400 respectively. The breakdown by category is set out in the Annex.

Breakdown of Service Users by Category

Category of service users	No. of service users served		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-January 2014)
Low income groups	16 400	18 100	16 400
Singleton elder / Dual elders	Not available	Not available	Not available
Unemployed	6 600	6 400	4 700
New arrivals	4 800	5 200	3 700
Persons encountering sudden change or families facing immediate financial hardship	5 000	5 400	4 300
Street sleepers	600	500	400
Others	2 000	2 600	1 100
Total	35 400^[Note]	38 200^[Note]	30 600^[Note]

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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0642****(Question Serial No. 4000)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 280):

Please inform this Committee, by geographical district, of the numbers of food distribution points of short-term food assistance service projects in the past three years (2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14).

District	Numbers of food distribution points		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Hong Kong			
Kowloon			
New Territories			
Total			

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The numbers of service points, including food distribution points, under the short-term food assistance service projects in the past three years are set out as follows –

District	Service points		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-January 2014)
Hong Kong and Islands	32	35	35
Kowloon	228	236	236
New Territories	152	211	211
Total	412	482	482

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4001)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 282):

Please inform this Committee about the numbers of children served in each of the District Council districts under the home-based child care service (HCCS) 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. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (for months with available data)].

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The NSCCP was regularised and extended to 18 District Council districts in October 2011. The number of children served under HCCS and CCG respectively in each district and the total service hours for HCCS available from October 2011 to December 2013 are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of service hours for CCG while the required minimum number of service sessions (at least two consecutive full hours per session) is 816 per year.

**The Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project
(October 2011 to December 2013)**

District	October 2011 to March 2012				April 2012 to March 2013				April 2013 to December 2013			
	Number of children served [Note]			Service hours of HCCS	Number of children served [Note]			Service hours of HCCS	Number of children served [Note]			Service hours of HCCS
	HCCS	CCG	HCCS & CCG		HCCS	CCG	HCCS & CCG		HCCS	CCG	HCCS & CCG	
Central & Western	37	-	-	1 985	128	-	2	7 630	125	1	-	6 777
Eastern	80	-	-	3 117	310	-	3	13 751	319	-	-	13 896
Wan Chai	40	-	-	1 013	193	2	1	7 428	164	-	-	6 647
Southern	47	45	4	758	165	48	11	6 779	176	23	16	11 652
Islands	223	-	-	13 916	447	-	-	36 765	284	-	-	29 924
Kwun Tong	283	35	3	16 597	608	105	32	47 462	326	79	11	34 820
Wong Tai Sin	131	74	16	10 757	468	219	19	46 704	380	129	7	43 260
Sai Kung	308	-	-	25 319	626	3	2	43 363	665	-	-	48 026
Kowloon City	236	6	7	11 368	555	32	16	29 149	313	18	5	11 287
Sham Shui Po	337	22	14	22 121	849	145	34	72 724	654	141	12	58 799
Yau Tsim Mong	75	133	15	3 134	766	151	117	40 069	467	51	111	36 769
Sha Tin	234	6	1	15 986	447	-	-	31 400	401	-	-	29 358
Tai Po	137	7	-	10 402	486	8	10	47 477	417	14	4	45 320
North	170	5	2	9 323	324	9	1	29 653	264	8	7	30 651
Yuen Long	413	107	18	37 320	730	230	70	88 255	379	207	43	44 900
Tsuen Wan	25	1	1	886	321	1	1	17 698	311	-	-	20 553
Kwai Tsing	158	169	17	15 392	266	375	31	29 190	170	330	21	19 316
Tuen Mun	388	86	49	24 020	788	117	61	54 917	636	125	47	52 211
Total	3 322	696	147	223 414	8 477	1 445	411	650 411	6 451	1 126	284	544 162

[Note] SWD captures the number of service users by counts of children using the service in the month whereby a child is counted once each month.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0644****(Question Serial No. 4002)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 287):

1. Please provide a breakdown by nature of case of the number of new Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases (including re-applications from those having left the CSSA net before) and the number of cases which left the CSSA net (please set out the number of persons leaving the CSSA net by reason) in each of the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14);
2. Please provide a breakdown by age group of the number of new CSSA cases (including re-applications from those having left the CSSA net before) and the number of persons who left the CSSA net (please set out the number of persons leaving the CSSA net by reason) in each of the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14); and
3. Please provide a breakdown by duration of receiving CSSA of the number of persons who left the CSSA net (please set out the number of persons leaving the CSSA net by reason) in each of the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The total number of CSSA new applications by case nature was as follows –

Case nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Old age	14 146	14 125	9 158
Permanent disability	1 566	1 574	1 164
Ill health	6 563	6 476	4 769
Single parent	3 314	3 435	2 591
Low-earnings	2 186	1 985	1 287
Unemployment	8 619	7 790	5 271
Others	5 432	5 593	4 506
Total	41 826	40 978	28 746

The total number of CSSA closed cases by case nature and reason of closure was as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA closed cases in 2011-12						
	Reason for closure						
	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 closed cases in 2012-13						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	71	10 971	257	247	2 744	165	14 455
Permanent disability	2	244	83	83	781	69	1 262
Ill health	4	433	65	295	1 458	168	2 423
Single parent	4	14	113	331	3 572	61	4 095
Low-earnings	1	3	68	156	2 369	30	2 627
Unemployment	18	119	159	1 339	3 319	290	5 244
Others	3	10	25	384	959	127	1 508
Total	103	11 794	770	2 835	15 202	910	31 614

Case nature	Number of CSSA closed cases in 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	19	8 003	157	139	2 828	129	11 275
Permanent disability	4	158	70	42	550	59	883
Ill health	8	328	53	188	1 142	111	1 830
Single parent	3	6	73	220	2 562	41	2 905
Low-earnings	-	5	47	79	1 615	27	1 773
Unemployment	2	95	136	731	2 384	181	3 529
Others	-	9	21	284	764	96	1 174
Total	36	8 604	557	1 683	11 845	644	23 369

- (2) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of recipients in new CSSA applications and CSSA closed cases by age distribution.
- (3) The total number of CSSA closed cases by reason of closure was as follows –

Year	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
2011-12	94	11 622	862	2 847	15 748	1 050	32 223
2012-13	103	11 794	770	2 835	15 202	910	31 614
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	36	8 604	557	1 683	11 845	644	23 369

SWD does not have information on the number of recipients in CSSA closed cases by duration of receiving CSSA.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0645****(Question Serial No. 4003)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 288):

1. Please provide the number of employable adult recipients who have been on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (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 breakdown by age group (aged below 15, aged 15-59, aged 60 or above) in the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14);
2. Please provide the number of CSSA recipients in the age group of 15-59 who have no need to join or been exempted from joining the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme in the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14); and
3. Please provide the number of employable adult recipients who have 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 (aged 15-24, aged 25-39, aged 40-49, aged 50-59) and educational attainment in the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Under the CSSA Scheme, employable adults refer to CSSA recipients who are aged 15-59 and considered available for work. Those aged below 15 and 60 or above are not considered as employable adults. The number of employable adults aged 15-59 by duration of receiving CSSA from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
One and less than one year	4 353	3 819	3 210
More than one to three years	7 783	5 737	4 746
More than three to five years	5 792	5 963	5 102
More than five years	26 668	23 604	21 517

2. All employable CSSA recipients aged 15-59 are required to join the SFS Scheme.
3. The number of employable adults by duration of receiving CSSA, selected age groups and educational attainment from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Table 1: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for one and less than one year

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
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	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	No schooling/kindergarten	1	23	52	88	164
	Primary	28	245	410	704	1 387
	Lower secondary	76	439	418	308	1 241
	Upper secondary	101	344	281	207	933
	Post-secondary	31	16	17	30	94
	Total	237	1 067	1 178	1 337	3 819
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	1	11	33	70	115
	Primary	18	187	326	589	1 120
	Lower secondary	81	379	354	264	1 078
	Upper secondary	79	276	251	201	807
	Post-secondary	23	23	16	28	90
	Total	202	876	980	1 152	3 210

Table 2: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than one to two years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
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	93	283	258	189	823
	Post-secondary	8	13	17	16	54
	Total	194	1 009	1 198	1 387	3 788
2012-13	No schooling/kindergarten	2	21	33	86	142
	Primary	17	184	375	585	1 161
	Lower secondary	59	268	305	247	879
	Upper secondary	69	221	225	150	665
	Post-secondary	4	13	8	13	38
	Total	151	707	946	1 081	2 885
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	1	15	49	67	132
	Primary	10	166	299	508	983
	Lower secondary	56	226	270	212	764
	Upper secondary	72	171	176	156	575
	Post-secondary	8	14	9	13	44
	Total	147	592	803	956	2 498

Table 3: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than two to three years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
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	113	273	265	219	870
	Post-secondary	6	18	18	22	64
	Total	213	959	1 312	1 511	3 995
2012-13	No schooling/kindergarten	2	17	41	66	126
	Primary	13	206	371	626	1 216
	Lower secondary	54	257	278	266	855
	Upper secondary	70	187	185	172	614
	Post-secondary	3	10	12	16	41
	Total	142	677	887	1 146	2 852
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	1	9	34	48	92
	Primary	8	132	335	458	933
	Lower secondary	44	187	225	205	661
	Upper secondary	68	147	194	120	529
	Post-secondary	3	9	5	16	33
	Total	124	484	793	847	2 248

Table 4: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than three to four years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
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	85	170	238	147	640
	Post-secondary	2	7	9	11	29
	Total	202	716	1 178	1 297	3 393
2012-13	No schooling/kindergarten	2	17	36	93	148
	Primary	15	184	420	685	1 304
	Lower secondary	75	302	376	282	1 035
	Upper secondary	85	193	215	188	681
	Post-secondary	6	11	15	20	52
	Total	183	707	1 062	1 268	3 220
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	1	10	29	52	92
	Primary	14	146	318	484	962
	Lower secondary	52	203	246	219	720
	Upper secondary	53	122	147	144	466
	Post-secondary	1	5	12	14	32
	Total	121	486	752	913	2 272

Table 5: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than four to five years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
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	75	116	145	98	434
	Post-secondary	6	5	10	5	26
	Total	168	477	882	872	2 399
2012-13	No schooling/kindergarten	3	20	37	79	139
	Primary	22	144	415	586	1 167
	Lower secondary	66	244	307	260	877
	Upper secondary	77	130	199	124	530
	Post-secondary	4	7	8	11	30
	Total	172	545	966	1 060	2 743
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	2	17	35	71	125
	Primary	14	146	365	629	1 154
	Lower secondary	59	239	331	275	904
	Upper secondary	85	154	198	171	608
	Post-secondary	9	7	11	12	39
	Total	169	563	940	1 158	2 830

Table 6: The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than five years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
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	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	No schooling/kindergarten	35	91	708	1 220	2 054
	Primary	734	667	3 809	5 913	11 123
	Lower secondary	826	1 056	2 330	1 877	6 089
	Upper secondary	1 310	727	1 103	940	4 080
	Post-secondary	96	65	47	50	258
	Total	3 001	2 606	7 997	10 000	23 604
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	No schooling/kindergarten	57	71	546	1 074	1 748
	Primary	693	595	3 248	5 289	9 825
	Lower secondary	791	951	2 112	1 884	5 738
	Upper secondary	1 266	709	1 022	917	3 914
	Post-secondary	135	56	41	60	292
	Total	2 942	2 382	6 969	9 224	21 517

The number of cases refers to CSSA cases with a continuous period of receiving CSSA regardless of whether there have been any changes in the recipients' status of being employable adults.

Upper secondary level of educational attainment includes completion of training in institutes under the Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0646****(Question Serial No. 4004)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 289):

1. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients with earnings from employment, with breakdown by earnings from employment (below \$1,000, \$1,000 to \$2,500, \$2,500 to less than \$5,000, \$5,000 to less than \$10,000, \$10,000 to less than \$15,000, \$15,000 or above) in the past three years (2010-11 to 2012-13); and
2. Please provide the number of CSSA cases with earnings from employment, with breakdown by total household earnings from employment (less than \$1,000, \$1,000 to less than \$2,500, \$2,500 to less than \$5,000, \$5,000 to less than \$10,000, \$10,000 to less than \$15,000, \$15,000 or above) and household size (one-person, two-person, three-person, four-person or above) in the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) (year end figures).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment by range of earnings in the past three years was as follows –

Earnings from employment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Less than \$1,000	5 980	5 575	5 477
\$1,000 – less than \$2,500	6 428	5 791	5 612
\$2,500 – less than \$5,000	10 372	9 072	8 580
\$5,000 – less than \$10,000	9 533	7 842	6 993
\$10,000 – less than \$15,000	487	606	681
\$15,000 and above	51	91	20
Total	32 851	28 977	27 363

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0647****(Question Serial No. 4005)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 290):

1. Please provide the number of singleton Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with recipients aged 60 or above, and the number of two-person CSSA cases with both recipients aged 60 or above living together in the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) (year end figures); and
2. Please provide the number of CSSA cases where recipients aged 60 or above and living with their family members were given discretionary approval in applying for CSSA in the past three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) (year end figures).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of singleton and two-person CSSA cases, with all recipients aged 60 or above was as follows –

Year	Number of singleton CSSA cases with recipients aged 60 or above	Number of two-person CSSA cases with both recipients aged 60 or above
2011-12	112 587	22 029
2012-13	112 296	21 651
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	111 826	21 075

2. 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
2011-12	21
2012-13	17
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	10

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0648****(Question Serial No. 4006)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 291):

Please inform this Committee of the number of cases by case nature, average number of cases per month and the expenditure involved under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in the past five years (2009-10 to 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases and the expenditure by case nature for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Case nature	2009-10	
	Number of cases	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	153 274	9,542
Permanent disability	18 192	1,177
Ill health	25 184	1,785
Single parent	35 922	3,111
Low-earnings	15 469	1,163
Unemployment	32 560	1,841
Others	7 221	408
Overall	287 822	19,028

Case nature	2010-11	
	Number of cases	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	154 096	9,477
Permanent disability	18 491	1,168
Ill health	25 221	1,754
Single parent	34 142	2,942
Low-earnings	14 088	1,069
Unemployment	29 364	1,660
Others	7 330	423
Overall	282 732	18,493

Case nature	2011-12	
	Number of cases	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	154 176	10,294
Permanent disability	18 376	1,315
Ill health	25 271	1,942
Single parent	32 579	2,997
Low-earnings	11 765	982
Unemployment	26 081	1,575
Others	7 135	442
Overall	275 383	19,548

Case nature	2012-13	
	Number of cases	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	153 237	10,744
Permanent disability	18 351	1,374
Ill health	25 217	2,036
Single parent	30 513	2,896
Low-earnings	9 942	849
Unemployment	23 293	1,427
Others	7 070	446
Overall	267 623	19,773

Case nature	2013-14	
	Number of cases (as at end-December 2013)	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	151 259	10,766
Permanent disability	18 391	1,372
Ill health	25 157	2,069
Single parent	29 193	2,959
Low-earnings	8 891	806
Unemployment	21 149	1,332
Others	6 734	479
Overall	260 774	19,783

The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment in the respective years.

^[Note] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0649

(Question Serial No. 4007)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 292):

Please inform this Committee of –

1. The number of cases with actual rent allowance received less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA), actual rent equal to MRA and actual rent higher than MRA among the cases in public housing estates receiving rent allowance in the past three years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14) (for months with available data), with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and amounts of rent exceeding MRA less than \$100, \$100-\$499, \$500-\$999 and \$1,000 or above;
2. The number of cases with actual rent allowance received less than MRA, actual rent equal to MRA and actual rent higher than MRA among the cases in private housing receiving rent allowance in the past three years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14) (for months with available data), with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and amounts of rent exceeding MRA less than \$100, \$100-\$499, \$500-\$999 and \$1,000 or above; and
3. The median amount of 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. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14) (for months with available data), with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and geographical district (District Council districts).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and greater than MRA as well as the breakdown by number of eligible members in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 was in the following tables –

Number of eligible members	2011-12 Public housing					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	68 229	513	1 872	312	35	2 732
2	43 980	34	94	30	26	184
3	20 840	5	12	13	6	36
4	10 760	2	10	8	12	32
5	3 755	-	3	1	2	6
6 and above	1 378	-	-	-	1	1
Total	148 942	554	1 991	364	82	2 991

Number of eligible members	2012-13 Public housing					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	68 867	562	1 661	865	143	3 231
2	42 822	60	97	23	18	198
3	18 867	4	11	10	7	32
4	8 988	1	5	5	6	17
5	2 998	1	7	3	3	14
6 and above	1 179	-	-	-	1	1
Total	143 721	628	1 781	906	178	3 493

Number of eligible members	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note] Public housing					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	68 850	474	1 852	765	140	3 231
2	41 458	50	108	35	32	225
3	17 394	8	13	8	13	42
4	7 840	2	5	6	6	19
5	2 572	2	4	4	4	14
6 and above	1 081	-	-	-	3	3
Total	139 195	536	1 982	818	198	3 534

[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

2. The number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and greater than MRA as well as the breakdown by number of eligible members in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 was in the following tables –

Number of eligible members	2011-12 Private housing					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	8 309	1 442	5 282	2 275	1 676	10 675
2	5 118	390	1 638	1 200	1 180	4 408
3	3 096	174	785	521	849	2 329
4	1 144	109	264	262	503	1 138
5	282	27	83	80	233	423
6 and above	152	9	46	49	74	178
Total	18 101	2 151	8 098	4 387	4 515	19 151

Number of eligible members	2012-13 Private housing					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	8 096	2 420	3 088	2 206	1 979	9 693
2	5 267	808	920	1 019	1 135	3 882
3	2 853	274	612	499	851	2 236
4	1 160	20	230	226	433	909
5	302	6	66	65	204	341
6 and above	168	2	34	38	61	135
Total	17 846	3 530	4 950	4 053	4 663	17 196

Number of eligible members	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note] Private housing					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more	Total
1	6 429	2 459	2 995	2 189	2 382	10 025
2	4 337	762	922	1 216	1 404	4 304
3	2 257	285	653	565	1 002	2 505
4	884	17	238	245	507	1 007
5	258	7	65	75	215	362
6 and above	116	-	32	33	91	156
Total	14 281	3 530	4 905	4 323	5 601	18 359

[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

3. Median actual rent of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance by number of eligible members in the family and by district in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 was in the following tables –

District	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	Median actual rent in private housing in 2012-13 (\$)					
	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	5,500
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

District	Median actual rent in Private housing (as at end-December 2013) (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central and Western	1,500	2,903	4,000	4,800	7,000	7,800
Eastern	1,600	3,000	4,200	4,600	4,800	6,000
Islands	1,500	2,800	3,589	3,800	3,650	4,200
Kowloon City	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,300	4,500	5,500
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,872	3,800	4,300	4,700	6,100
Kwun Tong	1,600	3,000	3,900	4,499	4,300	5,000
North	1,500	3,000	3,600	4,000	4,000	4,600
Sai Kung	821	1,353	3,200	4,200	3,500	4,500
Sha Tin	859	898	4,000	4,846	4,950	6,000
Sham Shui Po	1,500	3,000	3,700	4,000	4,200	4,950
Southern	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,500	7,000	5,500
Tai Po	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,300	5,600	5,600
Tsuen Wan	1,500	2,905	3,800	4,250	4,800	5,000
Tuen Mun	1,500	2,600	3,800	4,500	5,750	4,750
Wan Chai	1,500	2,825	3,800	5,000	4,500	6,625
Wong Tai Sin	1,500	2,950	4,000	4,250	4,750	5,415
Yau Tsim Mong	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,300	4,500	6,000
Yuen Long	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,000	5,600
Overall	1,500	2,900	3,800	4,200	4,500	5,500

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0650****(Question Serial No. 4008)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 293):

As regards the arrangement of disregarded earnings (DE), please provide the following information for the years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (for months with available data) –

- (i) the total amount of income disregarded;
- (ii) the total expenditure reduced for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme after taking into account the recipients' assessable income; and
- (iii) the average number of CSSA cases benefiting from the DE arrangement.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided 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
2011-12	762.8	798.4	34 641
2012-13	677.8	726.4	30 986
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	460.1	489.2	28 284

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0651****(Question Serial No. 4009)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 294):

Please provide information on fraud and abuse cases under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme for 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (for months with available data) –

- (i) the number of newly reported cases;
- (ii) the number of established CSSA fraud and abuse cases; and
- (iii) the amount of overpayment involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Financial Year	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014 (as at 31 December 2013)
Number of suspected fraud reports received	2 871	2 310	1 815
Number of established CSSA fraud cases	806	1 117	604
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	51.5	68.4	44.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0652****(Question Serial No. 4010)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 295):

Regarding Disability Allowance (DA), please provide information on the following points for the past three years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14) (for months with available data) –

1. the numbers of recipients of the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and the Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) by age group and by gender; and
2. as at end-December 2013 the duration of receiving NDA and HDA of recipients with breakdown of: i) less than one year; ii) one year or more but less than three years; iii) three years or more but less than five years; and iv) five years or more.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. 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	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					
	HDA			NDA		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
0-11	193	271	464	1 624	4 913	6 537
12-19	240	344	584	1 599	2 930	4 529
20-29	311	471	782	3 291	4 248	7 539
30-39	199	242	441	5 071	5 144	10 215
40-49	285	271	556	8 452	5 852	14 304
50-59	624	760	1 384	14 253	10 366	24 619
60-69	972	1 232	2 204	11 222	11 320	22 542
70 and above	7 732	4 720	12 452	21 758	16 204	37 962
Total	10 556	8 311	18 867	67 270	60 977	128 247

Age group	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)					
	HDA			NDA		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
0-11	222	290	512	1 737	5 142	6 879
12-19	227	324	551	1 567	3 006	4 573
20-29	300	481	781	3 402	4 320	7 722
30-39	211	264	475	5 262	5 262	10 524
40-49	306	280	586	8 710	6 097	14 807
50-59	657	808	1 465	15 261	10 901	26 162
60-69	1 045	1 263	2 308	9 670	9 463	19 133
70 and above	7 687	4 824	12 511	7 595	6 601	14 196
Total	10 655	8 534	19 189	53 204	50 792	103 996

2. The breakdown of HDA and NDA recipients by duration of receiving DA is not readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0653

(Question Serial No. 4011)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 296):

Please fill in the following table regarding the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, aged 15 to 17 and aged 18 to 24, attending schools, working, not working and not attending schools, with a breakdown by educational attainment, in the past two years (2012-13, 2013-14) –

Table 1 CSSA recipients aged 15 to 17

	Below Form 3	Form 3 to below Form 6	Form 6 to below post-secondary	Post-secondary or above
Attending schools				
Working				
Not working nor attending schools				

Table 2 CSSA recipients aged 18 to 24

	Below Form 3	Form 3 to below Form 6	Form 6 to below post-secondary	Post-secondary or above
Attending schools				
Working				
Not working nor 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/she is under the age of 22. The number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 21 by selected profiles in 2012-13 and 2013-14 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
2012-13 (as at end-December 2012)	Lower secondary or below	4 843	150
	Upper secondary	16 026	5 705
	Others	1 953	2 198
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) (preliminary figures)	Lower secondary or below	3 550	89
	Upper secondary	13 281	4 572
	Others	3 035	2 355

Table 2: The number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 21 not receiving full-time education and with earnings from employment by educational attainment

Year	Educational attainment	Age group	
		15-17	18-21
2012-13 (as at end-December 2012)	Lower secondary or below	126	680
	Upper secondary	13	676
	Post secondary	0	36
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	Lower secondary or below	111	611
	Upper secondary	15	592
	Post secondary	0	46

Table 3: The number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 21 not receiving full-time education and without earnings from employment by educational attainment

Year	Educational attainment	Age group	
		15-17	18-21
2012-13 (as at end-December 2012)	Lower secondary or below	652	1 499
	Upper secondary	50	1 067
	Post secondary	1	26
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	Lower secondary or below	540	1 418
	Upper secondary	49	1 000
	Post secondary	1	48

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0654

(Question Serial No. 4012)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 297):

Regarding the various schemes (Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), Old Age Allowance (OAA), Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Guangdong (GD) Scheme) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, please provide the number of new applicants each year, the total number of applicants, the average number of cases each month, the amount of payment for each scheme, and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) (i) The number of new applications and total number of HOAA, Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA), HDA and NDA applications ^[Note 1] in 2011-12 and 2012-13 were as follows –

Allowance type	2011-12	
	Number of new applications	Total number of applications
HOAA	19 416	23 116
NOAA	22 358	24 719
HDA	1 030	1 241
NDA	17 411	22 025
Total	60 215	71 101

Allowance type	2012-13	
	Number of new applications	Total number of applications
HOAA	19 307	22 654
NOAA	30 381	33 509
HDA	970	1 178
NDA	19 143	24 219
Total	69 801	81 560

- (ii) The number of new applications and total number of OAA, OALA ^[Note 2], GD Scheme, HDA and NDA applications ^[Note 1] in 2013-14 were as follows –

Allowance type	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	
	Number of new applications	Total number of applications
OAA	12 765	15 772
OALA	31 721	35 360
GD Scheme	16 675	16 675
HDA	844	1 020
NDA	14 436	18 511
Total	76 441	87 338

- (b) (i) The number of HOAA, NOAA, HDA and NDA cases and the corresponding expenditure in 2011-12 and 2012-13 ^[Note 3] were as follows –

Allowance type	2011-12	
	Number of cases	Expenditure (\$ million)
HOAA	445 297	5,918
NOAA	76 189	976
HDA	18 292	628
NDA	123 459	2,222
Total	663 237	9,744

Allowance type	2012-13	
	Number of cases	Expenditure (\$ million)
HOAA	457 265	6,318
NOAA	89 010	1,143
HDA	18 867	685
NDA	128 247	2,434
Total	693 389	10,579

- (ii) The number of OAA, OALA ^[Note 2], GD Scheme, HDA and NDA cases and the corresponding estimated expenditure in 2013-14 ^[Note 3] were as follows –

Allowance type	2013-14	
	Number of cases (as at end-December 2013)	Expenditure (\$ million)
OAA	192 742	2,946
OALA	410 043	12,863
GD Scheme	16 416	175
HDA	19 189	736
NDA	103 996	2,131
Total	742 386	18,851

- [Note 1] Total number of applications included new applications received in the respective years and applications from applicants whose previous applications were turned down.
- [Note 2] With the introduction of OALA in April 2013, HOAA was renamed as OAA and there were no more NOAA cases in 2013-14.
- [Note 3] The expenditure included payment of one additional month of the allowances in the respective years. For OALA, the expenditure in 2013-14 also included back-payment to the elderly persons from December 2012 to March 2013.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4013)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 298):

Under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has assisted able-bodied CSSA recipients to seek employment and become self-reliant through the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme. Please list the following information (by various employment support projects/programmes/schemes) for the past 3 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (for months with available data)) –

- (a) The number of participants, participants who have successfully secured employment, and participants who have secured full-time or part-time employment respectively;
- (b) The manpower and expenditure involved in various projects/programmes/schemes;
- (c) The median employment earnings of the participants;
- (d) The number and percentage of CSSA recipients who have left the CSSA net after participating in those employment support projects/programmes/schemes.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a), (c) & (d) SWD commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the New Dawn (ND) Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) in April 2006, October 2006 and October 2008 respectively to encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients and single parents/child carers to secure employment and become self-reliant. Since their launch until end-2012, the number of participants, number of participants who had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling, number of participants and percentage of participants who had left the CSSA net for these projects were as follows –

Employment assistance project	Number of participants	Number of participants who had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling	Number and percentage of participants who had left the CSSA net
ND Project	26 162	2 509	1 162 (4.4%)
My STEP	1 960	1 147	273 (13.9%)
IEAS	121 507	26 079	8 659 (7.1%)

Under the SFS Scheme, participants of My STEP and IEAS were required to take up full-time employment. The number of ND Project participants who had secured part-time employment was 5 073.

In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance projects, including the ND Project, My STEP and IEAS, into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). Since the commencement of IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, a total of 14 294 CSSA recipients had participated in the IEAPS and 4 371 of the participants had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Among the 4 371 participants, 3 922 had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling and 449 had secured part-time employment. The median monthly salary for IEAPS participants who had secured employment was \$6,269. 1 137 (8%) participants had left the CSSA net.

SWD does not have information on the respective median earnings from employment for participants of the ND Project, My STEP and IEAS.

- (b) NGOs operating the ND Project, My STEP, IEAS and IEAPS had flexibility in deploying the funding allocated to them to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The expenditure for the ND Project, My STEP, IEAS and IEAPS in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Employment assistance projects	2011-12 (\$ million)	2012-13 (\$ million)	2013-14 Revised Estimate (\$ million)
ND Project	9	7	-
My STEP	5	3	-
IEAS	49	42	1
IEAPS	-	28	93

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0656****(Question Serial No. 4014)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 299):

Under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15-59 are required to participate in the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme to seek employment. Please inform this Committee of the following information regarding SFS Scheme in the past 3 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 [for months with available data]) –

- (a) a breakdown by age groups (aged 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59) and educational attainment the number of SFS Scheme participants under various employment support measures;
- (b) the number of cases involving single-parent families and parents who are required to take care of children under various employment support measures.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) integrated the various employment assistance projects, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme, the New Dawn Project and the Community Work Programme under the SFS Scheme into a new programme, the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), to encourage and assist employable CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant. The number of SFS Scheme participants was as follows –

Year	Number of SFS Scheme participants
2011-12	21 568
2012-13 (up to end-December 2012)	14 180
2013-14 (from January to end-December 2013)	14 294

From the commencement of the IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, the number of participants by age group and educational attainment were as follows -

Educational attainment	Age group					Total
	15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	
No schooling / Kindergarten	13	18	40	130	323	524
Primary	18	69	342	1 355	2 248	4 032
Lower secondary	396	348	1 014	1 813	1 265	4 836
Upper secondary	598	1 004	660	1 085	756	4 103
Post secondary	31	474	60	122	112	799
Total	1 056	1 913	2 116	4 505	4 704	14 294

SWD is unable to provide information on the age distribution and the education level of the participants in the SFS Scheme in previous years as the computer systems concerned did not capture such information.

- (b) The number of single-parents/child carers receiving employment assistance services under the SFS Scheme was as follows –

Year	Number of single-parents/child carers
2011-12	1 522
2012-13 (up to end-December 2012)	1 303
2013-14 (from January to end-December 2013)	2 829

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 4015)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 523):

Please list by the following case nature the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) –

- (a) Old age
- (b) Ill health
- (c) Persons with disabilities
- (d) Unemployment
- (e) Low-earnings
- (f) Single parent

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases living in private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent exceeding MRA, by case nature as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Case nature	Private housing
	Actual rent exceeding MRA
Old age	5 537
Permanent disability	982
Ill health	2 439
Single parent	3 949
Low-earnings	944
Unemployment	3 129
Others	1 379
Total	18 359

MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0658****(Question Serial No. 4016)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 525):

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), please provide a breakdown, by nature of CSSA cases, of –

- (a) the latest number and percentage of CSSA households living in public housing estates; and
- (b) the latest and total number of CSSA cases by nature of cases in the District Council districts.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

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 end-December 2013 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	243	70	55	89	39	28	17	541	13%
Bo Shek Mansion	55	-	1	1	2	-	-	59	22%
Broadview Garden	14	2	-	4	2	-	1	23	5%
Butterfly	792	61	121	163	17	82	18	1 254	24%
Chai Wan	276	16	27	46	9	18	10	402	25%
Chak On	336	11	33	76	1	29	3	489	27%
Cheung Ching	336	35	41	84	31	58	9	594	12%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Cheung Fat	244	32	28	35	8	29	3	379	31%
Cheung Hang	336	46	42	48	31	43	9	555	13%
Cheung Hong	890	68	84	151	37	95	23	1 348	16%
Cheung Kwai	24	4	5	5	5	13	1	57	13%
Cheung On	317	42	41	35	7	32	8	482	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	155	4	13	39	15	8	5	239	19%
Cheung Shan	97	10	9	12	13	8	5	154	10%
Cheung Wah	433	27	71	88	29	49	14	711	36%
Cheung Wang	365	67	86	126	55	110	13	822	19%
Ching Ho	897	47	175	458	99	197	42	1 915	27%
Cho Yiu Chuen	165	9	10	13	11	13	1	222	9%
Choi Fai	96	8	23	13	9	22	-	171	13%
Choi Fook	375	18	42	148	42	77	16	718	21%
Choi Ha	145	12	20	17	7	19	-	220	38%
Choi Hung	865	45	121	183	59	88	21	1 382	19%
Choi Ming Court	272	37	81	66	47	48	7	558	20%
Choi Tak	602	23	53	233	26	75	29	1 041	18%
Choi Wan (I)	387	41	88	116	30	61	22	745	13%
Choi Wan (II)	216	10	42	71	19	37	9	404	14%
Choi Ying	490	17	81	187	35	89	9	908	23%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Choi Yuen	823	61	90	156	20	79	22	1 251	25%
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	30	90	50	22	44	14	564	42%
Chuk Yuen (South)	876	58	118	237	54	90	10	1 443	24%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	95	5	-	6	6	13	-	125	13%
Chun Shek	255	18	43	47	12	26	5	406	19%
Chung On	246	63	63	75	24	68	24	563	21%
Clague Garden Estate	64	1	2	6	1	1	-	75	14%
Easeful Court	16	1	5	15	5	8	2	52	10%
Fortune	555	29	67	41	18	44	4	758	36%
Fu Cheong	1 256	79	193	140	81	125	10	1 884	32%
Fu Heng	401	55	114	48	15	37	7	677	37%
Fu Shan	180	12	26	36	9	15	4	282	18%
Fu Shin	430	36	93	98	16	47	15	735	31%
Fu Tai	365	61	100	125	94	118	13	876	17%
Fu Tung	83	9	23	34	13	13	1	176	11%
Fuk Loi	365	28	51	56	9	19	8	536	17%
Fung Tak	432	29	86	38	15	50	6	656	51%
Fung Wah	79	11	13	8	2	9	4	126	33%
Fung Wo	54	18	32	80	5	18	6	213	15%
Grandeur Terrace	145	29	97	268	97	135	13	784	19%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Hau Tak	353	45	78	74	30	49	9	638	15%
Healthy Village	104	5	11	8	7	7	1	143	12%
Heng On	194	32	46	47	14	19	20	372	40%
High Prosperity Terrace	14	1	6	18	8	7	1	55	7%
Hin Keng	198	20	40	40	17	30	12	357	47%
Hin Yiu	103	13	29	43	5	13	2	208	26%
Hing Man	121	26	21	49	22	19	4	262	13%
Hing Tin	75	6	26	24	16	7	3	157	33%
Hing Tung	172	21	25	35	17	19	1	290	14%
Hing Wah (I)	261	56	34	39	22	34	3	449	20%
Hing Wah (II)	503	48	46	111	20	36	4	768	22%
Ho Man Tin	619	63	140	89	43	63	16	1 033	22%
Hoi Fu Court	540	24	70	77	37	51	4	803	29%
Hoi Lai	282	41	95	188	105	115	9	835	17%
Hong Tung	213	2	6	8	1	3	-	233	50%
Hung Hom	484	24	59	68	16	43	11	705	26%
Jat Min Chuen	356	17	36	22	11	24	6	472	13%
Ka Fuk	244	29	20	36	12	31	5	377	19%
Ka Wai Chuen	227	8	21	12	7	16	1	292	18%
Kai Ching	320	26	69	206	28	75	17	741	15%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Kai Tin	309	27	60	41	25	32	3	497	22%
Kai Yip	753	31	69	128	11	46	12	1 050	25%
Kam Peng	28	2	5	3	1	10	1	50	20%
Kin Ming	406	98	213	288	116	158	18	1 297	19%
Kin Sang	92	15	19	24	5	17	2	174	30%
King Lam	448	48	76	42	12	52	7	685	42%
Ko Cheung Court	47	10	28	82	36	32	11	246	14%
Ko Yee	186	12	13	31	9	17	3	271	23%
Kwai Chung	1 276	210	330	566	205	294	44	2 925	22%
Kwai Fong	611	88	138	92	63	83	11	1 086	18%
Kwai Hing	83	10	11	17	7	10	-	138	39%
Kwai Luen	135	10	26	58	16	31	10	286	20%
Kwai Shing (East)	764	80	132	119	68	101	18	1 282	21%
Kwai Shing (West)	447	47	62	107	31	53	7	754	15%
Kwong Fuk	507	71	111	164	26	72	23	974	16%
Kwong Tin	178	13	46	43	21	19	8	328	14%
Kwong Yuen	308	60	74	50	13	38	33	576	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	117	7	20	23	19	21	1	208	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	487	22	64	40	31	51	4	699	15%
Lai King	436	32	42	81	22	47	9	669	16%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Lai Kok	480	39	75	102	21	49	12	778	28%
Lai On	173	20	30	24	8	16	1	272	21%
Lai Tak Tsuen	145	17	18	6	7	12	-	205	8%
Lai Yiu	260	25	33	37	31	28	6	420	15%
Lakeside Garden	16	2	3	2	2	-	1	26	11%
Lam Tin	398	15	57	110	33	46	8	667	22%
Lee On	287	58	111	78	23	52	9	618	17%
Lei Cheng Uk	334	39	43	74	25	68	14	597	47%
Lei Muk Shue	847	126	188	272	102	140	40	1 715	44%
Lei Tung	403	62	65	99	14	39	27	709	29%
Lei Yue Mun	418	27	88	124	40	59	9	765	24%
Lek Yuen	318	42	59	84	15	32	21	571	18%
Leung King	523	73	111	109	17	72	19	924	34%
Lok Fu	388	68	84	89	24	60	6	719	20%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	20	38	24	13	38	1	458	13%
Lok Wah (North)	154	19	40	44	13	36	6	312	11%
Lok Wah (South)	1 427	48	105	165	12	84	20	1 861	27%
Long Bin IH	24	11	24	9	1	55	1	125	25%
Long Ping	548	54	115	187	37	103	25	1 069	25%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	317	17	59	120	28	94	16	651	16%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	493	58	97	130	30	56	15	879	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	418	59	104	143	39	80	17	860	13%
Lung Hang	240	18	66	94	31	42	30	521	12%
Lung Tin	59	11	8	10	1	12	-	101	27%
Lung Yat	44	3	7	49	5	19	6	133	16%
Ma Hang	45	4	13	10	7	10	1	90	10%
Ma Tau Wai	212	26	33	87	9	27	5	399	19%
Mei Lam	400	33	74	111	18	51	16	703	17%
Mei Tin	501	68	166	340	89	135	44	1 343	21%
Mei Tung	234	13	24	53	13	24	9	370	26%
Ming Tak	169	15	22	30	12	14	3	265	18%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	15	10	7	10	-	228	11%
Model Housing	54	9	9	12	12	11	1	108	16%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	7	7	8	2	8	1	123	13%
Nam Cheong	171	13	31	24	9	21	-	269	37%
Nam Shan	335	23	58	114	18	51	6	605	23%
Nga Ning Court	22	-	8	9	7	7	2	55	13%
Ngan Wan	31	2	5	15	6	4	2	65	15%
Oi Man	405	51	83	146	46	65	8	804	13%
Oi Tung	768	84	83	112	36	39	8	1 130	29%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
On Tin	24	3	6	44	20	18	5	120	17%
On Ting	642	69	83	129	22	69	21	1 035	21%
On Yam	460	55	61	72	61	58	15	782	15%
Pak Tin	1 265	60	214	191	72	136	31	1 969	26%
Ping Shek	395	28	42	59	20	46	6	596	13%
Ping Tin	857	59	129	143	41	77	19	1 325	24%
Po Lam	301	49	60	85	28	32	5	560	29%
Po Tat	1 005	70	146	214	115	180	27	1 757	24%
Po Tin	1 227	158	340	135	20	329	18	2 227	35%
Pok Hong	274	13	67	66	13	23	9	465	39%
Prosperous Garden	86	-	3	2	-	-	1	92	14%
Sai Wan	25	3	9	8	8	6	1	60	9%
Sam Shing	139	15	20	40	11	20	9	254	14%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	439	19	81	182	46	83	24	874	22%
Sau Mau Ping	1 767	141	268	293	159	234	43	2 905	24%
Sha Kok	790	70	148	188	40	73	47	1 356	22%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	38	3	10	5	6	9	2	73	11%
Shan King	814	93	161	192	37	102	29	1 428	23%
Shatin Pass	116	4	25	58	7	23	4	237	19%
Shek Kip Mei	1 273	70	220	331	60	176	37	2 167	25%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Shek Lei (I)	616	80	74	132	33	64	17	1 016	21%
Shek Lei (II)	957	107	175	249	117	175	44	1 824	23%
Shek Mun	125	12	51	98	17	45	16	364	19%
Shek Pai Wan	451	67	78	82	57	44	23	802	16%
Shek Wai Kok	564	59	95	148	38	57	24	985	16%
Shek Yam (East)	330	41	42	25	18	31	3	490	21%
Shek Yam	371	44	49	58	37	33	8	600	23%
Sheung Lok	129	8	5	8	1	7	1	159	47%
Sheung Tak	550	54	115	112	87	83	13	1 014	18%
Shin Ming	180	20	43	83	15	29	8	378	19%
Shui Pin Wai	456	23	47	69	11	34	9	649	28%
Shun Lee	438	28	56	93	22	57	11	705	16%
Shun On	419	23	39	67	21	46	7	622	21%
Shun Tin	836	49	119	148	46	94	16	1 308	19%
Siu Sai Wan	300	80	86	123	41	59	5	694	12%
Sun Chui	569	60	102	147	43	86	24	1 031	16%
Sun Tin Wai	247	32	40	86	22	31	10	468	14%
Tai Hang Tung	426	17	60	41	14	35	7	600	30%
Tai Hing	1 210	93	140	200	47	125	29	1 844	22%
Tai Ping	37	5	16	17	1	13	1	90	29%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Tai Wo	546	38	88	53	11	44	14	794	40%
Tai Wo Hau	766	97	131	159	59	100	30	1 342	18%
Tai Yuen	353	50	131	95	44	71	15	759	16%
Tak Long	77	7	33	26	4	29	4	180	9%
Tak Tin	679	37	111	61	25	56	7	976	48%
Tin Chak	443	53	127	173	49	119	18	982	25%
Tin Ching	710	60	156	385	65	184	55	1 615	26%
Tin Heng	201	41	139	300	141	187	22	1 031	18%
Tin King	95	20	20	49	14	24	7	229	24%
Tin Ping	209	21	48	54	17	35	7	391	34%
Tin Shui	540	57	132	174	52	107	29	1 091	14%
Tin Tsz	503	50	98	80	23	46	10	810	25%
Tin Wah	486	51	112	101	31	82	14	877	24%
Tin Wan	392	65	76	43	25	30	8	639	21%
Tin Yan	843	82	199	298	32	206	18	1 678	31%
Tin Yat	132	24	70	162	79	95	6	568	17%
Tin Yiu	620	61	178	210	53	131	29	1 282	15%
Tin Yuet	467	42	127	156	84	141	12	1 029	25%
Tsing Yi	171	17	23	22	6	25	5	269	37%
Tsui Lam	145	16	37	87	18	22	4	329	20%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Tsui Lok	107	7	5	11	1	3	-	134	42%
Tsui Ping (South)	432	29	60	65	29	41	5	661	14%
Tsui Ping (North)	991	61	178	159	48	118	21	1 576	47%
Tsui Wan	122	29	17	23	5	17	3	216	37%
Tsz Ching	1 265	67	178	174	106	141	19	1 950	24%
Tsz Hong	111	13	42	82	52	49	4	353	18%
Tsz Lok	799	50	109	135	51	83	14	1 241	20%
Tsz Man	209	13	41	45	26	40	6	380	19%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	7	2	2	1	2	26	11%
Tung Tau	650	53	94	105	27	74	11	1 014	43%
Tung Wui	319	14	27	22	6	22	6	416	32%
Un Chau	1 226	81	164	130	53	122	23	1 799	24%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 351	73	164	101	41	109	21	1 860	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	779	78	115	115	60	78	9	1 234	26%
Verbena Heights	153	5	17	6	2	11	2	196	21%
Wah Fu	571	100	103	166	79	70	22	1 111	12%
Wah Kwai	284	30	41	23	12	20	2	412	38%
Wah Lai	98	20	29	40	15	21	4	227	16%
Wah Ming	373	57	59	80	22	42	14	647	39%
Wah Sum	170	31	29	28	21	28	3	310	21%

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Wan Hon	444	4	11	25	3	7	4	498	50%
Wan Tau Tong	189	32	30	18	8	13	2	292	45%
Wan Tsui	302	59	47	106	30	48	9	601	17%
Wang Tau Hom	413	66	73	112	40	75	16	795	14%
Wing Cheong	63	6	14	46	8	33	7	177	16%
Wo Che	372	72	157	143	50	73	43	910	15%
Wo Lok	247	22	42	47	11	22	7	398	21%
Wu King	191	25	56	104	31	62	12	481	11%
Yan On	179	18	54	113	10	60	18	452	18%
Yat Tung	575	86	229	492	267	324	27	2 000	17%
Yau Lai	956	34	163	380	98	146	28	1 805	21%
Yau Oi	734	80	137	202	78	148	28	1 407	15%
Yau Tong	512	44	101	102	73	56	11	899	25%
Yiu On	164	33	73	48	8	20	15	361	34%
Yiu Tung	507	64	81	70	32	43	2	799	16%
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	6	8	2	2	10	1	68	7%
Yue Wan	197	36	31	82	12	28	5	391	18%
Yung Shing Court	213	27	39	27	25	48	3	382	22%
Total	87 950	8 386	15 761	21 272	6 991	12 783	2 605	155 748	

(b) The number of CSSA cases by nature of case and geographical district as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Geographical district	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 176	231	306	181	79	222	46	3 241
Eastern	8 219	1 215	918	1 229	409	750	244	12 984
Islands	1 730	189	393	710	330	513	160	4 025
Kowloon City	8 082	960	1 232	1 333	354	1 028	258	13 247
Kwai Tsing	14 879	2 270	2 228	2 647	1 067	1 769	484	25 344
Kwun Tong	21 766	1 561	3 011	4 231	1 382	2 452	709	35 112
North	7 705	970	1 239	1 755	399	1 001	463	13 532
Sai Kung	4 269	809	925	967	410	569	317	8 266
Sha Tin	8 923	1 480	1 966	2 219	536	1 096	572	16 792
Sham Shui Po	13 711	1 132	2 585	2 477	752	2 759	627	24 043
Southern	4 827	1 156	728	607	263	309	190	8 080
Tai Po	5 638	535	939	910	200	478	264	8 964
Tsuen Wan	4 804	483	599	784	255	432	227	7 584
Tuen Mun	11 339	2 183	2 180	2 045	484	1 509	475	20 215
Wan Chai	1 084	74	124	92	26	216	85	1 701
Wong Tai Sin	12 542	1 072	1 860	2 257	762	1 399	410	20 302
Yau Tsim Mong	5 146	387	1 090	919	215	1 941	401	10 099
Yuen Long	12 359	1 679	2 774	3 824	967	2 692	734	25 029
Total	149 199	18 386	25 097	29 187	8 890	21 135	6 666	258 560

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0659****(Question Serial No. 4017)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 526):

Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients by case nature of single parent (SP), unemployment (UT) and low-earnings (LE) from 1993 to 2014, with a breakdown by the duration of receiving and the median duration of receiving CSSA.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of SP, UT and LE cases by duration of receiving CSSA from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2009-10			2010-11		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
one or less	3 137	5 794	1 120	2 672	4 003	776
More than one to two	3 206	3 709	1 056	3 068	3 474	1 039
More than two to three	2 481	2 108	762	2 846	2 687	913
More than three to four	2 569	1 964	923	2 217	1 618	708
More than four to five	2 542	1 751	1 052	2 325	1 553	846
More than five	19 626	12 221	8 984	19 120	11 745	8 620
Total	33 561	27 547	13 897	32 248	25 080	12 902

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2011-12			2012-13		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
one or less	2 259	2 984	489	2 233	2 684	424
More than one to two	2 594	2 421	657	2 177	1 812	429
More than two to three	2 782	2 521	765	2 359	1 739	514
More than three to four	2 538	2 015	753	2 497	1 935	633
More than four to five	2 006	1 289	563	2 261	1 599	601
More than five	18 439	10 959	7 254	16 903	10 056	6 173
Total	30 618	22 189	10 481	28 430	19 825	8 774

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	SP	UT	LE
one or less	2 145	2 270	339
More than one to two	2 260	1 575	379
More than two to three	2 005	1 298	402
More than three to four	2 164	1 336	446
More than four to five	2 319	1 706	612
More than five	15 992	9 260	5 488
Total	26 885	17 445	7 666

- (b) The number of recipients in SP, UT and LE cases by duration of receiving CSSA from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2009-10			2010-11		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
one or less	8 843	10 677	4 540	7 589	7 191	3 325
More than one to two	8 680	7 296	4 349	8 353	6 700	4 237
More than two to three	6 876	4 208	3 354	7 586	5 303	3 716
More than three to four	7 070	4 166	3 889	6 094	3 278	3 042
More than four to five	6 878	3 881	4 337	6 280	3 303	3 443
More than five	49 910	29 273	31 424	47 963	27 094	29 650
Total	88 257	59 501	51 893	83 865	52 869	47 413

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2011-12			2012-13		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
one or less	6 633	5 641	2 345	6 569	4 983	2 016
More than one to two	7 220	4 690	2 858	6 277	3 674	2 084
More than two to three	7 483	4 950	3 140	6 474	3 393	2 277
More than three to four	6 682	4 047	3 096	6 627	3 858	2 541
More than four to five	5 417	2 619	2 433	5 835	3 181	2 443
More than five	45 760	24 185	25 187	41 054	21 125	20 903
Total	79 195	46 132	39 059	72 836	40 214	32 264

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	SP	UT	LE
one or less	6 303	4 108	1 656
More than one to two	6 499	3 278	1 866
More than two to three	5 671	2 691	1 861
More than three to four	5 826	2 655	1 950
More than four to five	6 074	3 397	2 369
More than five	38 380	18 711	18 500
Total	68 753	34 840	28 202

(c) The median duration of receiving CSSA of SP, UT and LE cases from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Median duration of receiving CSSA (years)		
	Case nature		
	SP	UT	LE
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	6.5	5.2	8.3
2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)	6.4	5.4	8.5

Duration of receiving CSSA refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0660****(Question Serial No. 4018)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 527):

Please provide the number of cases with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) among Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases living in public housing estates receiving rent allowance in the years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases living in public housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to, or exceeding the MRA, by number of eligible members, for the period from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

2011-12		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	68 229	2 732
2	43 980	184
3	20 840	36
4	10 760	32
5	3 755	6
6 and above	1 378	1
Total	148 942	2 991

2012-13		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	68 867	3 231
2	42 822	198
3	18 867	32
4	8 988	17
5	2 998	14
6 and above	1 179	1
Total	143 721	3 493

2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	68 850	3 231
2	41 458	225
3	17 394	42
4	7 840	19
5	2 572	14
6 and above	1 081	3
Total	139 195	3 534

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0661****(Question Serial No. 4019)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 528):

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with the actual rent less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA), actual rent equal to the MRA and actual rent exceeding the MRA, with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding MRA, as well as a breakdown by the number of eligible members, from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

2011-12		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	8 309	10 675
2	5 118	4 408
3	3 096	2 329
4	1 144	1 138
5	282	423
6 and above	152	178
Total	18 101	19 151

2012-13		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	8 096	9 693
2	5 267	3 882
3	2 853	2 236
4	1 160	909
5	302	341
6 and above	168	135
Total	17 846	17 196

2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013)		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	6 429	10 025
2	4 337	4 304
3	2 257	2 505
4	884	1 007
5	258	362
6 and above	116	156
Total	14 281	18 359

[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0662****(Question Serial No. 4020)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 529):

Please provide the median amount of the actual rent higher than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) among all Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, with a breakdown by the number of household members in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Median actual rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance, with actual rent greater than MRA and breakdown by number of eligible members, for past three years from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Number of eligible members	Median actual rent with actual rent exceeding MRA (\$)		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
1	1,560	1,710	1,730
2	3,200	3,500	3,500
3	4,300	4,500	4,500
4	4,500	5,000	5,030
5	4,800	5,400	5,500
6 and above	5,500	6,000	6,500

MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0663****(Question Serial No. 4021)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 530):

Regarding one-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with one eligible member in the family by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
	Under 18	18-64	65 or above
260	1	259	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0664

(Question Serial No. 4022)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 531):

Regarding one-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of singleton CSSA low-earnings cases by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
	Under 15	15-64	65 or above
260	-	260	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0665****(Question Serial No. 4023)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 532):

Regarding two-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with two eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment by age group in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	872	294	1 190	260
2	36	2	68	2

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0666****(Question Serial No. 4024)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 533):

Regarding two-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with two eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment by age group in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	872	158	1 326	260
2	36	-	70	2

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0667****(Question Serial No. 4025)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 534):

Regarding 3-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with three eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	1 941	1 645	3 521	657
2	177	106	399	26
3	3	2	7	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0668****(Question Serial No. 4026)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 535):

Regarding three-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15-64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with three eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	1 941	1 134	4 032	657
2	177	47	458	26
3	3	-	9	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0669****(Question Serial No. 4027)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 536):

Regarding four-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with four eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	1 986	3 435	4 121	388
2	238	315	596	41
3	11	8	35	1
4	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0670****(Question Serial No. 4028)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 537):

Regarding four-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with four eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	1 986	2 618	4 938	388
2	238	182	729	41
3	11	3	40	1
4	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0671****(Question Serial No. 4029)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 538):

Regarding five-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with five eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	1 008	2 675	2 149	216
2	112	215	314	31
3	9	13	31	1
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0672****(Question Serial No. 4030)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 539):

Regarding five-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with five eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	1 008	2 147	2 677	216
2	112	128	401	31
3	9	6	38	1
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0673****(Question Serial No. 4031)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 540):

Regarding households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature with six persons or above, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with six or above eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	527	2 141	1 137	123
2	60	167	194	27
3	5	9	18	3
4	1	-	5	1
5	-	-	-	-
6 or above	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0674****(Question Serial No. 4032)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 541):

Regarding six-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases and recipients involved in those cases with six or above eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	527	1 790	1 488	123
2	60	107	254	27
3	5	4	23	3
4	1	-	5	1
5	-	-	-	-
6 or above	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0675****(Question Serial No. 4033)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 542):

Regarding one-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of singleton CSSA old age recipients (i.e. aged 60 or above) with earnings from employment by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Total number of recipients	Number of recipients (by age group)	
	60-64	65 or above
698	448	250

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0676****(Question Serial No. 4034)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 543):

Regarding one-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of singleton CSSA old age recipients (i.e. aged 60 or above) with earnings from employment by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Total number of recipients	Number of recipients (by age group)	
	60-64	65 or above
698	448	250

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0677****(Question Serial No. 4035)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 544):

Regarding two-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with two eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	716	29	719	684
2	8	-	10	6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0678****(Question Serial No. 4036)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 545):

Regarding two-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with two eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	716	17	731	684
2	8	-	10	6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0679****(Question Serial No. 4037)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 546):

Regarding three-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with three eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	699	314	1 076	707
2	43	12	81	36
3	1	-	3	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0680****(Question Serial No. 4038)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 547):

Regarding three-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with three eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	699	146	1 244	707
2	43	4	89	36
3	1	-	3	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0681****(Question Serial No. 4039)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 548):

Regarding four-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with four eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	285	329	557	254
2	28	12	73	27
3	1	-	4	-
4	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0682****(Question Serial No. 4040)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 549):

Regarding four-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with four eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	285	184	702	254
2	28	8	77	27
3	1	-	4	-
4	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0683****(Question Serial No. 4041)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 550):

Regarding five-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with five eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment by age group in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	67	114	156	65
2	3	2	9	4
3	1	-	4	1
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0684****(Question Serial No. 4042)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 551):

Regarding five-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with five eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	67	74	196	65
2	3	1	10	4
3	1	-	4	1
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0685****(Question Serial No. 4043)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 552):

Regarding households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature with six-persons or above, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with six or above eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 18	18-64	65 or above
1	19	47	55	19
2	5	12	14	6
3	3	-	13	5
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-
6 or above	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0686****(Question Serial No. 4044)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 553):

Regarding six-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the old age case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients involved in those cases with six or more eligible members in the family by number of eligible members with earnings from employment by age group in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Under 15	15-64	65 or above
1	19	32	70	19
2	5	7	19	6
3	3	-	13	5
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-
6 or above	-	-	-	-

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0687

(Question Serial No. 4049)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 558):

Please provide the number of elderly persons under Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) old age cases from 2003 to 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available.

The number of CSSA recipients aged 60 or above from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
187 147	187 487	186 070	183 322	180 003

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0688****(Question Serial No. 4050)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 560):

Please provide the number of Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) recipients from 2003 to 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of NOAA cases aged 65 or above from 2009-10 to 2012-13 ^[Note] was as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2009-10	69 980
2010-11	71 068
2011-12	76 189
2012-13	89 010

^[Note] With the introduction of the Old Age Living Allowance in April 2013, there were no more NOAA cases in 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0689

(Question Serial No. 4051)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 561):

Please provide the number of Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) recipients from 2003 to 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Only statistics of the recent 5 years are readily available. The number of HOAA/Old Age Allowance (OAA) cases from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Number of cases	
	HOAA	OAA ^[Note]
2009-10	427 962	-
2010-11	437 002	-
2011-12	445 297	-
2012-13	457 265	-
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	-	192 742

^[Note] With the introduction of the Old Age Living Allowance in April 2013, HOAA was renamed as OAA.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0690

(Question Serial No. 4052)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 562):

Please provide the number of elderly persons who have been receiving the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) over the past year, i.e. 2013-2014.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

There were 410 043 OALA cases (including applications approved and pending processing) as at end-December 2013.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0691****(Question Serial No. 4053)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 563):

Please provide a breakdown of Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) applicants by value of assets declared and types of accommodation (public rental housing, subsidised housing, self-owned private housing, private rental housing) in the past year, i.e. 2013-2014.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

When rolling out OALA in April 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) devised a set of simplified application procedures to enable eligible elderly persons to receive the allowance as early as possible. Under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, eligible elderly persons were granted OALA without having to declare afresh their and/or their spouses' (if applicable) income and assets. SWD does not have full information on the breakdown of OALA recipients by value of assets declared. Currently, SWD is conducting a postal review for elderly persons benefited from the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, which is expected to be completed by end-November 2014. More complete information on OALA recipients by value of assets declared will only be available then.

The number of OALA recipients by type of accommodation is as follows –

Type of accommodation	Number of cases (as at end-December 2013)	
Public housing estates	218 532	
Private housing	Purchased	149 407
	Rented	26 438
Institutions	8 729	
Others	6 937	
Total	410 043	

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0692

(Question Serial No. 4054)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 564):

Please provide the number of elderly persons who are recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under old age cases, Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA), Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) or Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) from 2008 to 2014.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of HOAA, NOAA, Old Age Allowance (OAA) and OALA cases, and CSSA elderly recipients for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows ^[Note] –

- (1) (a) The number of HOAA and NOAA cases from 2009-10 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Allowance type	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
HOAA	427 962	437 002	445 297	457 265
NOAA	69 980	71 068	76 189	89 010

- (b) The number of OAA and OALA cases in 2013-14 was as follows –

Allowance type	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
OAA	192 742
OALA	410 043

^[Note] With the introduction of OALA in April 2013, HOAA was renamed as OAA and there were no more NOAA cases in 2013-14.

(2) The number of CSSA elderly recipients from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Number of recipients	187 147	187 487	186 070	183 322	180 003

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0693

(Question Serial No. 4056)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 566):

Please provide the numbers of places and the average utilisation rates of the aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-CCCs (KG-cum-CCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and After School Care Programme (ASCP) in each year since 2003.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

While the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have available statistical information on the numbers 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 numbers of places and the average utilisation rates for the years starting from 2006-07 are set out in the Annex.

**Number of places and average utilisation rates in
aided standalone child care centres,
kindergarten-cum-child care centres, occasional child care service,
mutual help child care centres and after school care programme**

Year	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs [Note 1]		OCCS		MHCCCs		ASCP	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	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 2]	62%	314	7%	5 488	85%
2012-13	690	100%	23 589	77%	434	71%	314	8%	5 426	86%
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	690	100%	25 575	77%	434	73%	314	8%	5 607	88%

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau which reflect the position as at the beginning of each school year.

[Note 2] In view of the low utilisation rate of OCCS 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 for the service operators to conduct family support activities for parents and carers in OCCS service units to promote proper care of children and the message of “not leaving children alone at home”.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0694****(Question Serial No. 4057)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 570):

Please provide the number and the average utilisation rate of home-based child care service (HCCS) places under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in each year since October 2011.

Asked by: Hon.CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP in October 2011, the service operator for each of the 18 districts is required to provide at least 26 HCCS places. There are at least 468 HCCS places over the territory. The service operators have flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places on top of the minimum requirement set by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to meet the actual service demand.

SWD captures service utilisation by counts of children using the service in the month whereby one child is counted once each month. From October 2011 to December 2013, the average number of children served per month in each year under HCCS is set out as follows –

October 2011 to March 2012	April 2012 to March 2013	April 2013 to December 2013
578	741	748

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0695****(Question Serial No. 4058)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 571):

Please provide the number and the average utilisation rate of centre-based care group (CCG) places under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in each year since October 2011.

Asked by: Hon.CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP in October 2011, the service operator for each of the 18 districts is required to provide 14 CCG places. There are totally 252 CCG places over the territory.

The Social Welfare Department captures service utilisation by counts of children using the service in the month whereby one child is counted once each month. From October 2011 to December 2013, the average number of children served per month in each year under CCG was as follows –

October 2011 to March 2012	April 2012 to March 2013	April 2013 to December 2013
141	155	157

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4059)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 572):

Please provide the number of cases receiving full fee waiving under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) with breakdowns by the recipients' household size, age, monthly household income, number of working adults, as well as types of accommodation (public rental housing, home ownership scheme housing, private housing) since October 2011.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

SWD does not have the information on the particulars of families receiving fee waiving. From October 2011 to December 2013, there were 7 393 children receiving full fee waiving under NSCCP.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0697

(Question Serial No. 4060)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 573):

Please provide the number of cases receiving half fee waiving under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) with breakdowns by the recipients' household size, age, monthly household income, number of working adults, as well as types of accommodation (public rental housing, home ownership scheme housing, private housing) since October 2011.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

SWD does not have the information on the particulars of families receiving fee waiving. From October 2011 to December 2013, there were 1 646 children receiving half fee waiving under NSCCP.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4061)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 578):

How much food sourced by each of the five Government subvented food banks is recycled food collected from the private sector or the community?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

While the operating non-governmental organisations have sourced sufficient amount of food for the service, they collaborate with different sectors to increase the varieties and options of food assistance, such as collecting unsold food from markets, supermarkets, etc., and distributing it to the needy service users. There is no fixed volume of recycled food collected from their service partners.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0699****(Question Serial No. 4062)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 584):

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature, please provide information about the number of recipients, gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, number of children in the families, (with a breakdown by age of aged 0-5, aged 6-11, aged 12-14 and aged 15 or above) as well as other sources of income apart from CSSA payments and the occupation involved for employable recipients in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2013-14) respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The breakdown of CSSA SP recipients and children of SP cases by selected profiles from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is provided in the following tables –

Table 1: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2009-10			2010-11		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	19	439	458	13	428	441
25-29	68	1 267	1 335	56	1 200	1 256
30-39	783	8 940	9 723	692	8 465	9 157
40-49	1 910	13 347	15 257	1 672	12 956	14 628
50-59	1 965	3 266	5 231	1 953	3 216	5 169
60 and over	832	147	979	841	166	1 007
Total	5 577	27 406	32 983	5 227	26 431	31 658

Age group	2011-12			2012-13		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	17	413	430	8	355	363
25-29	51	1 120	1 171	54	1 058	1 112
30-39	585	7 904	8 489	513	7 369	7 882
40-49	1 483	12 405	13 888	1 307	11 466	12 773
50-59	1 928	3 202	5 130	1 824	2 993	4 817
60 and over	845	167	1 012	818	166	984
Total	4 909	25 211	30 120	4 524	23 407	27 931

Age group	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
18-24	6	339	345
25-29	52	1 048	1 100
30-39	457	7 056	7 513
40-49	1 186	10 734	11 920
50-59	1 675	2 808	4 483
60 and over	823	150	973
Total	4 199	22 135	26 334

Table 2: The number of CSSA SP recipients by marital status

Marital status	2009-10			2010-11		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	136	1 861	1 997	141	2 038	2 179
Married/Cohabited	1 774	2 339	4 113	1 549	2 199	3 748
Separated	1 196	5 258	6 454	1 088	4 863	5 951
Divorced	2 111	12 931	15 042	2 095	12 593	14 688
Widowed	360	5 017	5 377	354	4 738	5 092
Total	5 577	27 406	32 983	5 227	26 431	31 658

Marital status	2011-12			2012-13		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	141	2 094	2 235	143	2 118	2 261
Married/Cohabited	1 338	2 143	3 481	1 201	2 155	3 356
Separated	1 014	4 438	5 452	820	3 904	4 724
Divorced	2 097	12 157	14 254	2 078	11 406	13 484
Widowed	319	4 379	4 698	282	3 824	4 106
Total	4 909	25 211	30 120	4 524	23 407	27 931

Marital status	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Never Married	148	2 154	2 302
Married/Cohabited	1 057	2 172	3 229
Separated	767	3 655	4 422
Divorced	1 964	10 740	12 704
Widowed	263	3 414	3 677
Total	4 199	22 135	26 334

Table 3: The number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
No schooling/ kindergarten	2 971	2 555	2 263	1 871	1 630
Primary	14 392	13 516	12 624	11 346	10 415
Lower Secondary	9 678	9 459	9 122	8 677	8 307
Upper Secondary	5 735	5 913	5 898	5 815	5 751
Post-secondary	207	215	213	222	231
Total	32 983	31 658	30 120	27 931	26 334

Table 4: The number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
1	18 327	18 194	17 546	16 649	15 765
2	11 729	10 853	10 098	9 153	8 581
3	2 456	2 194	2 077	1 773	1 651
4	395	356	332	297	274
5 and above	76	61	67	59	63
Total	32 983	31 658	30 120	27 931	26 334

Table 5: The number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of the children

Age of children	Number of children				2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
0-4	5 569	5 423	5 142	5 072	5 063
5-9	10 715	10 067	9 598	9 321	9 128
10-11	6 345	6 093	5 662	5 030	4 847
12-14	12 534	11 324	10 300	9 561	9 068
15-21	16 353	15 664	15 247	13 056	11 441
Total	51 516	48 571	45 949	42 040	39 547

Table 6: Total monthly income of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly income

Type of monthly income	2009-10 (\$'000)	2010-11 (\$'000)	2011-12 (\$'000)	2012-13 (\$'000)	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013) (\$'000)
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	27,332	26,691	27,077	23,751	21,863
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,002	1,025	1,202	1,217	1,255
Meals provided by other parties	48	58	65	64	53
Maintenance payment	2,932	3,279	3,370	3,568	3,757
Pension	168	149	134	139	136
Other income	209	181	200	155	229
Overall	31,691	31,382	32,048	28,895	27,293

Table 7 The number of CSSA SP recipients by occupation

Occupation	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Cleaner	1 366	1 281	1 070	1 041	963
Clerk	306	271	223	214	212
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	80	66	57	58	52
Delivery worker	223	228	195	179	163
Domestic helper/baby sitter	698	644	549	524	469
Driver	104	92	105	100	79
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 854	1 701	1 424	1 416	1 303
Salesperson	703	649	578	574	548
Waiter/waitress	716	694	639	658	598
Watchman/guard	190	168	150	160	156
Others	1 971	1 944	1 790	1 734	1 626
Jobless	24 772	23 920	23 340	21 273	20 165
Total	32 983	31 658	30 120	27 931	26 334

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0700****(Question Serial No. 4063)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 585):

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature (by gender), please provide information on the number of recipients, the monthly disregarded earnings (DE), the average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement, the monthly earnings from employment (with breakdown of \$800 or below, \$801-1,080, \$1081-2,220, \$2,220-3,400, \$3,400-5,000, \$5,000 or above) and their medians, the monthly working hours of CSSA recipients (with breakdown of 27 hours or less, 27-36 hours, 37-72 hours, 73-113 hours, 114-166 hours, 167 hours or above) in the past six years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2013-14) respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of CSSA SP recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA SP recipients with monthly DE		Average monthly DE per CSSA SP recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)
	Male	Female	
2009-10	1 119	7 292	1,777
2010-11	1 107	7 094	1,779
2011-12	966	6 702	1,861
2012-13	829	5 806	1,878
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	781	5 361	1,876

- (2) The number of CSSA SP recipients with earnings from employment, with breakdown by range of the earnings from employment, for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Earnings from employment	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Less than or equal to \$800	599	589	466	325	318
Greater than \$800 – less than or equal to \$1,080	417	421	395	357	295
Greater than \$1,080 – less than or equal to \$2,220	2 126	2 017	1 648	1 404	1 375
Greater than \$2,220 – less than or equal to \$3,400	2 004	1 996	1 484	1 337	1 072
Greater than \$3,400 – less than or equal to \$5,000	1 718	1 660	2 053	1 829	1 836
Greater than \$5,000	1 547	1 518	1 622	1 383	1 246
Total	8 411	8 201	7 668	6 635	6 142
Median of the earnings (\$)	2,820	2,889	3,360	3,360	3,427

- (3) Statistics of CSSA SP recipients by working hours per month are not readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0701****(Question Serial No. 4064)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 583):

Please provide the number of cases and recipients by case nature under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme for 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases and recipients by case nature in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is set out in the following tables –

Table 1: The number of CSSA cases by case nature

Case nature	Year	
	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	153 237	151 259
Permanent disability	18 351	18 391
Ill health	25 217	25 157
Single parent	30 513	29 193
Low-earnings	9 942	8 891
Unemployment	23 293	21 149
Others	7 070	6 734
Total	267 623	260 774

Table 2: The number of CSSA recipients by case nature

Case nature	Year	
	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	192 221	188 073
Permanent disability	25 335	24 922
Ill health	40 319	39 627
Single parent	73 154	69 136
Low-earnings	32 264	28 202
Unemployment	40 214	34 840
Others	10 641	10 107
Total	414 148	394 907

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0702****(Question Serial No. 4066)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 423):

Regarding the neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 303m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With one sub-base	With more than one sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming 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 NEC by 156 square metres to meet the enhanced functions of the centre. The number of NECs having attained the standard internal floor area provision is set out as follows –

	With no sub-base	With one sub-base	With more than one sub-base
Total floor area meeting/above standard	28	32	1
Total floor area below standard	48	10	-

SWD will continue to help those NECs not meeting the standard SoA to be relocated elsewhere or to set up sub-bases as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0703****(Question Serial No. 4067)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 424):

Regarding the district elderly community centres (DECCs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 424m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With one sub-base	With more than one sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What is the Administration's plan for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming 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 by 83 square metres to meet the enhanced functions of the centre. The number of DECCs having attained the standard internal floor area provision is set out as follows –

	With no sub-base	With one sub-base	With more than one sub-base
Total floor area meeting/above standard	6	22	3
Total floor area below standard	8	1	1

SWD will continue to help those DECCs not meeting the standard SoA to be relocated elsewhere or to set up sub-bases as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0704****(Question Serial No. 4068)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 425):

Regarding the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 535m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	without sub-base	with one sub-base	with more than one sub-bases
No. of IFSCs with floor area above or close to the standard	42 ^[Note]	1	-
No. of IFSCs with floor area below the standard	21	1	-

^[Note] Including 12 IFSCs with the floor area exceeding 90% of the standard

The Social Welfare Department will continue to identify suitable premises for IFSCs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0705****(Question Serial No. 4069)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 426):

Regarding the day activity centres (DACs) (with 50 to 60 places) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 319m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The standard area provision for a 50-place day activity centre is 319 m² in net operational floor area in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not conducted any survey on the existing floor areas of 50-place day activity centres, and thus does not have the information sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0706****(Question Serial No. 4070)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 427):

Regarding the sheltered workshops (with 100 places) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 587m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The standard area provision for a 100-place sheltered workshop is 587 m² in net operational floor area in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not conducted any survey on the existing floor areas of 100-place sheltered workshops, and thus does not have the information sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0707****(Question Serial No. 4071)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 429):

Regarding the sheltered workshops (with 140 places) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 805m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The standard area provision for a 140-place sheltered workshop is 805 m² in net operational floor area in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The Social Welfare Department has not conducted any survey on the existing floor areas of 140-place sheltered workshops, and thus does not have the information sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0708****(Question Serial No. 4072)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 428):

Regarding the sheltered workshops (with 120 places) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 696m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The standard area provision for a 120-place sheltered workshop is 696 m² in net operational floor area in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not conducted any survey on the existing floor areas of 120-place sheltered workshops, and thus does not have the information sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0709****(Question Serial No. 4073)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 431):

Regarding the integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA)? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table –

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard of SoA			
Total floor area below the standard of SoA			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below the standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	Number of ICCMWs with no sub-base	Number of ICCMWs with 1 sub-base	Number of ICCMWs with more than 1 sub-base	Total
Total floor area of or above the standard SoA	4	2	-	6
Total floor area below the standard of SoA	8	7	3	18 [#]

Including 3 ICCMWs which will be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of construction/conversion works.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments in identifying suitable premises for the ICCMWs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0710****(Question Serial No. 4074)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 430):

Regarding the sheltered workshops (with 160 places) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 910m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The standard area provision for a 160-place sheltered workshop is 910 m² in net operational floor area in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The Social Welfare Department has not conducted any survey on the existing floor areas of 160-place sheltered workshops, and thus does not have the information sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0711****(Question Serial No. 4075)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 432):

Regarding the district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 345m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is set out as follows –

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area of or above the standard SoA	8	-	-
Total floor area below the standard SoA	8 [#]	-	-

[#] Including 2 DSCs which will be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of fitting-out and conversion works.

The Social Welfare Department will continue to work closely with relevant government bureaux and departments in identifying suitable premises for the DSCs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0712****(Question Serial No. 4076)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 433):

Regarding the integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) across the territory, how many centres are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 631m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With one sub-base	With more than one sub-base
Total floor area of the centre above the standard SoA			
Total floor area of the centre below the standard SoA			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of ICYSC with their total floor area above or below the standard SoA is set out as follows –

	Without sub-base	With one sub-base	With more than one sub-base
Total floor area of the centre above the standard SoA	41	41	-
Total floor area of the centre below the standard SoA	38	16	1

While the standard SoA is a planning parameter for ICYSCs, there are various factors leading to the provision of the premises being adopted and used for ICYSC purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. SWD will continue to review the need for additional premises by individual ICYSCs having regard to new service demand and development in relevant service areas.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4078)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 207):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The number of cases served by EHCCS each year in each District Council district from 2001- 02 to 2005- 06; and
- (b) The number of cases served by EHCCS each year in each District Council district from 2012- 13 to 2014- 15.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of EHCCS cases served by District Council district from 2001- 02 to 2005- 06 are set out in Annex 1.
- (b) The numbers of EHCCS cases served by District Council district from 2012- 13 to 2014- 15 are set out in Annex 2.

**EHCCS Cases Served
(2001-02 to 2005-06)**

District	Number of cases served				
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Central & Western	102	148	111	135	152
Wan Chai	92	140	117	143	142
Eastern	102	165	127	160	209
Southern	110	166	121	124	113
Islands	102	129	123	124	118
Yau Tsim Mong	127	181	128	123	129
Sham Shui Po	116	154	117	138	145
Kowloon City	123	168	120	137	154
Wong Tai Sin	134	194	143	200	268
Sai Kung	106	134	112	126	154
Kwun Tong	149	286	200	183	289
Sha Tin	144	165	115	145	174
Tai Po	101	130	97	115	119
North	94	121	97	108	130
Yuen Long	104	144	111	114	134
Tsuen Wan	103	133	109	125	116
Kwai Tsing	130	198	148	171	216
Tuen Mun	115	158	129	118	125
Total	2 054	2 914	2 225	2 489	2 887

**EHCCS Cases Served
(2012-13 to 2014-15)**

District	Number of cases served				2014-15 (Estimate)
	2012-13		2013-14 (up to end December 2013)		
	by District Teams	by Cluster Teams	by District Teams	by Cluster Teams	
Central & Western	208	205	209	195	7 600
Wan Chai	204		184		
Eastern	278		244		
Southern	203		193		
Islands	96		104		
Yau Tsim Mong	267	327	233	288	
Sham Shui Po	337		330		
Kowloon City	403		369		
Wong Tai Sin	544	549	491	547	
Sai Kung	301		286		
Kwun Tong	547	429	539	429	
Sha Tin	260	312	251	286	
Tai Po	175		167		
North	184		175		
Yuen Long	227	326	202	324	
Tsuen Wan	321		295		
Kwai Tsing	466		424		
Tuen Mun	207		201		
Total	7 376		6 966		7 600

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4079)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 211):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The number of EHCCS teams each year in each District Council district from 2001-02 to 2008-09; and
- (b) The number of EHCCS teams in each District Council district for 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of EHCCS teams by District Council district each year from 2001-02 to 2008-09 is set out in the Annex.
- (b) The number of EHCCS teams by District Council district in 2014-15 (up to end- February 2015) will be the same as that for 2008-09. The provision of additional EHCCS places will be provided in phases over a period of six months starting from 1 March 2015. Since the additional EHCCS places are still at the planning stage, detailed information is not yet available.

**EHCCS Teams
(2001-02 to 2008-09)**

District	2001-02 to 2007-08	2008-09	
	No. of EHCCS District Teams	No. of EHCCS District Teams	No. of EHCCS Cluster Teams
Central & Western	1	1	
Wan Chai	1	1	
Eastern	1	1	
Southern	1	1	
Islands	1	1	
Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	1	1	
Kowloon City	1	1	
Wong Tai Sin	1	1	1
Sai Kung	1	1	
Kwun Tong	1	1	1
Sha Tin	1	1	1
Tai Po	1	1	
North	1	1	
Yuen Long	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	1	1	
Kwai Tsing	1	1	
Tuen Mun	1	1	
Total	18	24	

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0715****(Question Serial No. 4080)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 215):

It is stated in Programme (3) on page 864 of the Estimates that the Administration will be “strengthening the central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as increasing other charges for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the funding allocation for other charges from 2013-14 to 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subvention in ensuring service quality and meeting service needs. There is no designated subvention for other charges. The total subvention to NGOs is provided as follows –

Year	Subvention to NGOs (\$ million)
2013-14 (as at 25 February 2014)	10,479
2014-15 (provisional allocation as at 25 February 2014*)	10,569

* The provisional allocation has not included the expenditure of about \$470 million for enhancing the LSG Subvention System and expenditure for services to be allocated to non-governmental organisations.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0716****(Question Serial No. 4081)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 224):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the numbers of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for EHCCS from 2001-02 to 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture statistics on the numbers of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for EHCCS and/or Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)] places from 2001-02 to 2003-04. The figures from 2004-05 to 2007-08 are set out as follows –

Year	Number of elderly persons who passed away while on the waiting list for EHCCS/IHCS(FC) places
2004-05	17
2005-06	25
2006-07	15
2007-08	20

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4082)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 225):

Regarding the day care centres/units for the elderly, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) A breakdown of the numbers of elderly persons receiving day care (DC) service in the year by District Council district from 2001-02 to 2007-08; and
- (b) A breakdown of the numbers of elderly persons receiving DC service in the year by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department does not capture the numbers of elderly persons receiving DC service by District Council district from 2001-02 to 2003-04. The numbers from 2004-05 to 2007-08 are set out in Annex 1.
- (b) The numbers of elderly persons receiving DC service by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2013-14 are set out in Annex 2.

**Geographical distribution of the elderly persons receiving DC service
(2004-05 to 2007-08)**

District	Number of service users			
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Central & Western	282	207	205	207
Eastern	354	294	331	337
Wan Chai	162	148	148	149
Southern	188	164	150	162
Islands	69	68	76	79
Kwun Tong	575	488	481	463
Wong Tai Sin	476	434	414	446
Sai Kung	202	190	188	196
Kowloon City	227	205	179	166
Sham Shui Po	329	301	324	317
Yau Tsim Mong	224	186	225	224
Sha Tin	363	256	254	252
Tai Po	77	81	98	95
North	84	66	104	100
Yuen Long	175	168	168	175
Tsuen Wan	107	88	87	85
Kwai Tsing	218	214	244	260
Tuen Mun	145	119	150	142
Total	4 257	3 677	3 826	3 855

**Geographical distribution of the elderly persons receiving DC service
(2012-13 to 2013-14)**

District	Number of service users	
	2012-13	2013-14 (1 April 2013 to 31 January 2014)
Central & Western	220	232
Eastern	411	367
Wan Chai	135	128
Southern	200	197
Islands	65	61
Kwun Tong	580	682
Wong Tai Sin	539	477
Sai Kung	289	241
Kowloon City	267	272
Sham Shui Po	452	426
Yau Tsim Mong	300	298
Sha Tin	422	450
Tai Po	134	112
North	77	75
Yuen Long	227	220
Tsuen Wan	136	125
Kwai Tsing	302	269
Tuen Mun	251	246
Total	5 007	4 878

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0718****(Question Serial No. 4083)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 231):

Regarding the day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the numbers of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for services of DEs/DCUs from 2001-02 to 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture statistics on the numbers of elderly persons who passed away while waitlisting for DE/DCU places from 2001-02 to 2003-04. The figures from 2004-05 to 2007-08 were as follows –

Year	Number of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting list for DE/DCU places
2004-05	9
2005-06	21
2006-07	17
2007-08	25

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4084)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 232):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that the Government will allocate an additional funding of some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), and widening the scope of home care services for these additional places and the existing 5 600 places. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How much of the additional funding of some \$170 million will be used for the additional service places? How much will be used for the existing 5 600 places?
- (b) What are the details of the widened scope of home care services for these service places?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

- (a) Of the some \$172 million additional annual provision, some \$88 million is for the provision of 1 500 new EHCCS places with enhanced service content while the remaining provision is for enhancing the service content of the 5 600 existing EHCCS places.
- (b) The service content of both the new and existing EHCCS places will be strengthened through the integration of the major service content of the Pilot Scheme into EHCCS, such as on-site carer training.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0720****(Question Serial No. 4085)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 617):

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What were the numbers of elderly persons who are waiting for long-term care (LTC) services on the Central Waiting List (CWL) of Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service (SCNAMES) and the average waiting time in each of the past three years?
2. How many letters had been issued to eligible elderly persons as at February 2014? How many elderly persons had indicated the intention to participate in the Pilot Scheme and what was the percentage to the number of eligible elderly persons?
3. Has the Administration recorded the reasons why elderly persons would or would not participate in the Pilot Scheme?
4. Has the Administration recorded the number of elderly persons who have changed to other Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) and the reasons for changes?
5. What are the existing number of day care places and details of vacancies in RSPs?
6. Will the Administration provide RSPs with information of staff establishment for reference? 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 –

1. The number of applicants and average waiting time for subsidised LTC services, namely nursing home (NH) and care-and-attention home (C&A) under residential care services, centre-based community care service (i.e. day care (DC) service) and home-based community care service (i.e. Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)/Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Case) (IHCS)(FC)), under CWL in the past 3 years were as follows –

Type of subsidised LTC services	Number of applicants		
	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-January 2014)
NH	6 456	6 272	6 335
C&A	21 432	22 546	23 558
DC	1 594	1 541	1 669
EHCCS/IHCS(FC)	321	748	1 671

Type of subsidised LTC services	Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note]		
	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-January 2014)
NH	36	34	35
C&A	22	23	20
DC	9	9	9
EHCCS/IHCS(FC)	2	3	5

[Note] Average waiting time for subsidised residential care services is an average for the past three months. For C&A applicants accepting subsidised C&A places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, the average waiting time was 8 months.

2. During the First Phase of the Pilot Scheme, 1 200 vouchers will be issued. As at end-February 2014, a total of around 11 500 invitation letters were issued, with 929 eligible elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme and some 3 700 replies pending. The enrolment rate was around 77%.
3. The Administration has recorded the reasons for the elderly persons' participation / non-participation in the Pilot Scheme. For instance, among those who did not join the Pilot Scheme, around half of them were being taken care by their family members/domestic helpers, and around 22% wished to use subsidised residential care services only.
4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not captured the reasons for the voucher holders' switch to other RSPs.
5. The numbers of day care places and vacancies in RSPs are set out in the Annex.
6. SWD does not provide RSPs with information on staff establishment for reference. However, there is a mandatory service requirement on the provision of professional staff (e.g. enrolled or registered nurse, social worker, occupational therapist, physiotherapist) in day care service at all times during the service hours provided to voucher holders.

**Geographical distribution of
day care places and vacancies**

District	Number of day care places	Number of vacancies (as at end-February 2014)
Eastern	148	59
Kwun Tong	166	94
Wong Tai Sin	75	34
Sham Shui Po	105	73
Sha Tin	167	65
Tai Po	101	53
Tsuen Wan	50	22
Tuen Mun	69	27
Total	881	427

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4086)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 618):

It is stated in the 2014-15 Budget that 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) will be provided. Please inform this Committee whether the Administration will increase the number of places for the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) to enhance the support for elderly persons under IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)). If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

IHCS includes IHCS (Frail Cases) and IHCS(OC). Though the service capacity of IHCS in 2014-15 will remain the same as that in 2012-13 and 2013-14, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to decide on the maximum capacity of IHCS(OC) for meeting the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate. In addition to IHCS, the Administration also provides other community care and support services to facilitate frail elderly persons to age in the community. These include EHCCS, the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly which was launched in September 2013. The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for IHCS with a view to meeting the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4087)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 619):

Regarding the community care services (CCS) for the elderly, please inform this Committee of the following

1. What has been the utilisation rate or enrolment rate of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) implemented over the past year?
2. If the utilisation rate or enrolment rate was lower than 50%, would the Administration cancel the Pilot Scheme and increase the provision of subvented CCS for the elderly in the long term? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme is to be implemented in two phases over a period of four years. The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013 with the target of issuing 1 200 vouchers. The roll-out of this Pilot Scheme is a significant step towards the development of a strong and vibrant CCS sector. While the Administration is piloting a voucher system in the area of CCS for the elderly, the bulk of the community's service demand will continue to be met through increase in service places funded by the conventional mode and hence the Government's provision for elderly care services will not be reduced.

As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme. The enrolment rate was around 77%. Based on the application dates for long term care services under the Central Waiting List, the Social Welfare Department will continue to invite eligible elderly persons, via their Responsible Workers, to join the Pilot Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4088)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 242):

According to the Estimates, the Government will “enhance the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) 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”. According to fellow workers of ICCMWs, apart from ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, ICCMWs also provide services to some 5 000 family members of service users. There is growing service demand from family members. Please advise –

Having adequate professional staff is most important in enhancing the services of ICCMWs. How many additional resources will be provided to each ICCMW to meet the surging community needs? What criteria are based on in determining the amount of additional resources to be allocated to each ICCMW and what are the restrictions on the use?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$9.3 million to strengthen the manpower of ICCMWs. Each centre will be allocated additional resources in accordance with the respective team size. 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4089)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 244):

According to the record of the Hospital Authority, the number of children and young people seeking psychiatric treatment services has been rising gradually in the recent 3 years (i.e. increasing from 20 900 people in 2011 to 26 140 in 2013). There is a rising trend of children and young people suffering from mental health problems. Among them, patients aged 6 to 12 account for 56% while patients aged 13 to 18 account for 32%. The median waiting time of new cases is about 19 weeks, showing how serious the problem is. Based on the experience of social workers, early intervention and prevention are essential to mental health problems of children and young people. Chances of recovery and regaining normal life are higher if patients get timely diagnosis and counselling after the first onset of problems. Please advise –

At present, social workers of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) serving people aged 15 or above are already having heavy workload and are fully occupied by their daily work. Will the Government provide additional resources for ICCMWs to employ additional staff to serve children aged below 15 so as to provide early intervention and counselling to help them recover and regain normal life as soon as possible? If yes, how will it be implemented? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no plan to change the target groups of ICCMWs which are discharged mental patients or persons with suspected mental health problems aged 15 or above and their family members/carers. . The medical social workers (MSWs) of SWD stationed in public hospitals and psychiatric out-patient clinics provide psychosocial intervention for children and adolescents with mental health problems as well as their families/carers to help them cope with or solve problems arising from their illness. MSWs are also members of the multi-disciplinary team of the seven Early Assessment Service for Young People Programme Service Centres of the Hospital Authority, and work closely with the medical and allied health professionals to offer one-stop support services with a view to facilitating early detection and intervention of mental health problems for young people.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0725****(Question Serial No. 4094)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 497):

Regarding services of the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC), would the Administration please advise the following –

- The numbers of people served by FCSC, by gender and by type of service received, in each of the past five years;
- The staffing establishment and the expenditures of FCSC in each of the past five years;
- Does the Administration have any plan to review or enhance relevant service? 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 –

- The numbers of service users receiving services of Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) by type and by gender in the past five years were as follows –

Year	Number of live-in service users served		Number of non-live-in service users served (no breakdown of male and female service users)	Number of hotline calls handled (no breakdown of male and female service users)
	Male	Female		
2009-10	217	537	250	22 731
2010-11	183	443	153	22 402
2011-12	178	423	124	20 802
2012-13	189	540	138	22 636
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	104	286	98	18 633

- (b) The manpower provision for FCSC is arranged having regard to the service needs. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the operating non-governmental organisation concerned has flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The expenditure of FCSC in the past five years were as follows –

Expenditure of FCSC	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
(\$ million)	7.4 ^[Note 1]	6.7 ^[Note 2]	6.4	6.8	7.0

^[Note 1] The expenditure in 2009-10 included the provision for time-limited subventions for hotline service for financial crisis from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 and hotline service for human swine influenza from 4 May 2009 to 5 November 2009.

^[Note 2] The expenditure in 2010-11 included time-limited subventions for hotline service for financial crisis ended on 12 October 2010.

- (c) The Social Welfare Department will continue to keep in view the service needs as and when appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0726

(Question Serial No. 4096)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 219):

It is mentioned on page 798 of the Estimates that in 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) "launched the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme)". Please inform this Committee of the number of participants with a breakdown by their distribution in the 8 selected districts (Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme. The geographical distribution of the voucher holders is set out below:

District	Number of voucher holders (as at end-February 2014)
Eastern	175
Kwun Tong	154
Wong Tai Sin	106
Sham Shui Po (including Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong)	89
Sha Tin	165
Tai Po	76
Tsuen Wan	63
Tuen Mun	101
Total	929

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0727****(Question Serial No. 4097)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 220):

It is mentioned on page 798 of the Estimates that in 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) "launched the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme)". Please inform this Committee of the number of vacancies with a breakdown by their distribution in the 8 selected districts (Eastern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Shatin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

A voucher holder can choose his/her Recognised Service Provider (RSP) within a period of three months after joining the Pilot Scheme. As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders. Among them, 454 had chosen their RSPs while the rest were in the process of making their choices. The geographical distribution of day care places and vacancies under the Pilot Scheme, as at end-February 2014, was as follow:

District	Number of day care places	Number of vacancies
Eastern	148	59
Kwun Tong	166	94
Wong Tai Sin	75	34
Sham Shui Po	105	73
Sha Tin	167	65
Tai Po	101	53
Tsuen Wan	50	22
Tuen Mun	69	27
Total	881	427

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4100)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 488):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of residential special child care centres (RSCCCs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System in 2008, the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0729

(Question Serial No. 4101)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 489):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts which are under the recognised establishment of small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH (MMHC)) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The calculation of LSG based on the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs operating SGH (MMHC) have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4102)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 490):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of sheltered workshops (with 100 service places) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4103)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 491):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of day activity centres (DACs) (with 50 service places) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4104)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 234):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System in 2008, the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4105)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 235):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of halfway houses (HWHs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs operating halfway houses have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4106)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 233):

It is stated in the Estimates that during 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “integrate the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders and provide additional home care places”. Please inform this Committee of the total number of additional home care places to be provided under the above initiatives.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

An additional 1 500 EHCCS places will be provided in phases over a period of six months starting from March 2015.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5721)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 395):

The 2014 Policy Address proposes to increase funding support for day training centres to enhance care and support for ageing service users. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of enhancing care and support for ageing service users, as well as the additional manpower and funding support to be involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

An additional full-year recurrent funding of \$93 million is earmarked to increase the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities (including day activity centres, sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres) for strengthening the care and support for ageing service users. The improvement measure will be implemented in the third quarter of 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5724)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 281):

Please inform this Committee 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 3 years [2011-12, 2012-13 and in 2013-14 (for months with available data)].

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of places and the average utilisation rates in aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs for each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department in the past three years are set out in Tables 1-3 of the Annex.

Table 1 – Number of places and average utilisation rates in aided standalone child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres, occasional child care service, extended hours service and mutual help child care centres (April 2011 to March 2012)

SWD District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs		OCCS		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 (%)
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	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	100	3 468	90	47	50	124	67	14	below 1
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 427	85	49	66	122	85	56	3
Sha Tin	70	95	1 796	78	29	49	82	85	-	-
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	-	-	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 [Note 1]	76	434	62	1 230	84	314	7 [Note 2]

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September of each year, which were captured at the beginning of the school year. The same note applies to Tables 2 and 3 below.

[Note 2] With the development of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, which adopted the same concept of mutual support at the neighbourhood level as MHCCCs and covered the same target group, a low utilisation rate of the service was observed. Some MHCCCs have been and will be re-engineered into other welfare services to meet district needs. The same note applies to Tables 2 and 3 below.

Table 2 – Number of places and average utilisation rates in aided standalone child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres, occasional child care service, extended hours service and mutual help child care centres (April 2012 to March 2013)

SWD District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs		OCCS		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 (%)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	100	3 461	53	42	79	124	71	67	9
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	99	3 028	75	31	56	152	72	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	100	3 987	91	47	65	124	74	14	below 1
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 444	87	49	85	122	82	56	8
Sha Tin	70	99	1 897	87	29	55	82	79	-	-
Sham Shui Po	62	100	739	89	25	77	76	114	37	20
Tai Po/North	48	100	1 634	68	35	62	124	82	14	5
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	100	2 156	85	55	81	138	79	56	4
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 276	70	31	79	78	84	14	below 1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	-	2 810	71	55	70	140	92	14	17
Yuen Long	64	100	1 157	94	35	65	70	70	42	3
Total	690	100	23 589 [Note 1]	77	434	71	1230	81	314	8 [Note 2]

Table 3 – Number of places and average utilisation rates in aided standalone child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres, occasional child care service, extended hours service and mutual help child care centres (April to December 2013)

SWD District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs		OCCS		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 (%)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	100	3 904	52	42	80	124	63	67	9
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	100	3 461	78	31	63	152	74	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	100	4 351	87	47	68	124	78	14	below 1
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 456	87	49	81	122	82	56	10
Sha Tin	70	97	2 091	85	29	61	82	58	-	-
Sham Shui Po	62	100	732	89	25	85	76	116	37	19
Tai Po/North	48	100	1 680	74	35	56	124	76	14	4
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	100	2 282	85	55	75	138	74	56	4
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 481	72	31	87	78	77	14	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	-	3 050	73	55	81	140	96	14	15
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	35	69	70	67	42	4
Total	690	100	25 575 [Note 1]	77	434	73	1 230	78	314	8 [Note 2]

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0737****(Question Serial No. 5730)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 591):

Please provide the number and percentage of ethnic minority Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applicants (by application category) in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients whose country of origin was not China by case nature for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Case Nature	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	2 645	2 755	2 950	3 059	3 153
Permanent disability	512	530	548	516	518
Ill health	1 327	1 371	1 412	1 377	1 453
Single parent	2 536	2 595	2 535	2 450	2 387
Low-earnings	4 110	4 192	3 754	3 522	3 344
Unemployment	3 284	3 178	3 061	3 064	2 932
Others	353	359	355	328	323
Total	14 767	14 980	14 615	14 316	14 110

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0738****(Question Serial No. 5731)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 506):

Please list out by case nature, age, gender and educational attainment of the applicants: (a) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with children who are eligible for receiving child rate under CSSA but their parents are not eligible for CSSA due to having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years; and (b) the nature and number of cases living with household members who are ineligible for CSSA due to having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of CSSA cases with children receiving CSSA while their parents are ineligible for CSSA as a result of failure to meet the previous seven-year Hong Kong resident (SYHKR) requirement. SWD also does not have information on the number of members in CSSA households who are ineligible for CSSA as a result of failure to meet the previous SYHKR requirement.

The number of CSSA cases with eligible member(s) having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years by case nature as at end-December 2013 was provided as follows –

Case nature	As at end-December 2013
Old age	1 659
Permanent disability	368
Ill health	1 026
Single parent	3 265
Low-earnings	1 205
Unemployment	857
Others	1 160
Total	9 540

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0739****(Question Serial No. 5733)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 435):

Regarding the district youth outreaching social work team (DYOT) across the territory, how many teams are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 137m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area of the Team above the standard SoA			
Total floor area of the Team below the standard SoA			

What are the Administration's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of DYOTs with their total floor area above or below the standard SoA are set out as follows –

	Without sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area of the Team above the standard SoA	5	1	-
Total floor area of the Team below the standard SoA	9	-	-

While the standard SoA is a planning parameter for DYOT, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for DYOT purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. The Social Welfare Department will continue to review the need for additional premises by individual DYOTs having regard to new service demand and development in relevant service areas.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5736)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 206):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following: in 2013-14 (as at 31 January 2014), what were the respective numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities waiting for IHCS (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC))?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for IHCS(FC) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). As at end-January 2014, there were 1 671 elderly persons and 20 persons with disabilities waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0741****(Question Serial No. 5737)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 206):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following: From 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end March each year), what were the respective numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities waiting for IHCS (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC))?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for IHCS(FC) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS).

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the respective numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS in 2008-09, and the information from 2009-10 to 2012-13 is set out as follows -

As at end-March of financial year	Number of applicants	
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities
2009-10	397	20
2010-11	1 010	19
2011-12	321	12
2012-13	748	11

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0742****(Question Serial No. 5744)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 633):

Regarding spouse battering cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs), please inform this Committee –

1. The actual and estimated numbers of cases of the Anti-Violence Programme (AVP) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the years from 2009 to 2013? Please list in table form as follows –

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of spouse battering cases handled by 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						

2. How will SWD increase the utilisation of AVP;
3. Will SWD consider proposing amendments to the law to require mandatory participation by spouse/partner batterers in therapeutic services on problems of domestic violence? 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 –

1. Under the Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance (DCRVO) (Cap 189), the Court may, in granting an injunction, require the batterers 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 batterers. For this purpose, SWD developed AVP which is psycho-educational in nature in 2008. The number of participants for AVP hinges on the number of referrals from the Court.

The requested statistical information from 2009 to 2013 is provided as follows –

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of spouse battering cases handled by the FCPSUs of SWD	6594	5986	5456	5221	5196
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	57
Estimated number of participants of AVP	Since participants of AVP are referred by the Court, SWD cannot estimate the number of participants.				
Actual number of participants of AVP	2	-	-	-	1

Statistical information for 2014 is not available for the time being. Since participants of AVP are referred by the Court, SWD cannot estimate the number of participants.

2. 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 all along maintained liaison with the Family Court, Hong Kong Law Society and Legal Aid Department, etc. to promote AVP.
3. There is a provision under DCRVO that the Court may in granting an injunction require the batterer to participate in any programme approved by DSW, i.e. AVP. There is no plan to propose legislative amendment.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0743****(Question Serial No. 5745)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 634):

Regarding the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), what are the amount of subvention and the number of cases handled and how will the service be enhanced by the Government? Please advise –

Details	Amount	Number of cases handled
Subvention in 2012-13		
Subvention in 2013-14		
Subvention in 2014-15		

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

VSP commenced service in June 2010 with a funding allocation of about \$5 million per year. The numbers of service users served in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are shown below –

Year	Number of service users served
2012-13 (Apr 2012 – Mar 2013)	661
2013-14 (Apr 2013 – Mar 2014)	540 (Up to December 2013)
2014-15 (Apr 2014 – Mar 2015)	800 (target)

VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0744

(Question Serial No. 5746)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 636):

Regarding domestic violence cases, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

The sources and numbers of domestic violence cases received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) between 2008 and 2013. Please provide the following information –

Source	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Police						
Hospitals						
Schools						
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs)						
Others						

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

A breakdown by reporting agency 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 Cases and Sexual Violence Cases and Child Protection Registry maintained by SWD, is provided as follows –

Reporting agency ^[Note]	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Police	4 831	2 376	1 404	1 190	791	1 341
Hospital Authority	901	993	596	814	727	726
School	174	168	181	156	192	203
Social Welfare Service Unit	1 461	1 862	1 586	1 528	1 570	2 144
Others	358	401	397	363	348	385
Total	7 725	5 800	4 164	4 051	3 628	4 799

^[Note] For spouse/cohabitant battering cases, if more than one agency reports the same case, the first agency which provides the data will be recorded as the reporting agency.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5747)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 637):

How has “domestic violence case” been defined by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and have the definitions or the criteria for case definition been varied in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

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 the definitions of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering are included for reference by front-line professionals from different sectors. According to the said guidelines, child abuse is defined as any act of commission or omission that endangers or impairs the physical/psychological health and development of an individual under the age of 18 while spouse/cohabitant battering refers to battering that occurs in a relationship between a couple who live or have lived together intimately. For the period between 2009-10 and 2013-14, SWD did not vary the definitions or ways of defining spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0746****(Question Serial No. 5748)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 643):

Regarding child visitation service arranged for families of domestic violence, please inform this Committee of the following –

- Upon receiving referrals from the Family Court and High Court by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) between 2008 and 2013, what was the number of cases in which “Social Investigation Report” on child custody and access was required? Please provide the following information –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of Cases						

- Please provide information on the number of cases in which child visitation service had been provided by SWD between 2008 and 2013 according to the source of cases –

Source of Cases	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Referral as ordered by the court						
Self-referred						
Others						
Total						

- The number of cases in which child visitation service had been provided by Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) in the past 3 years –

	2011	2012	2013
Number of Cases			
Average time of service per case (in months)			

- Does SWD have plans to enhance child visitation service for separated families? 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 –

- The number of social enquiry reports involving child custody dispute cases completed by social workers of the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) from 2008-09 to 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013) is set out below –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
Number of social enquiry reports completed	928	912	781	1030	976	698

2. Social workers of FCPSUs render counselling to parents and children regarding child access issues for all child custody supervision cases and provide assistance with child access as appropriate. All these cases are referred by the Court. The number of child custody supervision cases handled by FCPSUs from 2008-09 to 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013) is set out below –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
Number of child custody supervision cases served	665	670	734	386	324	242

3. VSP has started providing child visitation service for victims of domestic violence since August 2012. The number of cases having received child visitation service under VSP in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is shown below –

	2012-13 (August 2012 to March 2013)	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
Number of cases having received child visitation service under VSP	7	14

The follow-up time for individual child visitation cases under VSP depends on the complexity of the cases.

4. At present, when divorced parents cannot agree on the custody/access arrangement for their children, or when the Court has concern about the custody/access of their children, the Court may call for a social enquiry report from FCPSUs. Social workers of FCPSUs render counselling and other assistance as appropriate to the cases under statutory supervision with a view to facilitating smooth access arrangement. The present model is considered suitable in meeting the needs of divorced families with dispute over custody/access. Besides, VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5749)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 645):

The Government will provide additional manpower to district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) and introduce the service mode of case management. Please inform this Committee of the specific details of the arrangements, as well as the additional resources and staffing establishment to be involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

DSCs were set up in 2009 to 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 rehabilitation care service. The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$10.6 million to strengthen the manpower of the DSCs and introduce a case management service approach. The Social Welfare Department is drawing up the implementation details for this initiative.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5750)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 646):

Providers of elderly and rehabilitation services are currently facing great difficulties in employing paramedical staff and frontline care workers of residential care homes. Would the Government provide additional resources and does it have any specific measures to help solve the problem faced by the sector?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

With the support of the University Grants Committee (UGC), the student intakes of Bachelor of Science (Hons) Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Science (Hons) Physiotherapy 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 respectively in the 2012-15 triennium. The first-year first-degree places in nursing have also been increased by 40.

To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University has launched a two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and a two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme since January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage graduates from these two programmes to join the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in these 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. 58 students completed the programmes in February 2014. The second cohort, with a total intake of 60 students, has started in January 2014.

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise a two-year Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector since 2006. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Another 900 training places will be offered in the coming years. 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.

Separately, from 2014-15 onwards, the Administration will increase the annual recurrent funding for NGOs to recruit and retain paramedical staff more effectively or to hire paramedical services. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs.

For frontline care staff in the elderly services sector, training courses for Health Workers (HWs) are offered by different training bodies, including NGOs, self-financing institutes and tertiary institutions. As at end-January 2014, there were 34 training bodies, organising 61 approved training courses for HWs for

residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). In the past 3 years, about 1 500 persons registered as HWs each year after taking these approved training courses.

To cope with the demand for care personnel and provide the younger generation with more employment options, a “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme was launched in 2013, funded by the Lotteries Fund, to provide 200 training places for young people to work in residential care homes for the elderly. Apart from receiving on-the-job training, these young people are also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue studies which equip them for moving up the career ladder in the welfare sector. Since this pilot scheme has been well received, the Administration has earmarked funding to provide an additional 1 000 places in the coming few years and extend its coverage to the rehabilitation services.

SWD will continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of the elderly and rehabilitation services sector and formulate appropriate measures accordingly. Under the chairmanship of the Secretary of Food and Health, the Steering Committee on Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development has been set up 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.

The Elderly Commission will formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan. In this connection, the Administration is separately implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Users (Special Scheme) whereby NGOs owning land are encouraged to provide more diversified services, particularly for the elderly and person with disabilities, through redevelopment or expansion on their sites. This Special Scheme will provide a basis for longer-term planning for premises and manpower for elderly services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5751)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 648):

The Government will increase the funding support for the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of People with Disabilities/Chronic Illness. What is the amount of additional funding for various financial support schemes? Would the Government improve the current funding mechanism to ensure that organisations of different sizes can get adequate support? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$5.28 million to enhance support for the operation and development of self-help groups through the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of People with Disabilities / Chronic Illness (the Scheme). SWD will review the Scheme in consultation with the stakeholders in 2014-15 to ensure that the Scheme could become more sustainable and effective in supporting self-help organisations.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5752)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 650):

According to paragraph 154 of the Budget for 2014-15, it is stated that "besides the major new initiatives mentioned earlier, Government will enhance services for persons with disabilities, involving an additional expenditure of about \$360 million per year". What initiatives will the additional expenditure of \$360 million cover? What are the details of the services, the expenditure and/or staffing establishment involved, as well as the time of commencement, of each initiative?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration proposes to allocate an additional annual recurrent expenditure of about \$360 million for the continued enhancement of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, thereby facilitating and encouraging the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community. This covers –

- (a) some \$152 million for regularising three Community Care Fund programmes, including provision of a training subsidy for children with disabilities from low-income families to pay for self-financing services while waitlisting for subvented pre-school services; and provision of subsidies for persons with severe physical disabilities living in the community to cover their expenses for renting medical equipment and purchase of medical consumables, and to provide one-stop integrated support services co-ordinated by case managers in accordance with their needs;
- (b) some \$93 million for increasing the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities to strengthen the care and support for ageing service users;
- (c) some \$40 million for regularising the Pilot Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities, with the cap of subsidised places in each home raised from 55% to 70% and the number of places to be bought increased from 300 to 450;
- (d) some \$42 million for strengthening community support for persons with disabilities including: to provide 442 additional places of short-term day and residential care services for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above; strengthen the manpower of District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities and introduce a case management service approach; enhance sign language interpretation services for persons with hearing impairment; and enhance the support for the operation and development of self-help groups;
- (e) some \$22 million for providing 331 additional rehabilitation service places for persons with disabilities;

- (f) some \$9 million for enhancing the services of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness with a view to dovetailing with the Hospital Authority's "Case Management Programme" and providing service to more people in need; and
- (g) some \$2 million for upgrading the Commissioner for Rehabilitation post and strengthening the establishment of the Commissioner's team to enhance co-ordination among various bureaux and departments in implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Administration is drawing up the details of these initiatives which will be implemented in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0751****(Question Serial No. 5753)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 652):

The number of day care (DC) places for the elderly will increase from 2 752 in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) to 2 981 in 2014-15 (Estimate), i.e. an addition of 229 places. What will be the geographical distribution of the 229 additional places and when will they commence service?

District	Estimated distribution of the 229 additional places	Anticipated time of service commencement
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		
North		
Tuen Mun		
Yuen Long		
Islands		
Tsuen Wan		
Kwai Tsing		

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In 2014-15, an additional 229 DC places for the elderly are expected to commence service. Their geographical distribution is as follows –

District	Number of Places
Sha Tin	77
Sham Shui Po	32
Sai Kung	60
Kwai Tsing	60
Total	229

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0752****(Question Serial No. 5755)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 469):

What are the respective numbers of population, Integrated Family Services Centres (IFSCs), social workers in IFSCs, and the average population served by IFSCs in each of the 11 Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts in each of the past five years?

		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
SWD District	Population					
	Number of IFSCs					
	Number of social workers in IFSCs					
	Average population served by each IFSC in the district					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is set out in the Annex.

Integrated Family Services Centres

District	Item	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	Population	589 705 [Note 1 & 5]	593 505 [Note 1 & 5]	565 975 [Note 2 & 5]	573 874 [Note 3 & 5]	574 174 [Note 3 & 5]
	Number of IFSCs	5	5	5	5	5
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	46	46	48	48	48
	Average population served by each IFSC	117 941	118 701	113 195	114 775	114 835
Eastern and Wan Chai	Population	753 700 [Note 1]	756 100 [Note 1]	740 702 [Note 2]	743 700 [Note 3]	743 400 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	7	7	7	7	7
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	67	67	69	69	69
	Average population served by each IFSC	107 671	108 014	105 815	106 243	106 200
Kwun Tong	Population	598 600 [Note 1]	612 600 [Note 1]	622 152 [Note 2]	633 500 [Note 3]	642 200 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	6	6	6	7	7
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	62	62	63	63	63
	Average population served by each IFSC	99 767	102 100	103 692	90 500	91 743
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	Population	841 600 [Note 1]	843 500 [Note 1]	856 810 [Note 2]	868 200 [Note 3]	870 600 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	7	7	7	7	7
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	93	93	95	95	95
	Average population served by each IFSC	120 229	120 500	122 401	124 029	124 371
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	Population	671 200 [Note 1]	683 400 [Note 1]	685 229 [Note 2]	697 100 [Note 3]	700 800 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	6	6	6	7	7
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	53	53	57	71	71
	Average population served by each IFSC	111 867	113 900	114 205	99 586	100 114

District	Item	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Sham Shui Po	Population	373 500 [Note 1]	375 800 [Note 1]	380 855 [Note 2]	389 300 [Note 3]	393 000 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	4	4	5	5	5
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	33	33	33	33	33
	Average population served by each IFSC	93 375	93 950	76 171	77 860	78 600
Sha Tin	Population	612 600 [Note 1]	621 700 [Note 1]	630 273 [Note 2]	638 700 [Note 3]	646 000 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	5	5	5	5	5
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	71	71	73	73	73
	Average population served by each IFSC	122 520	124 340	126 055	127 740	129 200
Tai Po and North	Population	597 300 [Note 1]	605 200 [Note 1]	600 987 [Note 2]	607 800 [Note 3]	610 300 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	5	5	5	5	5
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	71	71	73	73	73
	Average population served by each IFSC	119 460	121 040	120 197	121 560	122 060
Yuen Long	Population	551 300 [Note 1]	563 600 [Note 1]	578 529 [Note 2]	588 900 [Note 3]	596 000 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	5	5	5	6	6
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	56	56	58	58	58
	Average population served by each IFSC	110 260	112 720	115 706	98 150	99 333
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	Population	813 100 [Note 1]	806 300 [Note 1]	815 804 [Note 2]	815 500 [Note 3]	812 800 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	7	7	7	7	7
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	90	90	92	92	92
	Average population served by each IFSC	116 157	115 186	116 543	116 500	116 114
Tuen Mun	Population	497 700 [Note 1]	498 500 [Note 1]	487 546 [Note 2]	491 400 [Note 3]	493 100 [Note 3]
	Number of IFSCs	4	4	4	4	4
	Number of social workers of SWD IFSCs [Note 4]	62	62	63	63	63
	Average population served by each IFSC	124 425	124 625	121 887	122 850	123 275

[Note 1] Source of information: 2010-2019 Projections of Population Distribution, Planning Department, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

[Note 2] Source of information: 2011 Population Census, Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

[Note 3] Source of information: 2013-2021 Projections of Population Distribution, Planning Department, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Kong Special Administrative Region.

[Note 4] Only providing the number of frontline social workers of SWD IFSCs. As for NGO IFSCs which are operating under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

[Note 5] Excluding the population of the Lantau Island which is served by two Integrated Services Centres.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0753****(Question Serial No. 5756)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 470):

What are the elderly population, the number of district elderly community centres (DECCs) and the number of social workers for DECCs in the 11 welfare districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and the average number of elderly persons served by each DECC in these districts in each of the past five years?

		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Welfare districts	Elderly population					
	Number of DECCs					
	Number of social workers for DECCs					
	Average number of elderly persons served by each DECC in the district					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating elderly centres have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and to meet service needs. Additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$53 million has been earmarked for 41 DECCs and 119 Neighbourhood Elderly Centres to employ more social workers with a view to strengthening the support provided for elderly persons living in the community. The support services include enhancement in information dissemination, counselling services and the handling of care needs assessment and service applications. Additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$22 million will also be provided for 41 DECCs to employ more social workers, with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

The number of DECCs in a district is determined not only by the size of the elderly population, but also the demographic characteristics, geographical factor and service demand, etc. The numbers of DECCs in the 11 administrative districts of SWD are set out below:

SWD administrative district	Number of DECCs in the past five years
Central & Western/Southern/ Islands	5
Eastern & Wan Chai	6
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	5
Sham Shui Po	3
Kwun Tong	4

Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	6
Tai Po & North	2
Sha Tin	3
Yuen Long	2
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	3
Tuen Mun	2
Total	41

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0754****(Question Serial No. 5757)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 471):

What are the elderly population, the number of neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) and the number of social workers for NECs in the 11 welfare districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and the average number of elderly persons served by each NEC in these districts in each of the past five years?

		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Welfare districts	Elderly population					
	Number of NECs					
	Number of social workers for NECs					
	Average number of elderly persons served by each NEC in the district					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating elderly centres have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and to meet service needs. Additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$53 million has been earmarked for 41 District Elderly Community Centres and 119 NECs to employ more social workers with a view to strengthening the support provided for elderly persons living in the community. Additional annual subvention of some \$82.5 million has also been earmarked for 51 Social Centres for the Elderly to raise their standard of services to that of NECs and to employ more social workers for service delivery.

The number of NECs in a district is determined not only by the size of the elderly population, but also by the demographic characteristics, geographical factor and service demand, etc. The numbers of NECs in the 11 administrative districts of SWD in the past five years are set out below –

Welfare District	Number of NECs				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Central & Western/Southern/ Islands	15	15	15	15	15
Eastern & Wan Chai	8	8	8	8	8
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	12	12	12	12	13
Sham Shui Po	10	10	10	10	10
Kwun Tong	14	14	14	14	14
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	17	17	17	17	17
Tai Po & North	6	6	6	6	6
Sha Tin	10	10	10	10	10
Yuen Long	4	4	4	4	4
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	17	17	18	18	18
Tuen Mun	4	4	4	4	4
Total	117	117	118	118	119

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0755****(Question Serial No. 5758)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 472):

Please provide the youth population, the number of integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs), the number of social workers in ICYSCs and the average youth population served by each ICYSC in each of the 11 Social Welfare Department (SWD) administrative districts over the past five years.

		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
SWD district	Youth population					
	Number of ICYSCs					
	Social workers in ICYSCs					
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC in the district					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The youth population (aged 6-24), number of ICYSCs and average youth population served by each ICYSC in each of the 11 SWD administrative districts from 2009 to 2013 are set out at Annex.

Under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating children and youth services have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and to meet service needs.

**Youth Population, Number of ICYSCs &
Average Youth Population served by each ICYSCs**

SWD District		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	Youth population ^[Note1]	139 600	137 400	126 100	126 700	N.A. ^[Note 2]
	No. of ICYSCs	10	10	10	10	10
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	13 960	13 740	12 610	12 670	N.A.
Eastern & Wan Chai	Youth population	135 700	130 200	125 100	122 800	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	11	11	11	11	11
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	12 336	11 836	11 373	11 164	N.A.
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	Youth population	122 000	120 600	120 600	121 600	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	11	11	11	11	11
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	11 091	10 964	10 964	11 054	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	Youth population	74 000	72 500	73 100	71 600	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	7	7	7	7	7
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	10 571	10 357	10 443	10 229	N.A.
Kwun Tong	Youth population	122 000	123 400	123 900	123 800	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	12	12	12	13	13
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	10 167	10 283	10 325	9 523	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	Youth population	182 300	177 100	175 700	172 200	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	16	17	17	17	17
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	11 394	10 418	10 335	10 129	N.A.
Sha Tin	Youth population	131 300	127 300	123 600	120 900	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	15	15	15	15	15
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	8 753	8 487	8 240	8 060	N.A.
Tai Po & North	Youth population	143 200	137 300	131 100	125 700	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	14	14	14	14	14
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	10 229	9 807	9 364	8 979	N.A.
Yuen Long	Youth population	142 400	140 200	138 900	137 000	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	10	10	10	10	10
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	14 240	14 020	13 890	13 700	N.A.

SWD District		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	Youth population	170 600	162 800	160 500	157 500	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	17	17	17	17	17
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	10 035	9 576	9 441	9 265	N.A.
Tuen Mun	Youth population	111 100	105 100	99 300	95 900	N.A.
	No. of ICYSCs	13	13	13	13	13
	Average youth population served by each ICYSC	8 546	8 085	7 638	7 377	N.A.

N.A.: The information is not available.

[Note 1] Based on the figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department (CSD) on the land based non-institutional population aged 6-24. Land-based non-institutional population does not cover inmates of institutions and persons living on board vessels.

Statistics on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population at District Council district level are published once a year. These statistics are based on the data collected in the General Household Survey in January to December each year as well as the mid-year population estimates by District Council district compiled jointly by CSD and an inter-departmental Working Group on Population Distribution Projections.

[Note 2] There is no available figure for 2013 from the CSD.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0756

(Question Serial No. 6027)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 517):

Regarding the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, what are the median earnings from employment and average employment earnings of CSSA recipients under the unemployment, low-earnings and single parent case nature who have benefited from monthly DE in the years 2008-09 to 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The median and average monthly earnings from employment of CSSA recipients under the unemployment, low-earnings and single parent categories from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are set out as follows –

Case nature	Median monthly earnings from employment of CSSA recipients (\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Unemployment	2,321	2,275	2,200	2,175	2,340
Low-earnings	5,000	5,000	5,400	5,350	5,415
Single parent	2,817	2,881	3,360	3,360	3,430

Case nature	Average monthly earnings from employment of CSSA recipients (\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Unemployment	2,904	2,905	2,887	2,884	2,953
Low-earnings	5,071	5,088	5,619	5,762	5,849
Single parent	3,251	3,258	3,536	3,595	3,581

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0757****(Question Serial No. 6028)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 519):

Regarding the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme, Intensive Employment Assistance Projects, New Dawn (ND) Intensive Employment Assistance Projects and 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 in the years from 2008-09 to 2013-14 –

- the number of CSSA recipients who have joined the projects/programmes/schemes;
- their age distribution, gender and educational attainment;
- the number of participants who have secured full-time or part-time employment;
- the nature of jobs, median employment income and average working hours per month; and
- the number of participants who have left the CSSA net.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Under the SFS Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the New Dawn (ND) Project and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) in April 2006 and October 2008 respectively to encourage and assist single parents/child carers and employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant. Since the launch of the two projects until end-2012, the number of participants, the number of participants who had secured full-time employment, and the number of participants who had left the CSSA net were as follows –

Employment assistance project	Number of participants	Number of participants who had secured employment		Number of participants who had left the CSSA net
		Full-time	Part-time	
ND Project	26 162	2 509	5 073	1 162
IEAS	121 507	26 079	-	8 659

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 of the ND Project and IEAS as the computer systems concerned do not keep such information.

In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance projects, including the ND Project and IEAS, into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). Since the commencement of IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, a total of 14 294 CSSA recipients had participated in the programme and 4 371 of the participants had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Among the 4 371 participants, 3 922 had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling and 449 had secured part-time employment. 1 137 participants had left the CSSA net.

The IEAPS participants who had secured employment were mainly working as cleaner, labourer, waiter/waitress, salesperson, beautician/hairdresser/personal carer and watchman/security officer, etc. with a median monthly salary of \$6,269 and an average monthly working hours of 161.

Since the commencement of the IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, the number of participants by age, gender and educational attainment were as follows –

Gender	Educational attainment	Age group					
		15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Total
Female	No schooling/Kindergarten	8	11	22	99	197	337
	Primary	5	34	163	953	877	2 032
	Lower secondary	144	151	514	1 140	483	2 432
	Upper secondary	293	503	345	671	359	2 171
	Post secondary	11	232	22	72	32	369
Sub-total		461	931	1 066	2 935	1 948	7 341
Male	No schooling/Kindergarten	5	7	18	31	126	187
	Primary	13	35	179	402	1 371	2 000
	Lower secondary	252	197	500	673	782	2 404
	Upper secondary	305	501	315	414	397	1 932
	Post secondary	20	242	38	50	80	430
Sub-total		595	982	1 050	1 570	2 756	6 953
Total	No schooling/Kindergarten	13	18	40	130	323	524
	Primary	18	69	342	1 355	2 248	4 032
	Lower secondary	396	348	1 014	1 813	1 265	4 836
	Upper secondary	598	1 004	660	1 085	756	4 103
	Post secondary	31	474	60	122	112	799
Grand total		1 056	1 913	2 116	4 505	4 704	14 294

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0758****(Question Serial No. 6030)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 521):

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 2008-09 to 2013-14, with a breakdown by primary education and secondary education:

- The number of applicants and applications;
- The number of applicants and applications with additional grants approved; and
- The average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grants approved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of approved claims and the amount of additional grant for school-related expenses of selected age group of CSSA recipients for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Age group	2009-10	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 - 11	283	257,548
12 - 17	141	134,585

Age group	2010-11	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 - 11	327	297,901
12 - 17	207	196,209

Age group	2011-12	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 - 11	258	229,696
12 - 17	170	156,881

Age group	2012-13	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 - 11	230	195,739
12 - 17	99	87,213

Age group	2013-14	
	Number of approved claims	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 - 11	139	119,965
12 - 17	62	53,466

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 and breakdown of the approved claims by education level are not readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0759****(Question Serial No. 6031)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 509):

Please provide, by nature of cases from 2008-09 to 2013-14, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients benefited from the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) and the average amount of DE. What was the total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Only statistics of the recent five years are readily available. The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from DE arrangement by case nature from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA recipients with monthly DE				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	2 725	2 844	2 764	2 712	2 644
Permanent disability	3 209	3 256	3 232	3 221	3 185
Ill health	2 770	2 758	2 695	2 602	2 726
Single parent	8 411	8 201	7 668	6 635	6 142
Low-earnings	14 511	13 528	10 888	9 023	7 905
Unemployment	6 039	5 858	5 160	4 386	4 415
Others	241	218	253	235	205
Overall	37 906	36 663	32 660	28 814	27 222

- (2) The average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Case nature	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)
Old age	1,625	1,593	1,566	1,520	1,501
Permanent disability	741	753	761	769	759
Ill health	1,266	1,255	1,257	1,238	1,237
Single parent	1,777	1,779	1,861	1,878	1,876
Low-earnings	2,240	2,238	2,317	2,325	2,341
Unemployment	1,621	1,608	1,597	1,595	1,639
Others	1,510	1,541	1,510	1,483	1,589
Overall	1,792	1,775	1,785	1,756	1,739

- (3) Total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income (\$ million)
2009-10	809.7
2010-11	811.2
2011-12	798.4
2012-13	726.4
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	489.2

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0760****(Question Serial No. 6032)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 510):

Please list, by different nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, the total number of recipients in the years from 2008-09 to 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Only statistics for the past five years are readily available. The number of CSSA recipients by case nature in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is set out as follows –

Case nature	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
Old age	197 980	197 397	195 886	192 221	188 073
Permanent disability	26 590	26 405	25 853	25 335	24 922
Ill health	43 762	43 112	41 944	40 319	39 627
Single parent	88 559	84 172	79 462	73 154	69 136
Low-earnings	51 893	47 413	39 059	32 264	28 202
Unemployment	59 501	52 869	46 132	40 214	34 840
Others	10 882	11 196	10 880	10 641	10 107
Total	479 167	462 564	439 216	414 148	394 907

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0761****(Question Serial No. 6033)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 512):

Please state the number of cases and recipients of low-earnings Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases having changed from other categories in the years from 2008-09 to 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Only statistics for the past 5 years are readily available. The number of CSSA low-earnings cases which were originally classified as other case nature, and the number of recipients involved in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 were as follows –

Table 1: Of the 15 633 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2009, 2 492 cases involving 8 125 recipients belonged to other case nature as at end-December 2008. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2008	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case nature as at end-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 2: Of the 14 407 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2010, 2 507 cases involving 7 993 recipients belonged to other case nature as at end-December 2009. Details were set out as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2009	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case nature as at end-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 3: Of the 12 319 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2011, 1 887 cases involving 5 929 recipients belonged to other case nature as at end-December 2010. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2010	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case nature as at end-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 4: Of the 10 339 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2012, 1 540 cases involving 4 724 recipients belonged to other case nature as at end-December 2011. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2011	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case nature as at end-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

Table 5: Of the 8 891 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2013, 1 345 cases involving 4 126 recipients belonged to other case nature as at end-December 2012. Details were as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2012	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case nature as at end-December 2013	Number of recipients involved
Old age	225	645
Permanent disability	54	167
Ill health	124	373
Single parent	244	570
Unemployment	628	2 163
Others	70	208
Overall	1 345	4 126

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0762****(Question Serial No. 6070)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 437):

Over the past 5 years, what were the numbers of new social welfare services awarded through fixed-price bidding and competitive bidding respectively by category of social services each year (please complete the following table)?

Fixed-price bidding	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Family and Child Welfare					
Elderly Service					
Rehabilitation Services					
Community Development					
Young People					
Services for Offenders					
Competitive bidding	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Family and Child Welfare					
Elderly Service					
Rehabilitation Services					
Community Development					
Young People					
Services for Offenders					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of new social welfare service agreements/contracts awarded in the past 5 years was follows ^[Note 1] _

Fixed-price bidding ^[Note 2]	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Family and Child Welfare	2	-	19	2	13
Elderly Service	-	-	2	1	4
Rehabilitation Services	4	2	6	3	6
Community Development	-	-	-	-	-
Young People	15	4	18	3	28
Services for Offenders	-	-	-	-	-
Competitive bidding ^[Note 3]	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Family and Child Welfare	-	-	-	-	-
Elderly Service	-	2	5	4	4
Rehabilitation Services	-	-	-	-	-
Community Development	-	-	-	-	-
Young People	-	-	-	-	-
Services for Offenders	-	-	-	-	-

[Note 1] Figures refer to the number of agreements/contracts awarded to service operators within the specified period.

[Note 2] Service agreements/contracts allocated through competition in service quality among the proposals submitted by non-governmental organisations under fixed amount predetermined by the Social Welfare Department to be paid in return for the provision of services.

[Note 3] Service contracts awarded by way of competitive bidding through tendering.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0763****(Question Serial No. 6071)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 438):

For non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention in each of the past five years, what were the total amount of overall personal emoluments, the number of staff with their annual personal emoluments exceeding \$500,000 (with breakdowns of HKD\$500,001 to \$600,000 per year, HKD\$600,001 to \$700,000 per year, HKD\$700,001 to \$800,000 per year, HKD\$800,001 to \$900,000 per year, HKD\$900,001 to \$1,000,000 per year and above HKD\$1,000,000 per year), and the total amount of personal emoluments for all those with annual personal emoluments exceeding \$500,000 respectively (please complete the following table)?

Income	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Total amount of overall personal emoluments					
Annual personal emoluments of HKD\$500,001 to \$600,000					
Annual personal emoluments of HKD\$600,001 to \$700,000					
Annual personal emoluments of HKD\$700,001 to \$800,000					
Annual personal emoluments of HKD\$800,001 to \$900,000					
Annual personal emoluments of HKD\$900,001 to \$1,000,000					
Annual personal emoluments of above HKD\$1,000,000					
Total amount of personal emoluments for all those with annual personal emoluments exceeding \$500,000					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the breakdown of NGOs' expenditure.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0764****(Question Serial No. 6072)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 439):

For non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention in each of the past five years, what were the income from the LSG (excluding Provident Fund), income from Provident Fund of the LSG, income from the Special One-off Grant (SOG), Fee Income, Other Income, Interest Income, income from Rent and Rates, income from Central Items, and the number of NGOs under the LSG subvention respectively (please complete the following table)?

Income	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
LSG (excluding Provident Fund)					
Provident Fund of LSG					
SOG					
Fee Income					
Other Income					
Interest Income					
Rent and Rates					
Central Items					
Number of NGOs receiving LSG Subvention					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has information on NGOs' revenue items which are the same as SWD's expenditure items, which are provided as follows –

Income	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
LSG (excluding Provident Fund) (\$ million)	6,440.3	6,559.3	6,753.7	7,350.2	7,925.9
Provident Fund of LSG (\$ million)	596.8	621.2	643.0	701.0	753.5
SOG (\$ million)	89.5	56.6	45.4	11.9	8.1
Rent and Rates (\$ million)	311.4	334.0	346.5	336.1	379.4
Central Items (\$ million)	581.8	610.1	610.9	722.3	853.4
Number of NGOs receiving LSG Subvention	162	164	164	164	165

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0765****(Question Serial No. 6073)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 441):

For non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention in each of the past five years, what were the expenditure on Personal Emoluments (Salaries), expenditure on Personal Emoluments (Provident Fund), expenditure on Personal Emoluments (Allowances), sub-total of expenditures on Personal Emoluments, expenditure on Other Charges, expenditure on Rent and Rates, expenditure on Central Items, expenditure on the Special One-off Grant Payment (SOG), the total expenditure, and the number of NGOs receiving the LSG subvention respectively (please complete the following table)?

Expenditure	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Personal Emoluments (Salaries)					
Personal Emoluments (Provident Fund)					
Personal Emoluments (Allowances)					
Sub-total of Personal Emoluments					
Other Charges					
Rent and Rates					
Central Items					
SOG Payment					
Total expenditure					
Number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of NGOs under LSG subvention is provided in the following table –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention	162	164	164	164	165

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the expenditure items as sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0766****(Question Serial No. 6074)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 442):

What was the amount of overall surplus/deficit for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving the Lump Sum Grant subvention in each of the past five years (please complete the following table)?

Surplus/Deficit	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Amount					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on NGOs' overall surplus/deficit.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0767****(Question Serial No. 6075)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 443):

What was the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention by the amount of surplus or deficit in each of the past five years (Please fill in the table below)?

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Surplus above HK\$100,000,000					
Surplus between HK\$50,000,001 and HK\$100,000,000					
Surplus between HK\$10,000,001 and HK\$50,000,000					
Surplus between HK\$5,000,001 and HK\$10,000,000					
Surplus between HK\$1,000,001 and HK\$5,000,000					
Surplus below HK\$1,000,000					
Deficit below HK\$1,000,000					
Deficit between HK\$1,000,001 and HK\$5,000,000					
Deficit between HK\$5,000,001 and HK\$10,000,000					
Deficit between HK\$10,000,001 and HK\$50,000,000					
Deficit between HK\$50,000,001 and HK\$100,000,000					
Deficit above HK\$100,000,000					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on NGOs' overall surplus/deficit.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0768****(Question Serial No. 6076)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 444):

What was the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention by the percentage of their surplus or deficit to the LSG subvention in each of the past five years (Please fill in the table below)?

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Surplus above 50% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus being 46%-50% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus being 41%-45% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus being 36%-40% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus being 31%-35% of LSG allocated to the NGO in year					
Surplus being 26%-30% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus being 21%-25% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus being 16%-20% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus being 11%-15% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus being 6%-10% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Surplus below 5% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit below 5% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit being 6%-10% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit being 11%-15% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit being 16%-20% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit being 21%-25% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit being 26%-30% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Deficit being 31%-35% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit being 36%-40% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit being 41%-45% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit being 46%-50% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					
Deficit above 50% of LSG allocated to the NGO in the year					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on NGOs' overall surplus/deficit.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0769****(Question Serial No. 6079)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 445):

For the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, please provide the number of these NGOs with information about their subvention received for Provident Fund (PF), PF contribution paid during the year, surplus/(deficit) for the year, surplus/(deficit) brought forward (b/f) and surplus/(deficit) carried forward (c/f), with breakdown of Snapshot Staff, 6.8% and other posts, and total amount in each of the past five years (Please fill in the table below)?

		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Subvention received for Provident Fund	Snapshot Staff					
	6.8% and other posts					
	Total amount					
Provident Fund contribution paid during the year	Snapshot Staff					
	6.8% and other posts					
	Total amount					
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	Snapshot Staff					
	6.8% and other posts					
	Total amount					
Surplus/(deficit) b/f	Snapshot Staff					
	6.8% and other posts					
	Total amount					
Surplus/(deficit) c/f	Snapshot Staff					
	6.8% and other posts					
	Total amount					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have readily available information on NGOs' expenditure/surplus/deficit in PF. For subvention received for PF, the information is provided as follows –

Subvention received for PF	2008-09 (\$ million)	2009-10 (\$ million)	2010-11 (\$ million)	2011-12 (\$ million)	2012-13 (\$ million)
Snapshot staff	365.2	369.1	370.9	388.0	404.4
6.8% and other posts	231.6	252.1	272.1	313.0	349.1
Total amount	596.8	621.2	643.0	701.0	753.5

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0770****(Question Serial No. 6080)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 446):

What are the breakdown on Other Charges of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) and the number of NGOs receiving subvention of Other Charges under LSG in each of the past five years (Please fill in the table below)?

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Utilities					
Food					
Administrative Expenses					
Stores and Equipment					
Repair and Maintenance					
Special Allowances					
Programme Expenses					
Transportation and Travelling					
Insurance					
Miscellaneous					
Total					
No. of NGOs receiving subvention of Other Charges under LSG					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have readily available information on the breakdown of NGOs' expenditure on SWD-subvented activities. The numbers of NGOs receiving Other Charges subvention under LSG are provided as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of NGOs under LSG subvention	162	164	164	164	164

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0771****(Question Serial No. 6081)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operating Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 447):

What were the expenditure involved in the Special One-off Grant (SOG) by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump sum Grant (LSG) subvention, and the number of NGOs receiving the SOG, in each of the past five years (please complete the following table)?

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Voluntary Retirement Scheme					
Compensation Scheme					
Staff Training and Development					
Other staff-related Initiative					
Total amount					
Number of NGOs receiving the Special One-off Grant					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have readily available information on the expenditure of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the SOG. In 2006-07, SWD approved applications from 124 NGOs for SOG. The number of NGOs receiving SOG for the past five years is provided as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of NGOs receiving SOG	57	42	33	7	6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0772****(Question Serial No. 6082)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 448):

For the non-governmental organisations under Lump sum Grant (LSG) subvention, how much accumulated reserve in total have they got in each of the past five years respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Total Accumulated LSG Reserve (\$ million)	2,418	2,510	2,551	2,620	Not available

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0773****(Question Serial No. 6083)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operating Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 449):

What was the respective number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, broken down by the amount of accumulated reserve in each of the past five years (Please complete the following table)?

Accumulated Reserve	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Above HKD100,000,000					
HKD90,000,001-100,000,000					
HKD80,000,001-90,000,000					
HKD70,000,001-80,000,000					
HKD60,000,001-70,000,000					
HKD50,000,001-60,000,000					
HKD40,000,001-50,000,000					
HKD30,000,001-40,000,000					
HKD20,000,001-30,000,000					
HKD10,000,001-20,000,000					
HKD5,000,001-10,000,000					
HKD1,000,001-5,000,000					
HKD500,001-1,000,000					
HKD1 - 500,000					
HKD 0					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Accumulated Reserve	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Above HKD100,000,000	4	5	5	5	Not yet available
HKD90,000,001-100,000,000	1	-	2	1	
HKD80,000,001-90,000,000	1	2	-	3	
HKD70,000,001-80,000,000	4	4	5	5	
HKD60,000,001-70,000,000	2	2	5	2	
HKD50,000,001-60,000,000	3	4	1	4	
HKD40,000,001-50,000,000	4	6	5	2	
HKD30,000,001-40,000,000	7	4	3	5	
HKD20,000,001-30,000,000	7	5	6	6	
HKD10,000,001-20,000,000	17	14	12	12	
HKD5,000,001-10,000,000	21	25	25	23	
HKD1,000,001-5,000,000	27	28	34	32	
HKD500,001-1,000,000	20	19	14	14	
HKD1 - 500,000	28	32	31	31	
HKD 0	16	14	16	19	
Total	162	164	164	164	

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0774****(Question Serial No. 6084)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 450):

Please list in the following table, the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, by percentage of their cumulative reserve to their LSG subvention, in each of the past five years.

Percentage of cumulative reserve to the LSG subvention for that NGO for the year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
50% or above					
46% to 50%					
41% to 45%					
36% to 40%					
31% to 35%					
26% to 30%					
21% to 25%					
16% to 20%					
11% to 15%					
6% to 10%					
1% to 5%					
0%					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The numbers of NGOs receiving LSG subvention, by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to their LSG subvention, are set out in the following table –

Percentage of NGO's cumulative reserve to the NGO's subvention for the year	Number of NGOs				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
51% or above	28	30	33	29	Not Yet Available
46% to 50%	7	9	6	9	
41% to 45%	9	9	6	9	
36% to 40%	6	8	16	10	
31% to 35%	16	11	9	12	
26% to 30%	14	14	12	9	
21% to 25%	18	18	12	11	
16% to 20%	18	14	11	14	
11% to 15%	7	18	18	18	
6% to 10%	12	12	12	11	
1% to 5%	11	6	13	12	
0%	16	15	16	20	

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0775****(Question Serial No. 6085)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 451):

Please list in the following table, the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, by percentage of their cumulative reserve to the operating expenditure under LSG in each of the past five years.

Percentage of cumulative reserve to the operating expenditure under LSG (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund) for that NGO for the year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
50% or above					
46% to 50%					
41% to 45%					
36% to 40%					
31% to 35%					
26% to 30%					
21% to 25%					
16% to 20%					
11% to 15%					
6% to 10%					
1% to 5%					
0%					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available information on the number of NGOs sought.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6086)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead(No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 452):

It is stated in Chapter Four "Public Accountability" of the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual that "non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should establish their channels of disclosure of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the public and disclose the AFR to the public upon their submission of the AFR to Social Welfare Department (SWD) each year, including:

- (a) Posting up a copy of the AFR to their notice board(s) at the Central Administration Unit/Head Office;
- (b) Uploading the AFR to their website;
- (c) Placing the AFR in their Annual Report; or
- (d) Providing the content of the AFR through special circulars, newsletters or whatever means, which should be made available to the public upon request."

In this regard, would the Administration please advise the following:

1. How does the Administration monitor the implementation of the above requirements by NGOs operating under LSG?
2. Has the Administration collected any information about which of the above channels the NGOs operating under LSG disclosed AFR to the public? If yes, please provide the numbers of NGOs which disclosed AFR through each of the above channels in each of the past five years. If not, how can the Administration monitor the compliance with the above requirements by NGOs operating under LSG?
3. How many complaints were received by the Administration in each of the past five years regarding non-compliance with the above requirements that NGOs operating under LSG have to disclose AFR to the public through the above channels? What is the Administration's mechanism for handling such complaints?
4. How can the Administration prevent NGOs operating under LSG from not disclosing AFR to the public through the above channels?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. One of the recommendations in the Review Report of the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee (LSGIRC) published in 2008 was that a formal public accountability framework should be in place for NGOs to disclose their AFRs submitted to the SWD, so that they will also be accountable to the public for proper and prudent use of public funds. For this purpose, SWD issued a letter in 2009 to all NGOs subvented under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) requiring their follow-up on the LSGIRC recommendations including this requirement.

To review the situation, SWD further issued a letter in 2010 to all NGOs subvented under the LSGSS requiring them to report the actions taken on the disclosure of their AFRs to the public. According to their replies, all of them (except one) complied with the requirement through one or more of the following specified channels (and upon SWD's advice, the remaining one also complied with the requirement subsequently) –

Channel of Disclosure	Number of NGOs
Posting a copy of the AFRs onto the notice board(s) at the Central Administration Unit/ Head Office	123
Uploading the AFRs onto the agency's website	55
Including the AFRs in the agency's Annual Reports	61
Issuing special circulars, newsletters or through other means to provide the content of the AFRs (and make the AFRs available to the public upon request)	30
Others (e.g. displaying the AFRs in all service units, placing the AFRs at reception areas, etc.)	10
Number of subvented NGOs involved	161 ^[Note]

^[Note] In 2009-10, there were 164 NGOs subvented under LSGSS, including three that had newly joined. Of the 161 subvented NGOs falling within the scope of the review regarding disclosure of the AFRs, 62 made use of more than one channel of disclosure.

The requirement to disclose the AFRs was incorporated into the LSG Manual in May 2012.

Under corporate governance, NGOs receiving LSG and other social welfare subventions are directly accountable to SWD and the public for proper and prudent use of public funds. It is the responsibility of NGOs' board and management to maintain proper control of LSG and ensure that the use of LSG meets the requirements and objectives as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) and complies with the conditions stipulated in the LSG Manual.

3. In the past five years, there was one complaint regarding an NGO posting its Audited Financial Statements (AFS) instead of its AFR onto its notice board. Upon advice from SWD, the NGO rectified the irregularity and posted its AFR onto its notice board.

The Independent Complaints Handling Committee handles LSG-related complaints that cannot be dealt with satisfactorily by the NGOs concerned and will inform SWD of its decisions and recommendations for appropriate follow-up actions.

4. As recommended by the Review Report of the LSGIRC published in 2008, SWD and the welfare sector are in the process of finalising the Best Practice Manual (BPM) for NGOs to prescribe the principles, strategies and practices on financial management, human resource management as well as corporate governance and accountability. The BPM will provide guidelines for NGOs to enhance transparency and disclosure of information. The BPM is expected to be brought into implementation around mid-2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0777****(Question Serial No. 6089)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 454):

What is the number of snapshot staff working in different posts in non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in each of the past five years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The numbers of snapshot staff in NGOs in the past five years are provided as follows –

Year	Number of snapshot staff in NGOs
2009-10	10,801
2010-11	10,058
2011-12	9,379
2012-13	8,779
2013-14	8,166

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0778****(Question Serial No. 6090)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 455):

What is the number of Agency Officers in different ranks in the Social Welfare Department for each of the past five years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The numbers of Agency Officers in the past five years are provided as follows –

Year	Number of Agency Officers
2009-10	7
2010-11	7
2011-12	7
2012-13	6
2013-14	6

The number of Agency Officers was reduced from seven Social Work Officers (SWOs) to six SWOs in 2012-13 upon closure of the Help Desk for small non-governmental organisations.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0779

(Question Serial No. 6091)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 456):

In its Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) published in December 2008, the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee (LSGIRC) made 36 recommendations for improving LSGSS. In this regard, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the follow-up work for each of the 36 recommendations by the Administration in each of the past five years in the following table?

Recommendation	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
19					
20					

Recommendation	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
21					
22					
23					
24					
25					
26					
27					
28					
29					
30					
31					
32					
33					
34					
35					
36					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Report of the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee (LSGIRC) published in December 2008 considers the principles of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) sound and the system is worth retaining which effort should be made to improve it. LSGIRC put forward a total of 36 recommendations to improve LSGSS and to address the stakeholders' concerns.

Of the 36 recommendations made by LSGIRC, 29 were implemented in 2009-10, four in 2010-11 and two in 2011-12. The only outstanding task is to implement the recommendation on the production of the Best Practice Manual (BPM) for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to prescribe the principles, strategies and practices on financial management, human resource management as well as corporate governance and accountability. Social Welfare Department and the welfare sector are in the process of finalising the BPM and expect that the BPM will be brought into implementation around mid-2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0780****(Question Serial No. 6095)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 644):

Regarding the situation of new arrivals on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), please inform this Committee of –

	2013				2014	
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Total no. of CSSA cases in Hong Kong						
Total no. of CSSA recipients in Hong Kong						
No. of CSSA cases with family member(s) being new arrivals						
No. of CSSA cases with all family members being new arrivals						
New arrivals on CSSA						

Note: New arrivals refer to immigrants from the Mainland who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases / recipients and CSSA recipients / cases with recipients having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Total number of CSSA cases	260 774
Total number of CSSA recipients	394 907
Total number of CSSA recipients having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	13 105
Number of CSSA cases with eligible member(s) in the family having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	9 540
Number of CSSA cases with all eligible member(s) in the family having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	1 942

Only information as at end-December 2013 is readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0781

(Question Serial No. 6100)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 477):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6101)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 478):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of children and youth centres (CYCs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6102)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 479):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of district youth outreaching social work team run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6103)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 480):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of youth outreaching teams run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6104)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 481):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of integrated children and youth services centres run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LGS Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6106)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 483):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of overnight outreaching service units for young night drifters run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs operating overnight outreaching service for young night drifters have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0787

(Question Serial No. 6107)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 485):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of family support networking teams run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0788

(Question Serial No. 6108)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 654):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) (hostels only) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6109)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 655):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of supported hostels (SHOS) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0790

(Question Serial No. 6110)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 656):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0791

(Question Serial No. 6111)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 657):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of district support centres for persons with disabilities run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6112)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 658):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of district elderly community centres (DECCs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6113)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 659):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0794

(Question Serial No. 6114)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 660):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of social centres for the elderly (SEs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6115)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 661):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of day care centres for the elderly (DEs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0796****(Question Serial No. 6431)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 272):

The Government has earmarked about \$800 million to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 residential care service (RCS) vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18. Please inform this committee of the following –

Item	\$800 million
Administration expenses	
Value of each of the 3 000 service vouchers received by elderly service users	
Facilities and equipment	

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, the Elderly Commission (EC) will conduct a study on the feasibility of introducing a RCS voucher scheme and to submit a report in a year's time. If it is considered feasible to run such a scheme, the Administration will provide the necessary resources. In this connection, the Administration has earmarked about \$800 million to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 RCS vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18. Details of the RCS voucher scheme, including voucher value and other arrangements, will be worked out taking into consideration EC's study report.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0797****(Question Serial No. 6432)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 283):

Regarding the After School Care Programme (ASCP) provided for children aged 6 to 12, please inform this Committee of the following –

Please list by Social Welfare Department (SWD) Administrative district the number of service operators, the amount of funding allocation and the number of fee waiving quotas (FWQs) in the school years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.

	2011/12			2012/13			2013/14		
	Funding allocation	No. of service operators	No. of FWQs	Funding allocation	No. of service operators	No. of FWQs	Funding allocation	No. of service operators	No. of FWQs
(by SWD district)									
Total									

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

ASCP is operated by non-governmental organisations on a self-financing and fee charging basis. Through the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS), SWD provides fee waiving quotas for the operators to waive the charges for needy families when their children use the service. As in the case of 2011-12 and 2012-13, the funding for FWSS is \$15 million in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate.

The numbers of ASCP centres and full fee waiving quotas by SWD administrative district for the years between 2011-12 and 2013-14 are set out in the Annex.

Allocation of ASCP Fee Waiving Quotas by SWD Administrative District

SWD District	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	
	No. of Centres	No. of Fee Waiving Quotas	No. of Centres	No. of Fee Waiving Quotas	No. of Centres	No. Fee Waiving Quotas
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	16	117.5	17	153	17	160.5
Eastern & Wan Chai	12	206	12	198.5	11	202.5
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	9	85	11	97	11	109.5
Sham Shui Po	6	108	6	104	6	104
Kwun Tong	9	77.5	9	78	9	100.5
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	15	155	15	156.5	15	148
Sha Tin	15	111	14	118.5	16	133.5
Tai Po & North	12	67	13	88.5	13	103.5
Yuen Long	13	161.5	13	158.5	13	161.5
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	17	160.5	18	190.5	19	212
Tuen Mun	14	176	14	177	14	171
Total	138	1 425	142	1 520	144	1 606.5

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6493)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 466):

What is the expenditure on personal emoluments and other expenses for the Access Co-ordinator and Access Officer Scheme incurred by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) over the past 3 years? What are the respective barrier-free measures implemented by the Access Co-ordinators and Access Officers of various offices over the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

There are altogether 13 and 183 officers appointed to take up the role of Access Co-ordinator and Access Officer respectively in addition to their own duties in SWD. The monthly salary of the 13 Access Coordinators ranges from approximately \$119,000 to \$141,000 while the monthly salary of the Access Officers ranges approximately from \$18,000 to \$103,000.

In the past 3 years, the Access Coordinators and Access Officers in the Department have been co-ordinating and handling various accessibility-related matters, such as reviewing and implementing accessibility works at various offices (e.g. at office entrances/exits, lifts, washrooms, service counters, tactile guide paths, braille and tactile signs and maps); offering assistance to persons with disabilities in their access to and use of services and facilities where necessary and handling public enquiries relating to accessibility issues. As at 31 December 2013, all works required for the provision of barrier-free facilities or improvement of the existing barrier-free facilities of the Department had been completed.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0799****(Question Serial No. 6495)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 467):

How many territory-wide and regional flag days have been held for fund-raising in each of the past five years?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of occasions for holding territory-wide flag days (TWFD) and regional flag days (RFD) in each of the past five years is set out as follows –

Year	Number of occasions		Total
	TWFD	RFD	
2009-10	31	93	124
2010-11	31	90	121
2011-12	31	93	124
2012-13	30	87	117
2013-14	30	87	117

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0800****(Question Serial No. 6496)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 468):

Over the past five years, how many organisations have been approved for holding flag days every year, and how many have been approved for four years, three years, two years and only one year respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of organisations which have been approved in the past five years (i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14) for holding flag days is set out as follows –

Number of approved years	Number of organisations
5	15
4	39
3	66
2	58
1	51

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0801****(Question Serial No. 6499)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 473):

Over the past five years, what is the total amount of funds raised from flag days each year? What are the administration expenses for holding flag days and their proportion to the total amount of funds raised from flag days each year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The breakdown of total gross proceeds for flag days held in the past five years is as follows –

Year	Total gross proceeds (\$ million)
2009-10	109
2010-11	112
2011-12	115
2012-13	117
2013-14	83*

* According to the figures available as at 7 March 2014.

The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available statistics on the administrative expenses for flag days in the past five years. Nevertheless, based on the information extracted from 117 flag sale organisations in 2012-13, the total administrative expenses for flag days amounted to \$7.6 million, representing 6.5% of the gross proceeds of flag days in that year.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0802****(Question Serial No. 6504)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead(No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 663):

Over the past five years, what are the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that received the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention having to refund the amount above the accumulated reserve capped under the LSG Subvention System (LSGSS) to the Government in the following financial year, number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) upon application with justification from the NGOs, and the amount of funding for personal emoluments, provident fund (PF) and other charges required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS?

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of NGOs that received the LSG subvention having to refund (to the Government in the following financial year) the amount above the accumulated reserve capped under the LSGSS					
Number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by DSW upon application with justifications from the NGOs					
Amount of funding for personal emoluments required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS					
Amount of funding for PF required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS					
Amount of funding for other charges required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of NGOs that received the LSG subvention having to refund to the Government in the following financial year the amount above the accumulated reserve capped under the LSGSS	19	18	19	23	Not yet available
Number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by DSW upon application with justifications from the NGOs	-	1	-	-	Not yet available
Amount of funding for PF required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS	No cap imposed	No cap imposed	No cap imposed	No cap imposed	No cap imposed
Amount of funding ^[Note] required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS	\$9,270,513.70	\$13,058,689.43	\$22,701,591.72	\$16,588,241.94	Not yet available

[Note] Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subvention to ensure service quality and meet service needs. There is no breakdown of the amount clawed back in terms of personal emoluments or other charges.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6505)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead(No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 664):

Over the past five years, what is the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention with their accumulated reserve exceeding the cap of cumulative reserve allowed by the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) and their cap having been raised by the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) upon application with justification from the NGOs? What are the differences between the cap of cumulative reserve raised by DSW and the original cap for each of the above NGOs? What is the percentage of such differences to the original cap of cumulative reserve for each of the above NGOs?

		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention with their accumulated reserve exceeding the cap of cumulative reserve allowed by LSGSS and their cap having been raised by DSW upon application with justifications from the NGOs						
Differences between the cap of cumulative reserve raised by DSW and the original cap for each NGO	NGO 1					
	NGO 2					
Percentage of such differences to the original cap of cumulative reserve for each NGO	NGO 1					
	NGO 2					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention with their accumulated LSG Reserve exceeding the cap of cumulative LSG Reserve and their cap having been raised by DSW upon application with justifications from the NGOs	-	1	-	-	Not available
Difference between the cap of cumulative LSG Reserve raised by DSW and the original cap for each NGO	Not applicable	\$563,199.39	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not available
Percentage of such differences to the original cap of cumulative LSG Reserve for each NGO	Not applicable	2% ^[Note]	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not available

[Note] The cap of the NGO concerned was raised by DSW from 25% to 27% for that year.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0804****(Question Serial No. 6506)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead(No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 665):

Please provide for the past five years the total number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention each year, the number of NGOs which have submitted their annual financial reports of LSG subvention to the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and the number of NGOs which have failed to submit their annual financial reports of LSG subvention to SWD respectively. If an NGO under LSG subvention has failed to submit its annual financial report of LSG subvention to SWD, what action will be taken?

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Total no. of NGOs under LSG subvention					
No. of NGOs which have submitted their annual financial reports of LSG subvention to SWD					
No. of NGOs which have failed to submit their annual financial reports of LSG subvention to SWD					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

As stipulated in the LSG Manual, it is a pre-requisite for NGOs receiving LSG to comply with the financial reporting requirements including the submission of the Annual Financial Report (AFR). For this purpose, NGOs are required to submit their AFRs to the SWD no later than 31 October following the end of the financial year. The compliance statistics are provided in the following table –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Total no. of NGOs under LSG subvention	162	164	164	164	165
No. of NGOs which have submitted their Annual Financial Reports of LSG subvention to SWD	162	164	164	164	164
No. of NGOs which have failed to submit their Annual Financial Reports of LSG subvention to SWD	-	-	-	-	1 ^[Note]

^[Note] SWD is following up the matter with the NGO concerned on its outstanding AFR.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0805****(Question Serial No. 6507)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 666):

For the past five years, what were the respective yearly income received by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention and their respective expenditure of Dementia Supplement (DS) for Elderly with Disabilities, Infirmiry Care Supplement (ICS) for the Aged Blind Persons, DS for subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and ICS for subvented RCHEs?

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Income of DS for Elderly with Disabilities					
Expenditure of DS for Elderly with Disabilities					
Income of ICS for the Aged Blind Persons					
Expenditure of ICS for the Aged Blind Persons					
Income of DS for subvented RCHEs					
Expenditure of DS for subvented RCHEs					
Income of ICS for subvented RCHEs					
Expenditure of ICS for subvented RCHEs					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the income and expenditure of non-governmental organisations in relation to DS and ICS for various programmes of service. The expenditure on DS and ICS for subvented RCHEs and subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) for the five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are set out below –

	Type of Home	Expenditure (\$ million)				
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
DS	RCHE	22.2	26.7	28.2	44.1	128.7
	RCHD	2.1	3.04	1.54	2.11	5.72
ICS	RCHE	34.0	52.0	52.6	68.7	83.1
	RCHD	4.09	6.68	7.37	8.23	9.33

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0806****(Question Serial No. 6589)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 208):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What was the average waiting time for EHCCS from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year) (please complete the following table);

Average waiting time as at end-March each year	Average waiting time for EHCCS (month)
2008-09	
2009-10	
2010-11	
2011-12	
2012-13	

- (b) What was the average waiting time for EHCCS by District Council district from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year); and
- (c) What was the average waiting time for EHCCS as at 31 January 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for the Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or EHCCS. The average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Financial year	Average waiting time as at the end of financial year (in months)
2008-09	3
2009-10	3
2010-11	5
2011-12	2
2012-13	3

- (c) As at end-January 2014, the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS was about five months.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0807

(Question Serial No. 6590)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 209):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be "some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What was the number of cases receiving EHCCS from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year) (please complete the following table); and

Number of cases as at end-March each year	EHCCS (number of cases)
2008-09	
2009-10	
2010-11	
2011-12	
2012-13	

- (b) What was the number of cases receiving EHCCS as at 31 January 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of cases receiving EHCCS (as at end-March) from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

As at end-March of financial year	Number of EHCCS cases
2008-09	2 758
2009-10	3 267
2010-11	3 395
2011-12	4 440
2012-13	5 348

- (b) The number of cases receiving EHCCS as at end-January 2014 was 5 371.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0808****(Question Serial No. 6591)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 210):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

What is the amount of funding for EHCCS each year from 2008-09 to 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The expenditure on EHCCS from 2008-09 to 2014-15 is as follows –

Year	Expenditure of EHCCS (\$ million)
2008-09 (Actual)	88.1
2009-10 (Actual)	115.3
2010-11 (Actual)	127.9
2011-12 (Actual)	150.2
2012-13 (Actual)	204.6
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	235.3
2014-15 (Estimate)	259.1

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0809****(Question Serial No. 6592)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 212):

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 121) that there will be “some \$170 million for providing 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- What were the numbers of persons waiting for EHCCS from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year);
- What were the numbers of persons waiting for EHCCS by District Council district from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year); and
- What was the number of persons waiting for EHCCS as at 31 January 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)&(b) Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or EHCCS. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of applicants waiting for IHCS (FC) and/or EHCCS in 2008-09, and the information from 2009-10 to 2012-13 was as follows –

As at end-March of financial year	Number of applicants waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS
2009-10	417
2010-11	1 029
2011-12	333
2012-13	759

- (c) As at end-January 2014, there were 1 691 applicants waiting for IHCS (FC) and/or EHCCS.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0810****(Question Serial No. 6593)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 214):

It is stated under Programme (3) of the Estimates (p. 809) that the Administration will “strengthen the central administrative, supervisory and paramedical support as well as increasing other charges for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) The details of the respective expenditure incurred by the aforesaid arrangements; and
- (b) The respective funding allocation for other charges between 2008-09 and 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

To further enhance the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS), the Government will increase the annual recurrent funding to strengthen central administrative and supervisory support for NGOs, and increase provision for “Other Charges” in the LSG subvention to help NGOs cope with other operating expenses including food costs. The Government will also provide additional resources to enable NGOs to recruit and retain paramedical staff more effectively or to hire paramedical services. The above enhancement initiatives will incur an additional recurrent expenditure of about \$470 million in 2014-15, with about 35% for central administrative support, about 27% for supervisory support, about 28% for paramedical support, and about 10% for “Other Charges”.

Under LSGSS, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subvention in ensuring service quality and meeting service needs. There is no designated subvention for other charges. The total subventions of LSG to NGOs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are provided as follows –

Year	Subventions to NGOs (\$ million)
2008-09	7,979.3
2009-10	8,284.1
2010-11	8,500.4
2011-12	9,240.4
2012-13	10,072.5

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0811****(Question Serial No. 6594)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 223):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of IHCS Teams by District Council district each year from 2008-09 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The geographic distribution of IHCS Teams from 2008-09 to 2014-15 is set out below –

District	Number of IHCS Teams (2008-09 to 2014-15)
Central & Western	3
Eastern	5
Wan Chai	2
Southern	2
Islands	1
Kwun Tong	4
Wong Tai Sin	6
Sai Kung	3
Kowloon City	3
Sham Shui Po	7
Yau Tsim Mong	3
Sha Tin	4
Tai Po	3
North	3
Yuen Long	4
Tsuen Wan	2
Kwai Tsing	3
Tuen Mun	2
Total	60

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0812****(Question Serial No. 6595)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 226):

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What was the number of service users in DEs/DCUs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year); and
- (b) What was the number of service users in DEs/DCUs as at 31 January 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of service users of DEs/DCUs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year) were as follows –

Financial year	Caseload (as at the end of financial year)
2008-09	2 895
2009-10	3 153
2010-11	3 114
2011-12	3 240
2012-13	3 549

- (b) The number of service users of DEs/DCUs as at 31 January 2014 was 3 680.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6596)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 227):

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please inform this Committee of the number of places in DEs/DCUs by District Council district from 2008-09 to 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The numbers of DE/DCU places by District Council district from 2008-09 to 2013-14 are set out in the Annex.

**DE/DCU places
(2008-09 to 2013-14)**

District	Number of places (as at the end of financial year)					
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Central & Western	104	104	104	104	104	129
Eastern	216	216	216	216	216	216
Wan Chai	72	72	72	72	72	72
Southern	88	108	108	108	108	108
Islands	40	40	40	40	40	40
Kwun Tong	305	305	305	305	350	407
Wong Tai Sin	237	237	237	289	287	290
Sai Kung	85	85	85	145	145	145
Kowloon City	95	95	111	163	158	158
Sham Shui Po	183	203	203	243	250	248
Yau Tsim Mong	132	132	132	132	152	152
Sha Tin	176	176	176	196	236	236
Tai Po	44	64	64	64	64	64
North	44	44	44	44	44	44
Yuen Long	110	110	110	110	115	115
Tsuen Wan	44	64	64	64	64	64
Kwai Tsing	149	149	149	154	154	154
Tuen Mun	110	110	110	110	110	110
Total	2 234	2 314	2 330	2 559	2 669	2 752

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0814****(Question Serial No. 6597)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 221):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the estimated and actual costs per case served per month for IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) from 2008-09 to 2013-14 respectively; and
- (b) What is the estimated cost per case served per month for IHCS(OC) in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

IHCS includes IHCS(OC) and IHCS (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)). There is no breakdown of the cost per case served per month for IHCS by IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) respectively. The cost per case served per month for IHCS from 2008-09 to 2014-15 is provided as follows –

	Cost per case served per month (\$)
2008-09 (Actual)	1,302
2009-10 (Actual)	1,295
2010-11 (Actual)	1,284
2011-12 (Actual)	1,362
2012-13 (Actual)	1,532
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	1,585
2014-15 (Estimate)	1,665

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0815****(Question Serial No. 6598)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 222):

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following -

- What are the estimated and actual costs per case served per month for IHCS (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) from 2008-09 to 2013-14 respectively; and
- What is the estimated cost per case served per month for IHCS(FC) in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

IHCS includes IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) and IHCS(FC). There is no breakdown of the cost per case served per month for IHCS by IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) respectively. The cost per case served per month for IHCS from 2008-09 to 2014-15 is provided as follows –

	Cost per case served per month (\$)
2008-09 (Actual)	1,302
2009-10 (Actual)	1,295
2010-11 (Actual)	1,284
2011-12 (Actual)	1,362
2012-13 (Actual)	1,532
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	1,585
2014-15 (Estimate)	1,665

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0816****(Question Serial No. 6638)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 260):

For the children and youth centres (CYCs) in the past five years, what were the actual number of new and renewed members in total, and the number of attendees in core programme sessions each year, and what was the average yearly cost per centre?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

<u>Year</u>	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
<u>CYCs</u>					
No. of new and renewed members	33 197	34 826	36 943	35 625	35 625
No. of attendees in core programme sessions	616 725	570 347	518 213	518 524	518 524
Average cost per centre (\$ million)	2.65	2.54	2.80	2.84	2.95

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0817****(Question Serial No. 6639)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 261):

For the integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) in the past five years, what were the actual number of clients served, the number of new and renewed members, and the number of attendees in core programme sessions, and what was the average yearly cost per centre?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

<u>Year</u>	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Revised Estimate)
ICYSCs					
Number of clients served	420 899	426 932	432 852	424 915	424 915
Number of new and renewed members	302 240	301 132	301 639	299 294	299 294
Number of attendees in core programme sessions	6 459 996	6 282 600	6 162 594	6 080 848	6 080 848
Average cost per centre (\$ million)	5.921	5.986	6.363	6.740	6.997

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0818****(Question Serial No. 6640)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 262):

For school social work service in each of the past 5 years, what were the actual number of cases served, the main issues of the cases, the average monthly caseload per social worker, and the average monthly cost per case?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The actual number of cases served by school social work service in the past 5 years is as follows –

Year	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
No. of cases served	23 625	23 498	23 740	24 767	21 827

Cases handled by school social workers mainly involve educational, family, emotion/mental health, developmental adjustment and peer relationship issues. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the average monthly caseload per school social worker nor on detailed breakdown of the average monthly cost per case.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0819****(Question Serial No. 6641)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 263):

Regarding outreaching social work service in each of the past 5 years, what were the actual number of cases served, the main issues of the cases and the average monthly caseload per social worker?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The actual number of cases served by outreaching social work service in the past 5 years is set out as follows

Year	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (as at end- December 2013)
No. of cases served	14 162	14 547	14 595	14 375	13 824

Cases handled by outreaching social workers mainly involve behavioral, developmental adjustment, peer relationship, vocational and drug abuse issues. Social Welfare Department does not have information on the average monthly caseload per social worker.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0820

(Question Serial No. 6642)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 522):

Please provide the following information regarding rent allowance –

- (a) the number of cases residing in private housing with actual rent less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA), actual rent equal to MRA and actual rent higher than MRA (with breakdown by rent higher than \$1-\$99, \$100-\$499, \$500-\$999 and \$1,000 or above) from 2008 to 2014, with breakdown by the number of eligible household members; and please provide the number of cases in private housing receiving rent allowance based on the above criteria.
- (b) the median monthly amount of the actual rent paid by households residing in private housing from 2008 to 2014, with breakdown by the number of eligible household members and by geographical district (District Council districts).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in private housing receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to, and greater than MRA and breakdown by number of eligible members from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Number of eligible members	2009-10							
	Private housing							
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA					Sub-total	Total
		Less than \$100	\$100–less than \$500	\$500–less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more			
1	7 684	3 360	6 398	2 846	1 367	13 971	21 655	
2	5 767	661	1 955	1 006	1 033	4 655	10 422	
3	3 253	186	1 053	754	821	2 814	6 067	
4	1 310	102	399	316	425	1 242	2 552	
5	328	22	116	110	194	442	770	
6 and above	198	33	34	47	54	168	366	
Total	18 540	4 364	9 955	5 079	3 894	23 292	41 832	

Number of eligible members	2010-11							
	Private housing							
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA					Sub-total	Total
		Less than \$100	\$100–less than \$500	\$500–less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more			
1	6 972	3 064	5 828	2 924	1 629	13 445	20 417	
2	5 494	640	1 957	1 109	1 136	4 842	10 336	
3	3 009	171	1 029	714	986	2 900	5 909	
4	1 174	95	358	270	482	1 205	2 379	
5	284	19	114	103	217	453	737	
6 and above	172	28	36	51	75	190	362	
Total	17 105	4 017	9 322	5 171	4 525	23 035	40 140	

Number of eligible members	2011-12							
	Private housing							
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA					Sub-total	Total
		Less than \$100	\$100–less than \$500	\$500–less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more			
1	8 309	1 442	5 282	2 275	1 676	10 675	18 984	
2	5 118	390	1 638	1 200	1 180	4 408	9 526	
3	3 096	174	785	521	849	2 329	5 425	
4	1 144	109	264	262	503	1 138	2 282	
5	282	27	83	80	233	423	705	
6 and above	152	9	46	49	74	178	330	
Total	18 101	2 151	8 098	4 387	4 515	19 151	37 252	

Number of eligible members	2012-13						
	Private housing						
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA					Sub-total
Less than \$100		\$100–less than \$500	\$500–less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more			
1	8 096	2 420	3 088	2 206	1 979	9 693	17 789
2	5 267	808	920	1 019	1 135	3 882	9 149
3	2 853	274	612	499	851	2 236	5 089
4	1 160	20	230	226	433	909	2 069
5	302	6	66	65	204	341	643
6 and above	168	2	34	38	61	135	303
Total	17 846	3 530	4 950	4 053	4 663	17 196	35 042

Number of eligible members	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) ^[Note]						
	Private housing						
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA					Sub-total
Less than \$100		\$100–less than \$500	\$500–less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or more			
1	6 429	2 459	2 995	2 189	2 382	10 025	16 454
2	4 337	762	922	1 216	1 404	4 304	8 641
3	2 257	285	653	565	1 002	2 505	4 762
4	884	17	238	245	507	1 007	1 891
5	258	7	65	75	215	362	620
6 and above	116	-	32	33	91	156	272
Total	14 281	3 530	4 905	4 323	5 601	18 359	32 640

- (b) Median actual rent of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance by number of eligible members in the household and by district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 are as follows –

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2009-10 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	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	3,300	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	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	3,300	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	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	Median actual rent in private housing in 2012-13 (\$)					
	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	5,500
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

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2013-14 ^[Note] (as at end-December 2013) (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,500	2,903	4,000	4,800	7,000	7,800
Eastern	1,600	3,000	4,200	4,600	4,800	6,000
Islands	1,500	2,800	3,589	3,800	3,650	4,200
Kowloon City	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,300	4,500	5,500
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,872	3,800	4,300	4,700	6,100
Kwun Tong	1,600	3,000	3,900	4,499	4,300	5,000
North	1,500	3,000	3,600	4,000	4,000	4,600
Sai Kung	821	1,353	3,200	4,200	3,500	4,500
Sha Tin	859	898	4,000	4,846	4,950	6,000
Sham Shui Po	1,500	3,000	3,700	4,000	4,200	4,950
Southern	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,500	7,000	5,500
Tai Po	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,300	5,600	5,600
Tsuen Wan	1,500	2,905	3,800	4,250	4,800	5,000
Tuen Mun	1,500	2,600	3,800	4,500	5,750	4,750
Wan Chai	1,500	2,825	3,800	5,000	4,500	6,625
Wong Tai Sin	1,500	2,950	4,000	4,250	4,750	5,415
Yau Tsim Mong	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,300	4,500	6,000
Yuen Long	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,000	5,600
Overall	1,500	2,900	3,800	4,200	4,500	5,500

^[Note] MRA has been increased by 6.5% with effect from 1 February 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0821****(Question Serial No. 6644)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 508):

Please list changes in the level of asset limits for different categories of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the years from 2008 to 2014.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che**Reply:**

The asset limits for different nature of CSSA cases are 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 January 2014	February 2014 to Present
Single person cases							
Able-bodied adult		\$22,000	\$22,500	\$23,000	\$24,000	\$25,000	\$26,500
A person who is not an able-bodied adult		\$34,000	\$35,000	\$36,000	\$38,000	\$39,500	\$41,500
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	\$18,000
	Up to a maximum of (for four or more members)	\$58,000	\$60,000	\$62,000	\$66,000	\$68,000	\$72,000
Persons other than able-bodied adults/children	For one such member	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$36,000	\$38,000	\$39,500	\$41,500
	For each additional such member	\$17,000	\$17,500	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$19,500	\$20,500
Family cases involving no able-bodied adult							
For the first member		\$34,000	\$35,000	\$36,000	\$38,000	\$39,500	\$41,500
For each additional member		\$17,000	\$17,500	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$19,500	\$20,500

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0822****(Question Serial No. 6645)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 228):

Regarding the services in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What was the average waiting time for DEs/DCUs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year);
- (b) What was the average waiting time for DEs/DCUs by District Council district from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year); and
- (c) What was the average waiting time for DEs/DCUs as at 31 January 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The average waiting time for DEs / DCUs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as follows –

Financial year	Average waiting time as at the end of financial year (in months)
2008-09	8
2009-10	6
2010-11	9
2011-12	9
2012-13	9

- (c) As at end-January 2014, the average waiting time for DEs/DCUs was about nine months.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0823****(Question Serial No. 6646)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 229):

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the numbers of persons waiting for services in DEs/DCUs from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year);
- (b) What were the numbers of persons waiting for services in DEs/DCUs by District Council district from 2008-09 to 2012-13 (as at end-March each year); and
- (c) What was the number of persons waiting for services in DEs/DCUs as at 31 January 2014?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The numbers of applicants waiting for subsidised day care (DC) service from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows –

Financial year	Number of applicants (as at the end of financial year)
2008-09	1 566 ^[Note]
2009-10	1 035
2010-11	1 423
2011-12	1 594
2012-13	1 541

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

- (c) As at end-January 2014, there were 1 669 elderly persons waiting for DC service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0824****(Question Serial No. 6647)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 230):

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please inform this Committee of the annual funding for DEs/DCUs from 2008-09 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The annual expenditure for DEs/DCUs from 2008-09 to 2014-15 is provided as follows –

	Annual expenditure (\$ million)
2008-09 (Actual)	156.3
2009-10 (Actual)	168.5
2010-11 (Actual)	173.2
2011-12 (Actual)	183.2
2012-13 (Actual)	208.1
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	219.1
2014-15 (Estimate)	241.9

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0825****(Question Serial No. 6648)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 635):

Regarding Compassionate Rehousing (CR), please inform this Committee of –

The numbers of CR and Conditional Tenancy (CT) cases processed from 2008 to 2013. Please provide the following information –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of cases applying for CR (excluding CT)						
Number of approved CR cases (excluding CT)						
Number of rejected CR cases (excluding CT)						
Average processing time for CR cases (excluding CT)						
Number of cases applying for CT						
Number of approved CT cases						
Number of rejected CT cases						
Average processing time for CT cases						

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The numbers of CR and CT applications processed and related information sought during the period from 2008 to 2013 are set out in the Annex.

Table – Numbers of CR and CT applications processed

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of CR applications (excluding CT)	1 912	2 149	2 367	2 266	2 243	1 898
Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT)	1 813	2 029	2 184	2 043	2 062	1 705
Number of CR applications rejected (excluding CT) ^[Note]	32	29	39	59	57	35
Average time required for processing CR applications (excluding CT) (days)	36	34	36	44	39	42
Number of CT applications	481	469	496	444	378	339
Number of CT cases recommended to HD	456	463	472	400	329	307
Number of CT applications rejected ^[Note]	-	5	3	4	4	1
Average time required for processing CT applications (days)	31	28	32	38	34	35

^[Note] Apart from rejected applications, some CR and CT applications were withdrawn by the applicants because of alternative arrangements being available, e.g. applicants being allocated public housing units through the normal waiting list or being offered household splitting.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6649)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 647):

The Government will provide additional manpower for day training centres to enhance care and support for ageing service users. Please inform this Committee of the additional manpower and financial support for various types of service units, as well as the time of commencement of the arrangements.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$93 million to increase the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities (including day activity centres, sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres) for strengthening care and support for ageing service users. The Social Welfare Department is working out the details with a view to implementing the improvement measure in the third quarter of 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0827

(Question Serial No. 6650)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 649):

6 200 additional places for rehabilitation services, including 2 016 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services, 2 713 places for residential care services and 1 471 places for pre-school rehabilitation services will be provided during the term of this Government. What is the detailed distribution of these 6 200 places for rehabilitation services in various types of rehabilitation services, such as halfway houses (HWHs), long stay care homes (LSCHs), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs), sheltered workshops (SWs), integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs), early education and training centres (EETCs) and special child care centres (SCCCs)? What are the costs per place per month and the time of commencement of various services?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The distribution of additional places for different types of services and the implementation timetable are set out in the Annex. The costs per place per month for rehabilitation residential services, pre-school services for children with disabilities, day activity centre and sheltered workshop in 2013-14 are provided as follows

Type of Rehabilitation Service	Cost per place per month in 2014-15 (Estimate) (\$)
Residential services	12,545
Pre-school services	7,095
Day activity centre	7,822
Sheltered workshop	4,183

Distribution of Additional Places for Rehabilitation Services

Type of service	Number of places					Total
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Day Training and Vocational Rehabilitation Services						
DAC	150	226	50	110	500	1 036
SW	60	50	-	-	-	110
IVRSC	-	-	320	120	430	870
Sub-total						2 016
Residential Services						
C&A/SD	30	-	40	-	300	370
HMMH	92	21	150	-	175	438
HSMH	100	166	100	30	500	896
HSPH	-	-	50	-	175	225
SHOS	42	30	60	20	40	192
HWH	-	25	-	-	60	85
LSCH	75	-	-	-	400	475
SGH/MMHC	-	16	16	-	-	32
Sub-total						2 713
Pre-school Services						
EETC	15	466	150	90	150	871
SCCC	-	126	90	-	144	360
IP	-	240	-	-	-	240
Sub-total						1 471
Total						6 200

[Note] The actual number of places provided in respective financial years may vary due to various factors, including results of local consultations and applications for change of land use for certain projects, the actual usable floor area and design of the projects, technical problems encountered in construction works, etc.

Legend

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

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

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

SHOS – supported hostel

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

SGH/MMHC – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0828

(Question Serial No. 6651)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 651):

Regarding the arrangements of regularising the Community Care Fund (CCF) programme of providing a training subsidy for children with disabilities from low-income families, please advise –

1. What is the amount of subsidy per month for children with different levels of disabilities after the regularisation of the programme?
2. Would the Government raise the eligibility from 75% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) to MMDHI? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
3. What is the estimated number of quotas of the subsidy to be provided each year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$53 million to regularise the Community Care Fund programme and to provide training subsidy for about 1500 children with disabilities from low-income families to pay for self-financing services while they are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services. The Social Welfare Department is drawing up the implementation details, including the financial criteria and the level of training subsidy, etc., in consultation with the stakeholders.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6652)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 484):

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG for social welfare units is calculated on the basis of the prevailing mid-point salary of the recognised establishment. What are the titles of posts under the recognised establishment of Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the respective number of posts under the recognised establishment of each service unit?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6663)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 351):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Care and Attention (C&A) Homes for the Elderly (serial number 010), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 December 1999;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for C&A Homes was revised once in October 2013 to reflect the enhanced services upon provision of additional recurrent funding for upgrading the subsidised places in subvented C&A Homes to places providing a continuum of care (COC).
4. On the revision of the FSA for C&A Homes, SWD had, in line with the existing practice, consulted relevant service operators through meetings and correspondence.
5. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will only upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6664)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 352):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Care and Attention (C&A) Homes providing Continuum of Care (COC) (serial number 011), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 16 March 2006;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for C&A Homes providing COC was revised once in October 2013 with slight textual amendments to align with the FSA for C&A Homes upon the upgrading of the latter to C&A Homes providing COC.
4. On the revision of the FSA for C&A Homes providing COC, SWD had, in line with the existing practice, consulted relevant service operators through meetings and correspondence.
5. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will only upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6665)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 354):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Day Activity Centre and Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (serial number 029), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 16 January 2005;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) in August 2010 to enhance the provision of physiotherapy service for their ageing service users. The Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for day activity centre (DAC) cum HSMH was updated subsequently to include the provision of physiotherapy service as an essential service of HSMH.
4. For the revision of FSA for DAC cum HSMH, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings.
5. In line with the established practice, SWD will assess the service need regularly and revise the FSA for DAC cum HSMH as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6667)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 356):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for District Elderly Community Centre (DECC) (serial number 038), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2004;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for DECC was revised in April 2008 to reflect the changing service needs upon provision of additional recurrent funding for strengthening counselling and referral services as well as outreaching and support services for hidden and vulnerable elderly persons.
4. For the revision of the FSA for DECC, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted relevant service operators through meetings and correspondence.
5. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for DECC as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6668)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 358):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (HMMH) (serial number 051), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of HMMH in August 2010 to enhance the provision of health care service for their ageing service users. The FSA for HMMH was updated subsequently to include the provision of health care service as an essential service of HMMH.
4. For the revision of the FSA for HMMH, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned.
5. In line with the established practice, SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for HMMH as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6669)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 359):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (serial number 053), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) in August 2010 to enhance the provision of physiotherapy service for their ageing service users. The Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for HSMH was updated subsequently to include the provision of physiotherapy service as an essential service of HSMH.
4. For the revision of FSA for HSMH, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings.
5. In line with the established practice, SWD will assess the service need regularly and revise the FSA for HSMH as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6670)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 360):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hotline Service for Youth at Risk (serial number 057), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

1. to 3. The FSA on the Hotline Service for Youth at Risk was revised once in April 2001 to enable the non-governmental organisation concerned to exercise flexibility in deploying resources, including change of the staff structure of their service units operating in the Lump Sum Grant context. In the revised FSA, it was agreed with the service operator that the part regarding registered social worker in the Essential Service Requirements be changed as “staffing should include registered social worker with recognised degree in social work”.
4. & 5. For the revision of the FSA on the Hotline Service for Youth at Risk, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operator through meetings and correspondence. SWD will keep in view the service needs in collaboration with the service operator and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- 6 SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6671)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 362):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) (serial number 064), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2003;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for IFSC was revised twice in October 2006 and April 2011 for adding related output standards for Family Support Programme (FSP), refining the definitions of service and output standards, and enhancing the conversion mechanism between the output standards of casework service and groups/programmes.
4. & 5. For the revision of the FSA for IFSC, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6672)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 364):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Multi-Service Centre for the Deaf of The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (serial number 098), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2002;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for Multi-Service Centre for the Deaf (MSC) was revised in March 2013 to reflect the adjustment of the output standard of casework and counselling services upon allocation of additional recurrent subvention to MSC in April 2013 for enhancement of the counseling services for hearing impaired persons.
4. For the revision of the FSA for MSC, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operator concerned through exchange of correspondence.
5. In line with the established practice, SWD will assess the service need regularly and revise the FSA for MSC as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6673)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 365):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Neighbourhood Elderly Centre (serial number 099), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2004;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for NEC was revised in April 2008 to reflect the changing service needs upon provision of additional recurrent funding for strengthening outreaching and support services for hidden and vulnerable elderly persons.
4. For the revision of the FSA for NEC, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted relevant service operators through meetings and correspondence.
5. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for NEC as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6676)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 368):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Residential Nursery (serial number 111), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 October 2000;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for residential nursery (RN) was revised once in July 2008 to clarify the time intervals for case review meetings. In the revised FSA, it is agreed with the service operators concerned should state that “the second and subsequent review would be conducted once every 6 months counting from the date of the last review meeting”.
4. & 5. For the revision of the FSA for RN, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6677)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 369):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Residential Service for Young Probationers (RSYP) (serial number 112), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 July 2004;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. FSA for RSYP was revised once in April 2010 to reflect the extension of service target group from young male probationers to young probationers of both sexes. As agreed with the service operator concerned, corresponding amendments to the heading and some clauses of the FSA were made and the related performance standard was adjusted accordingly.
4. & 5. For the revision of the FSA for RSYP, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operator concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operator concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6678)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 370):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for School Social Work (SSW) (serial number 117), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 August 2001;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for SSW was revised once in September 2011 to reflect the injection of additional resources. In the revised FSA, it is agreed with the service operators concerned should adjust the performance standards by adding outcome standards on casework and group work.
4. & 5. For the revision of the FSA for SSW, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6679)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 373):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Sheltered Workshop (SW) cum Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (HMMH) (serial number 121), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of HMMH in August 2010 to enhance the provision of health care service for their ageing service users. The FSA for SW cum HMMH was updated subsequently to include the provision of health care service as an essential service of HMMH.
4. For the revision of the FSA for SW cum HMMH, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned.
5. In line with the established practice, SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for SW cum HMMH as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6680)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 374):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Small Group Homes (serial number 123), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for small group home (SGH) was revised in July 2008 to clarify the time intervals for case review meetings. In the revised FSA, it is agreed with the service operators concerned to state that “the second and subsequent review would be conducted once every 6 months counting from the date of the last review meeting”.
4. & 5. For the revision of the FSA for SGH, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6682)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Question (Member Question No: 363) :

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Services (DWC Tung Chung Integrated Services) (serial number 068), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2002;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for Sheng Kung Hui Diocesan Welfare Council Limited Tung Chung Integrated Services was revised in April 2006 to delete the output standards relating to day nursery. Upon the implementation of Harmonisation of Pre-primary Services in 2005/06 school year, the day nursery located at the Sheng Kung Hui Diocesan Welfare Council Limited Tung Chung Integrated Services was converted to kindergarten-cum-child care centre under the administration of the Education Bureau.
4. & 5. For the revision of the FSA for Sheng Kung Hui Diocesan Welfare Council Limited Tung Chung Integrated Services, SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operator concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0846****(Question Serial No. 6684)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 559):

Please provide, for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 respectively, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) old age cases, where the elderly recipients are living with family members, where the elderly recipients are living alone, where all the recipients are elderly person, the number of households with elderly persons and having a monthly income less than households of the same size on CSSA in Hong Kong (HK).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases with CSSA recipients aged 60 or above with breakdown by selected profiles for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 respectively was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA singleton cases with recipients aged 60 or above	Number of CSSA family cases with recipients aged 60 or above only	Number of CSSA family cases with recipients aged 60 or above and living with at least one CSSA recipient aged below 60
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	112 296	21 871	23 628
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	111 826	21 299	22 117

The number of domestic households in HK with at least one member aged 60 or above and at least one member (excluding foreign domestic helpers) aged below 60 and with household income below the average monthly CSSA payment was as follows –

Year	Number of domestic households in HK
2008	65 500
2009	80 900
2010	75 600
2011	75 900
2012	72 400

Figures on number of domestic households in HK are provided by the Census and Statistics Department. Annual figure for 2013 is not available yet.

Average monthly CSSA payment refers to the amount a CSSA case without other income will be granted in a month. It is more specifically regarded as “recognised needs” under the CSSA Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6686)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 371):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Service for Abused Women -Refuge Centre for Women (serial number 118), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 September 2001;
2. What were the dates for each revision made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1 to 3. During the period from January 2007 to March 2012, the FSAs for Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) were revised five times to reflect the expansion of capacity, reprovisioning, enhancement of support services by social workers outside normal office hours and the provision of after-care service for discharged residents.
- 4 & 5. For the revision of the FSAs for Refuge Centres, the Social Welfare Department (SWD), in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operators concerned and revise the FSAs as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSAs onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6687)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Question (Member Question No. 372):

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Service for Ex-offenders and Discharged Prisoners (serial number 119), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many times has the above FSA been revised since its formulation on 1 January 2003;
2. What were the dates for each of the times when revision(s) were made to the above FSA since its formulation;
3. What were the revisions made in the above FSA each time since its formulation;
4. Who were the stakeholders consulted and how had they been consulted before revisions were made to the above FSA;
5. Will the Administration revise the above FSA in the next three years? If yes, what are the details?
6. Will the Administration consider uploading the previous version(s) of the above FSA onto the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s website?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The FSA for Services for Ex-offenders and Discharged Prisoners was revised thrice in April 2005, April 2009 and February 2014 to tally with service enhancements. As agreed with the service operator concerned, related standards were adjusted accordingly.
4. & 5. In the revision of the FSA for Services for Ex-offenders and Discharged Prisoners, the SWD, in line with the established practice, consulted the service operators concerned through meetings and correspondence. SWD will continue to assess the service needs regularly in collaboration with the service operator concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
6. SWD will upload the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6365)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 252):

Were there any resources provided to promote mental health services over the past 3 years and will there be any resources for such purpose in the 2014-15 estimates? If yes, what are the details of each initiative? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Administration allocated full-year recurrent funding of \$135 million to set up the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) at 24 service points across the territory in October 2010. Additional full-year recurrent funding totalling \$60.5 million was made available to ICCMWs in 2011-12 to 2013-14 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 2014-15, the Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$9.3 million to further strengthen the manpower of ICCMWs to tie in with the extension of the CMP to the remaining three districts (i.e. Yau Tsim Mong, Tsuen Wan and Tai Po). Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6366)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 253):

Please list for the past 3 years the number of places for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school and residential care services for persons with disabilities, as well as the number of applicants on the waiting lists, the median waiting time, the average waiting time and the longest waiting time for the services.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

Except for the average waiting time for rehabilitation services in 2013-14 which is not yet available at this stage, other information sought is set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

Table 1 - Provision of Rehabilitation Services

Type of service	Number of places		
	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Pre-school			
EETC	2 613	2 613	2 628
SCCC	1 757	1 757	1 757
IP	1 860	1 860	1 860
Day training and vocational rehabilitation			
DAC	4 637	4 801	4 801
SW	4 999	5 051	5 051
SE	1 645	1 633	1 633
IVRSC	4 257	4 257	4 257
OJT	432	432	432
Sunnyway	311	311	311
IVTC (Day)	453	453	453
Residential			
RSCCC	110	110	110
LSCH	1 507	1 507	1 507
HWH	1 509	1 509	1 509
HMMH	2 287	2 292	2 292
HSMH	3 218	3 382	3 382
C&A/SD	908	959	959
HSPH	573	573	573
C&A/AB	825	825	825
SHOS	554	554	596
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	64	64	64
IVTC (Res)	170	170	170

Table 2 - Number of Applicants on Waiting Lists for Rehabilitation Services

Type of service	Number of applicants on waiting list		
	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Pre-school			
EETC	3 467	3 878	3 540
SCCC	1 319	1 404	1 112
IP	1 536	1 779	1 529
Day training and vocational rehabilitation			
DAC	1 170	1 257	1 252
SW	2 450	2 515	2 668
SE	103	79	66
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	-	-	-
OJT ^[Note 2]	-	-	-
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	-	-	-
IVTC (Day) ^[Note 2]	-	-	-
Residential			
RSCCC	58	51	35
LSCH	1 222	1 325	1 540
HWH	735	688	671
HMMH	1 369	1 533	1 642
HSMH	2 082	2 190	2 170
C&A/SD	389	425	455
HSPH	398	459	495
C&A/AB	90	120	128
SHOS	1 012	1 173	1 311
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	73	79	85
IVTC (Res) ^[Note 2]	-	-	-

Table 3 - Average Waiting Time for Rehabilitation Services

Type of service	Average waiting time (in month)	
	2011-12	2012-13
Pre-school		
EETC	15.7	15.2
SCCC	16.8	16.9
IP	12.2	12.7
Day training and vocational rehabilitation		
DAC	44.4	57.6
SW	16.8	12.6
SE	2.2	2.1
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	-	-
OJT ^[Note 2]	-	-
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	-	-
IVTC (Day) ^[Note 2]	-	-
Residential		
RSCCC	15.6	13.4
LSCH	33.6	16.7
HWH	8.4	8.2
HMMH	84.4	83.8
HSMH	81.6	86.4
C&A/SD	31.2	48.0
HSPH	37.4	26.6
C&A/AB	6.0	5.4
SHOS	31.5	26.0
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	7.2	12.4
IVTC (Res) ^[Note 2]	-	-

[Note 1] IVRSCs do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics in this aspect.

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in 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)

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

LSCH – long stay care home

HWH – halfway house

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

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

IVTC (Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6367)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question(Member Question No. 254):

In the 2014-15 Estimates, how much will be spent on providing assistance to persons with disabilities? Are there any additional places for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school and residential care services for persons with disabilities? 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 the Social Welfare Department. The estimated expenditure amounts to \$4.57 billion in 2014-15.

In 2014-15, the Administration plans to provide 50 new places of sheltered workshop, 21 new places of hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, 10 new places of supported hostel and 240 new places of integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6368)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare(Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 255):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the waiting time for services of individual integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) since their establishment? What are the numbers of cases seeking assistance and cases requiring follow-up actions, and what is the average time required to complete the follow-up actions? Please list by nature of cases.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

ICCMW provides one-stop, district-based and accessible community support and social rehabilitation services ranging from early prevention to risk management for discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and residents living in the community. Those requiring the services may directly approach ICCMWs or be referred by doctors, social workers, allied health workers or government departments. There is no waiting list or waiting time for ICCMW services.

From the commencement of ICCMW service in October 2010 to December 2013, ICCMWs served about 35 200 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, with nearly 36 600 referrals handled and over 207 200 outreaching visits made. During the same period, ICCMWs provided casework services for around 27 100 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems. There is no breakdown of the cases by nature, nor the average time required to complete the follow-up actions.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6369)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 256):

Regarding integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMW), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the staffing establishment of each ICCMW, as well as the numbers of professional staff, such as social workers, therapists and nurses, and the average caseload per worker in each ICCMW?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System in 2008, the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The manpower and caseload of individual ICCMWs varies according to the team size and the service needs in catchment areas. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistics on the number of staff involved in handling cases and the caseload per worker in each ICCMW. During the period from the commencement of ICCMW service in October 2010 to December 2013, ICCMWs provided casework services for around 27 100 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6372)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 260):

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), would the Administration please advise the following –

- (a) What is the number of eligible cases and how much expenditure has been involved since OALA was introduced?
- (b) How many elderly persons aged 65-69 were recipients of Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) before the implementation of OALA? How many of them have been unable to receive OALA through the “Auto-conversion” arrangement?
- (c) How many elderly persons aged 70 or above were recipients of Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) but had never received NOAA before the implementation of OALA? How many of them were unable to receive OALA through Phase 2 of the arrangement?
- (d) How many elderly persons aged 70 or above were recipients of HOAA and NOAA before the implementation of OALA? How many of them were unable to receive OALA through the “Auto-conversion” arrangement?
- (e) How many new applicants are there per month when new applications for OALA have started to be received since 2 April 2013?
- (f) How many elderly persons had benefited from the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement? How many of them were unable to pass the postal review?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of OALA cases was 410 043 as at end-December 2013. The estimated expenditure for 2013-14 is \$12,863 million, which includes OALA back-payment to the elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013 and payment of one additional month of the allowance.
- (b) Before the implementation of OALA, there were about 89 000 NOAA recipients as at end-March 2013, and about 500 of them had opted not to receive OALA through the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement.
- (c) Under Phase 2 – “Postal Submission”, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) issued about 295 000 yellow notification letters to around 248 000 HOAA recipients who had not received NOAA when they were at the age of 65-69 and 47 000 Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) recipients aged 65 or above at the time, to invite them to apply for OALA. SWD received about 119 000 postal submission applications, among which some 112 000 applications were approved to receive the allowance and

7 000 were rejected. There is no breakdown of these 119 000 applicants who were former recipients of HOAA or NDA.

(d) SWD issued green notification letters under Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” to about 206 000 HOAA recipients who had received NOAA when they were at the age of 65-69. About 17 800 of them had opted not to receive OALA.

(e) The number of new applications for OALA, as at end-December 2013, was as follows –

Month	Number of new applications for OALA
April 2013	5 728
May 2013	3 640
June 2013	3 052
July 2013	3 735
August 2013	3 781
September 2013	3 502
October 2013	4 063
November 2013	3 847
December 2013	4 012
Total	35 360

(f) About 273 000 recipients benefited from the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement. SWD does not have up-to-date financial information of the elderly persons who were granted OALA under Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion”, and is, therefore, not in a position to make any estimate on the number of elderly persons who are expected to have their OALA payment stopped for failing to meet the income and asset requirements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5582)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 80):

Regarding to “oversee the provision of additional subsidised residential and community care places for the elderly”, please advise:

- (a) Whether “constructing an integrated residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) in the North district to provide facilities and services for the elderly in the community” is included;
- (b) If yes, what are the details and expenditure?
- (c) If no, is it included under other Subheads?
- (d) If “no” for (c), what are the reasons?
- (e) If “yes” for (c), what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked sites at Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui for the construction of a new contract residential care home for the elderly, and at the development of the Community Health Centre in North district to set up a day care centre for the elderly. A total of 100 residential care places including both subsidised and non-subsidised places and 60 subvented day care places will be provided. As the projects are at a preliminary planning stage, the number of places to be provided is a rough estimate and is subject to change as SWD continues to work out the details of the projects, having regard to the service demand and other factors.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5386)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 63):

1. What was the average waiting time for intensive counselling, brief counselling and supportive casework services provided by Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively? What was the average number of cases handled by each social worker per month?
2. Please provide in table form the number of service users 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
 - 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 –

1. Social workers of IFSCs will assess the welfare needs of individuals or families who approach or are referred to IFSCs for services, and will provide them with timely and appropriate assistance. The average number of cases served by each IFSC social worker per month was 41.1, 37.9 and 36.7 in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013) respectively.
2. From 2011-12 to 2013-14, the statistical information on the problem nature of active cases is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department has no available statistical information on the other areas of information sought.

The expenditure for IFSCs was \$717.4 million in 2011-12 (Actual), was \$783.6 million in 2012-13 (Actual) and is \$841.2 million in 2013-14 (Revised Estimate). 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 allocated for individual components of the services.

Problem nature of active cases from 2011-12 to 2013-14

Problem nature	Number of active cases		
	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
(1) Personal / Individual Problems (e.g. emotional, behavioural, interpersonal relationship, physical illness / disabilities, intellectual disabilities, mental illness/suspected mental illness, suicidal tendency / suicidal attempt, and addictions problems, etc.)	13 162	13 140	13 360
(2) Family Problems (e.g. relationship with spouse / intimate partner, separation / divorce, child dispute / co-parenting, parent-child relationship / parenting and child care problems, etc.)	15 328	15 451	15 759
(3) Violence / Abuse Problems (e.g. child abuse, spouse / intimate partner abuse, elder abuse and sexual violence problems, etc.)	338	268	210
(4) Other Problems (e.g. financial, unemployment / under-employment and accommodation problems, etc.)	11 783	10 863	10 678
Total:	40 611	39 722	40 007

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0857****(Question Serial No. 5387)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 63):

For the financial years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and as estimated for 2014-15, please provide the numbers of people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the numbers of people passed away while on the waiting list, and the estimated additional number of places required for clearing the current queues within five years, with breakdowns by 18 districts and by public and private sectors as regards the following facilities:

- (a) District elderly community centres (DECCs);
- (b) Neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs);
- (c) Social centres for the elderly (SEs);
- (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 SEs 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.

While there are no separate waiting lists for individual districts, the number of applicants for subsidised DEs/DCUs and the average waiting time for admission from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

As at the end of financial year	Number of applicants	Waiting time (in months)
2011-12	1 594	9
2012-13	1 541	9
2013-14 (as at end- January 2014)	1 669	9

The number of applicants who passed away while waiting for subsidised DE/DCU places in the past three years was as follows –

Year	Number of applicants having passed away while waiting for DE/DCU places
2011	32
2012	26
2013	17

For subsidised residential care services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new applications for placement in S/C hostels and H/A since 1 January 2003. There is no waiting list or 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 are no separate waiting lists for individual districts.

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 Enhanced Bought Place Scheme 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 subsidised NH places provided by subvented NHs, self-financing NHs under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme and contract homes.

The numbers of applicants for subsidised NH and C&A places from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

As at the end of financial year	Number of applicants	
	NH place	C&A place
2011-12	6 456	21 432
2012-13	6 272	22 546
2013-14 (as at end-January 2014)	6 335	23 558

The average waiting time for admission to subsidised NH and C&A places from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

As at end of financial year	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past three months)		
	NH place	C&A place in subvented/contract homes	C&A place under EBPS
2011-12	36	34	8
2012-13	34	35	8
2013-14 (as at end-January 2014)	35	36	8

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 having passed away while waiting for subsidised residential care services	
	NH place	C&A place
2011	1 925	3 049
2012	1 973	3 184
2013	1 729	3 290

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 within five years.

SWD has no statistics on the number of applicants and the waiting time for elderly care services provided by private organisations.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5388)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 63):

Please list the number of applicants on the waiting lists for the following facilities and the average waiting time in the 3 financial years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 –

- a) Halfway houses for discharged mental patients (HWHs);
- b) Long stay care homes for discharged mental patients (LSCHs);
- c) Mentally handicapped integrated vocational training centres (IVTCs);
- d) Hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs);
- e) Hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs);
- f) Hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs);
- g) Care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled (C&A/SD);
- h) Care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB); and
- i) Sheltered workshops (SWs).

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

The average waiting time for the services in 2013-14 is not yet available at this stage. Other information sought is set out in the Annex.

Type of service	No. of applicants on the waiting list			Average waiting time (in month)	
	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	2011-12	2012-13
HWH	735	688	671	8.4	8.2
LSCH	1 222	1 325	1 540	33.6	16.7
IVTC ^[Note]	-	-	-	-	-
HMMH	1 369	1 533	1 642	84.4	83.8
HSMH	2 082	2 190	2 170	81.6	86.4
HSPH	398	459	495	37.4	26.6
C&A/SD	389	425	455	31.2	48.0
C&A/AB	90	120	128	6.0	5.4
SW	2 450	2 515	2 668	16.8	12.6

[Note] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics in this aspect.

Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

IVTC – integrated vocational training centre

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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4417)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 271):

Regarding services for handling the problem of battering against men, what is the funding for this specific item in 2014-15? 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 for all persons in need, irrespective of their gender. In 2014-15, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,342.8 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for handling the problem of battering against men.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4418)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 273):

Regarding services for handling sexual violence cases, what is the funding for this specific item in 2014-15? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) adopts a comprehensive and one-stop service model involving multi-disciplinary efforts 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. The resources required for SWD to provide the services are absorbed from within 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, for victims of sexual violence and their family members. In 2014-15, the estimated funding allocation for CEASE Crisis Centre is \$11.2 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 4419)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 274):

What is the funding allocation for care services for the demented elderly living in the community in the financial year 2014-15? What is the number of centres providing such services? Please provide the waiting time for such services by district in the following table.

	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 67 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 24 Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) teams, 60 Integrated Home Care Services teams to support frail elderly persons (including demented elderly persons) living in the community. The total expenditure for subsidised CCS is estimated to be \$1,044.1 million in 2014-15. As at end-January 2014, the average waiting time for day care places was about nine months and that for home-based services was about five months. There is no breakdown on the profile of the elderly persons on the waiting list.

Three service teams under the three-year Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Scheme), funded by the Lotteries Fund, have also been providing services for eligible frail elderly persons (including demented elderly persons) since March 2011. They are serving frail elderly persons in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Eastern and Kwai Tsing districts. To facilitate its integration with EHCCS, the Scheme has been extended for one year till 28 February 2015. The total expenditure for the Scheme is around \$73.4 million.

To further enhance the support for demented elderly persons residing in the community, Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to subsidised DEs/DCUs. In 2014-15, the funding allocation of DS will be \$15.7 million. With the allocation of DS, DEs/DCUs may 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0862

(Question Serial No. 4420)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 275):

What is the funding allocation for day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in the financial year 2014-15? How many DEs are providing such service? What is the waiting time for such service? As the enrolment rate of DEs has already exceeded 105%, 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 2014-15, the estimated expenditure on day care services is \$241.9 million. There are currently 67 day care centres/ units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs). As at end-January 2014, the average waiting time for day care places was about nine months.

Since some elderly persons occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the centres every day, it is therefore possible for DEs/ DCUs to take in additional elderly persons to fill the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of day care places is set at 105% 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 DE/ DCU projects comply with fire safety requirements.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4421)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 276):

What is the funding allocation for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) in the financial year 2014-15? Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, what were the number of calls for assistance received from each district from March 2013 to February 2014 and the details of assistance sought? 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 2014-15, the estimated expenditure for IHCS is \$543.1 million. Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, the numbers of calls for assistance received from frail elderly persons from March to December 2013 with a breakdown by district are set out in the Annex.

The majority of 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.

**Geographical distribution of calls received from frail elderly persons
under 24-hour emergency support service
(March to December 2013)**

District	Number of calls
Central & Western	-
Eastern	8
Wan Chai	1
Southern	-
Islands	-
Kwun Tong	19
Wong Tai Sin	26
Sai Kung	-
Kowloon City	-
Sham Shui Po	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-
Sha Tin	8
Tai Po	1
North	-
Yuen Long	2
Tsuen Wan	-
Kwai Tsing	4
Tuen Mun	-
Total	69

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0864****(Question Serial No. 4422)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 277):

Please provide the estimated funding for services for hidden elderly in 2014-15. Please provide the number of social workers dedicated to serve hidden elderly in various districts as per the following table:

Waiting time	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions (by District Council District)	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:

The information sought is provided as follows –

In 2007-08, 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 so that each of them could 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, 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 2014-15.

The numbers of active cases of hidden and vulnerable elderly persons as at end-December 2013 and the numbers of additional social workers allocated to DECCs and NECs in 18 districts for this initiative are set out in the Annex.

Distribution of active cases of hidden and vulnerable elderly persons and numbers of additional social workers allocated to DECCs and NECs by district

District	Number of active cases as at end-December 2013	Number of additional social workers
Central & Western	252	8
Eastern	463	15
Southern	428	12
Wan Chai	134	5
Kowloon City	333	11
Kwun Tong	823	22
Sham Shui Po	584	16
Wong Tai Sin	684	20
Yau Tsim Mong	382	11
Islands	167	5
Kwai Tsing	649	16
North	133	4
Sai Kung	322	9
Tai Po	208	6
Sha Tin	558	16
Tsuen Wan	303	8
Tuen Mun	249	8
Yuen Long	252	8
Total	6 924	200

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0865****(Question Serial No. 4423)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 278):

There are still over 20 000 elderly persons on the waiting list for residential care places for the elderly. Does the Administration have any long-term planning regarding the number of additional residential care places to be provided in each of the coming five years?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The planned provision of additional subsidised residential care places from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement			
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Nursing home	388	284	86	758
Care-and-attention home	783	32	10	825
Total	1 171	316	96	1 583

In addition to the above additional places, we have earmarked sites in 11 other development projects for the construction of new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Among these sites, the RCHEs at four of the sites may be ready by 2018-19 to provide some additional 400 places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places). 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.

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 RCHEs through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme and from self-financing homes through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme. 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 converting vacant buildings into RCHEs.

Apart from the above measures, the Administration is implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses whereby non-governmental organisations owning land are encouraged to provide more diversified services, in particular elderly and rehabilitation services, through redevelopment or expansion on their sites. We will also launch a pilot scheme to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey

Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights, an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong non-governmental organisation (NGO)), to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to live therein. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO.

The Chief Executive (CE) has, in his 2014 Policy Address, tasked the Elderly Commission (EC) to conduct a feasibility study on introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly and to submit a report to the Government in a year's time. If it is considered feasible to run such a scheme on a pilot basis, the Administration will provide the necessary resources for a pilot scheme. EC will also formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan within two years.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0866****(Question Serial No. 4425)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 280):

How many elderly persons have passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes over the past 5 years? How will the Administration increase resources for tackling the problem?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

The number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for subsidised C&A places in the past 5 years was as follows –

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2 641	2 848	3 049	3 184	3 290

The Administration has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly. Additional full-year recurrent provision of about \$325 million has been earmarked to provide additional residential care places for the elderly and to enhance the quality of subsidised residential care services for the elderly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0867****(Question Serial No. 4426)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 281):

How many elderly persons have passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised nursing homes (NHs) over the past five years? How will the Administration increase resources for tackling the problem?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for subsidised nursing home places in the past five years was as follows –

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1 802	1 794	1 925	1 973	1 729

The Administration has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly. Additional full-year recurrent provision of about \$325 million has been earmarked to provide additional residential care places for the elderly and to enhance the quality of residential care homes for the elderly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4427)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 283):

Regarding the additional one-month payment to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Disability Allowance (DA) recipients by the Administration, when will it be paid (please specify the exact date) and by what means?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in his 2014-15 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 (including the Guangdong Scheme), Old Age Living Allowance and DA recipients, equal to one month of the allowances. Subject to the Finance Committee's approval, the Social Welfare Department aims to arrange for payment in the second half of 2014.

The extra payment will be made to the recipients concerned through the existing payment method (i.e. normally through bank payment credited to the designated bank accounts).

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0869****(Question Serial No. 4428)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 288):

What is the number of elder abuse cases seeking assistance in each of the past 5 years? What resources will be allocated to handle the relevant issue in 2014-15?

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 (SWD), the number of reported elder abuse cases seeking assistance in the past five years was as follows –

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of Cases	465	319	368	408	589

For 2014-15, SWD has earmarked \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for services for the prevention and tackling of abuse of the elderly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4429)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 311):

Do the Labour and Welfare Bureau 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, what is the expected timetable for the review? 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 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 4.1% with effect from 1 February 2014 in accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payments annually.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0871****(Question Serial No. 4430)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 312):

Please list, by nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, the median duration of receiving CSSA in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Nature of cases	2011	2012	2013
Old age			
Permanent disability			
Ill health			
Single parent			
Low-earnings			
Unemployment			
Others			
Overall			

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The median duration of receiving CSSA by case nature in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is provided as follows –

Case nature	Median duration of receiving CSSA (years)		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Old age	8.9	9.4	9.7
Permanent disability	9.2	9.7	10.0
Ill health	6.2	6.4	6.6
Single parent	6.6	6.5	6.4
Low-earnings	7.8	8.3	8.5
Unemployment	4.9	5.2	5.4
Others	3.2	3.1	3.1
Total	7.9	8.2	8.5

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0872****(Question Serial No. 4431)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 313):

Regarding the years of residence in Hong Kong (HK) of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, please provide information about the number of recipients who had resided in HK for seven years or less, and the expenditure on CSSA involved with a breakdown by year of residence in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than seven years in 2012-13 and 2013-14 was as follows –

Length of residence in HK	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
< one year	629	568
one - < two years	1 421	1 214
two - < three years	1 881	1 718
three - < four years	2 738	2 207
four - < five years	2 475	2 652
five - < six years	2 599	2 573
six - < seven years	2 836	2 173
Total	14 579	13 105

The relevant CSSA expenditure (including the payment of one additional month of standard rates payment) involved in 2012-13 and 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13	625
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	584

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0873****(Question Serial No. 4432)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 314):

A number of suicide or homicide cases involving mental patients happened between 2009 and 2014. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What were the enrolment rates of halfway houses (HWHs) and long stay care homes (LSCHs) between 2009 and 2014?
- (2) Did the patients need to wait for the services between 2009 and 2014? If yes, how long did they have to wait?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The enrolment rates and the average waiting time for HWHs and LSCHs from 2009-10 to 2012-13 are as follows –

Year ^[Note 1]	Average enrolment rate ^[Note 2]	Average waiting time ^[Note 1] (in months)	
		HWH	LSCH
2009-10	98%	6.2	31.8
2010-11	95%	8.2	38.2
2011-12	97%	8.4	33.6
2012-13	98%	8.2	16.7

^[Note 1] The figure for 2013-14 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 always 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 may not be 100% at any one time.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4433)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 316):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the publicity programmes on combating domestic violence and the financial resources involved over the past five years and in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

From 2009-10 to 2013-14, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million per year while in 2013-14, there was an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of a new series of docudrama. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) made use of various media channels to publicise the messages relating to prevention of domestic violence and strengthening families in the past five years, including production of docudrama, animations, television and radio announcements in public interest for broadcasting at different public media, organisation of competitions through the Internet, posting of thematic posters at various locations of the community, and distribution of printed materials to publicise relevant messages. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence and strengthening families were also organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.

In 2014-15, \$5 million is earmarked for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. SWD will build on the momentum of the docudrama and district programmes to promote the messages on combating domestic violence to the public.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4434)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 317):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details about the setting up of a standing mechanism on child fatality review and the funding 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 of identifying effective ways to prevent avoidable child deaths. The Child Fatality Review Panel (the Review Panel), comprising members from different professions/disciplines and a 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 from within its existing provision.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4435)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 318):

Please provide the following information regarding the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) in 2009-14 –

- (1) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who have joined the IEAPS;
- (2) the distribution of their age and gender;
- (3) 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;
- (4) the number of recipients who have left the CSSA net; and
- (5) the average amount of disregarded earnings (DE) per month.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

- (1) to (4) In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) integrated the various employment assistance projects into a new programme, namely IEAPS. Since the commencement of IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2013, a total of 14 294 CSSA recipients had participated in the programme and 4 371 of the participants had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Among the 4 371 participants, 3 922 had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling and 449 had secured part-time employment. 1 137 participants had left the CSSA net.

The IEAPS participants who had secured employment were mainly working as cleaner, labourer, waiter / waitress, salesperson, beautician / hairdresser / personal carer and watchman / security officer, etc. with a median monthly salary of \$6,269.

The distribution of CSSA recipients who have joined IEAPS by age and gender was as follows -

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
15-19	595	461	1 056
20-29	982	931	1 913
30-39	1 050	1 066	2 116
40-49	1 570	2 935	4 505
50-59	2 756	1 948	4 704
Total	6 953	7 341	14 294

SWD does not have breakdown of the figures by financial year.

- (5) The average monthly DE of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement from 2009-10 to 2013-14 were as follows -

Year	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)
2009-10	1,792
2010-11	1,775
2011-12	1,785
2012-13	1,756
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	1,739

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4436)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 320):

What services and public money are involved in 2014-15 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, 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 2014-15 Estimate is \$2,342.8 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0878

(Question Serial No. 4440)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 347):

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 2014-15? 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.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The provisional subvention allocation for the Chinese YMCA for 2014-15 is \$143.4 million. The total subvention allocation for the Chinese YMCA in the past five years is as follows –

Year	Amount of subvention allocation (\$ million)
2009-10	\$129.2
2010-11	\$133.6
2011-12	\$141.7
2012-13	\$150.9
2013-14	\$153.3 ^[Note]

^[Note] Position as at end-February 2014

The Social Welfare Department has no information on the remunerations of the Chinese YMCA's General Secretary, Deputy General Secretary and senior executives.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0879****(Question Serial No. 4442)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 374):

What is the amount of funding allocation for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the financial year 2014-15? What is the difference in the allocation for "food ingredients" as compared with the financial year 2013-14? Please provide the utilisation rate of IHCS, and the waiting time for meal delivery service and home cleansing service in each district.

	Meal delivery service		Home cleansing service	
	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions (by District Council district)	Waiting time	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 funding allocation for IHCS in 2014-15 is \$543.1 million. SWD does not have breakdown of food cost because it is included under Other Charges of the Lump Sum Grant.

As at end-January 2014, the utilisation rate of IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) (including meal delivery and household cleansing) was 95.2%. Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for IHCS(FC) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services. The average waiting time was about five months. SWD does not keep statistics on the waiting time specifically for meal delivery and household cleansing services under IHCS.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0880****(Question Serial No. 4443)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 375):

Regarding the provision of additional day care (DC) places for the elderly, please further elaborate on the details, manpower, target effectiveness and funding allocation required for 2014-15. Will additional funding be allocated to enhance the work in this aspect?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2014-15, an additional 229 day care (DC) places for the elderly are expected to commence service. The estimated full-year expenditure for these places is \$20.7 million. Their geographical distribution is as follows –

District	Number of Places
Sha Tin	77
Sham Shui Po	32
Sai Kung	60
Kwai Tsing	60
Total	229

The additional DC places will be created through setting up new DC centres/units for the elderly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4444)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 376):

Regarding the planning for the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please further elaborate on the work, manpower, target effectiveness and funding allocation required for 2014-15. Will additional funding be allocated to enhance the work in this aspect?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme adopts the “money-following-the-user” approach whereby the Administration provides subsidy directly to 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 (two years) was launched in September 2013.

The eligible participants of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme are the elderly persons 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) on the Central Waiting List and living in the selected districts, i.e., 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. During the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, there are 62 Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) and 1 200 vouchers will be issued. As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme. The enrolment rate was around 77%.

SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of The University of Hong Kong to conduct a formative and outcome evaluation (the Evaluation) of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The Evaluation will examine, among others, the voucher holders’ service consumption patterns, satisfaction level, care outcomes, etc. as well as RSPs’ operational experiences. An interim report will be made available by September 2014. The Evaluation will be useful and relevant to the design of the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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. Six civil service posts at an estimated annual expenditure of \$3.2 million will be involved in administering the scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4445)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 377):

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please elaborate on the work details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will the Administration allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is conducting a postal review for about 273 000 elderly persons who were granted OALA under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” to screen out those failing the means-test before expiry of the grace period by end-November 2014. A blue notification letter enclosing the Postal Review Form was issued to these elderly persons on 17 February to advise them on the details of the postal review. Upon receipt of the notification letter, the elderly persons should provide declarations of their and/or their spouses' (if applicable) income and assets by completing and returning the Postal Review Form to SWD within one month from the date of issue of the notification letter.

Based on information provided by the recipients, SWD will verify whether they will continue to be eligible for OALA. If the recipients still meet the income and asset requirements, they will continue to receive the OALA payment.

For recipients who do not meet the income and asset requirements, they will receive the OALA payment up to the expiry of the 24-month grace period (i.e. up to 30 November 2014). SWD will arrange to stop the OALA payment to ineligible recipients starting from December 2014 and notify them in writing. If the ineligible recipients are aged 70 or above, SWD will arrange for them to receive the non-means-tested Old Age Allowance.

The Administration will review OALA by the end of this year to ascertain, among other things, whether the assets limits should be relaxed. In addition to about 100 posts created in 2013-14 to launch OALA, about 40 additional posts will be created in 2014-15 to implement OALA. Their duties include conducting the postal review. The manpower will involve an annual estimated expenditure of \$43 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4446)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 378):

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 2014-15. Will additional funding be allocated to enhance the work in this aspect? Please also advise this Committee of the number of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the programmes in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked a budget of \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. SWD will continue to make use of various channels to publicise the messages relating to prevention of domestic violence. District-based public education programmes and activities will be organised from time to time by the District Social Welfare Offices (DSWOs) of SWD.

From 2011-12 to 2013-14, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million per year while in 2013-14 there was an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of a new series of docudrama. The publicity campaign has achieved positive feedback as reflected by the high participation in the programmes. The size of audience of the new series of docudramas on various family issues, which were jointly produced by SWD and the Radio Television Hong Kong broadcast in 2013, was about 900 000 for each episode. The click rates of the online public education programme on prevention of suicide-filicide launched in 2011-12 and the online 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 DSWOs of SWD from April 2011 to December 2013 attracted more than 350 000 counts of attendance.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0884****(Question Serial No. 4447)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 379):

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 2014-15. Will additional funding be allocated to enhance the work in this aspect? Please also advise this Committee of the number of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the services in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In June 2013, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved an allocation of an additional \$200 million to extend and enhance the short-term food assistance service (the service). In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the implementation of the enhanced service, including the extension of the service period for each service user from a maximum of 6 weeks to a maximum of 8 weeks; the increase of the allocation per meal day by 10%; and the split of two projects with higher demand into four to facilitate more effective management and delivery of the service. SWD will continue to monitor the service provision and demand.

As regards the manpower, the operating non-governmental organisations are given flexibility to deploy the funding allocated to employ suitable staff according to their operational needs.

The expenditure and number of service users served by the short-term food assistance service projects in the past 3 years are set out follows –

Year	Total expenditure (\$ million)	No. of service users served
2011-12	37.2 (Actual)	33 400
2012-13	62.1 (Actual)	33 600
2013-14	94.5 (Revised Estimate)	32 900 ^[Note] (projected)

[Note] The estimated number of service users in 2013-14 is projected from the actual numbers for the first 10 months.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0885****(Question Serial No. 4448)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 380):

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 2014-15. Will additional funding be allocated to enhance the work in this aspect? Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of service users and the funding allocation required for the programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2014-15, 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. The activities included in BIP are video shows, mini-lectures, structured games, group discussion and sharing. The estimated number of groups to be conducted in 2014-15 is 10 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 for BIP from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	No. of Participants
2011-12	74
2012-13	71
2013-14	57

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0886****(Question Serial No. 4449)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 381):

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 2014-15. Will additional funding be allocated to enhance the work in this aspect? Please also advise this Committee of the numbers of service users and the funding allocation required for VSP in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

VSP commenced service in June 2010 with a funding allocation of about \$5 million per year and a target of serving about 800 service users a year. Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on the judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity work is conducted and volunteers are recruited to assist service users. VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions.

As VSP is subvented under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisation which operates the programme has flexibility to deploy staffing 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 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as follows –

Year	Number of service users served
2011-12	613
2012-13	661
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	540

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0887****(Question Serial No. 4450)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 382):

Regarding the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, please inform this Committee of –

- (1) the total amount of income disregarded;
- (2) the total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income; and
- (3) the average number of CSSA cases benefiting from DE.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided 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
2011-12	762.8	798.4	34 641
2012-13	677.8	726.4	30 986
2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)	460.1	489.2	28 284

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0888****(Question Serial No. 4451)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 383):

Please provide the respective number 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 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, the average caseload per worker and the funding allocation.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought regarding non-psychiatric medical social services (MSS) is provided as follows –

Year	Number of non-psychiatric MSWs ^[Note 1]	Average caseload per non-psychiatric MSW ^[Note 2]	Expenditure ^[Note 3] (\$ million)
2012-13	23 SWO/ 165 ASWOs	64	334.4 (Actual)
2013-14	24 SWOs/ 168 ASWOs	64 (Revised Estimate)	357.4 (Revised Estimate)
2014-15	24 SWOs/ 170 ASWOs	65 (Estimate)	368.3 (Estimate)

[Note 1] The MSS units of the Social Welfare Department are staffed by SWOs/ASWOs.

[Note 2] 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 3] The figures refer to the total expenditure for MSS. There is no breakdown by psychiatric MSS and non-psychiatric MSS, or by rank of staff.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4452)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 407):

Regarding sexual violence support services, will the Administration consider subsidising RainLily in 2014-15? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) adopts a comprehensive and one-stop service model involving multi-disciplinary efforts 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, for 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 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4453)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 408):

What are the specific plans for support services for carers of the elderly persons in 2014-15? What is the funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Support services for carers of elderly persons are provided by various types of subsidised residential care service units as well as community care and support service units for elderly persons. 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 for the elderly, elderly centres and home care services teams, the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, etc. The 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.

In addition to the respite services provided in all subvented and contract RCHEs, EBPS homes have also made use of the casual vacancies of the bought places to provide more respite places for elderly persons in the community since 1 March 2012.

Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes for enhancing carers' capability of taking care of elderly persons. 119 elderly centres have participated in the Scheme and over 12 000 carers have been trained. To further enhance the training for carers, the Scheme will be regularised from 2014-15. An additional annual recurrent funding of some \$6.7 million will be provided to 211 subvented elderly centres (i.e. 41 district elderly community centres (DECCs) and 170 neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) (including the 51 Social Centres for the Elderly which will be upgraded to NECs) for organising training activities for carers.

On top of the above, an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$22 million will be provided to 41 DECCs to employ more social workers for enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

Separately, the Commission on Poverty, at its meeting held on 24 March 2014, agreed to the Government's proposal to conduct a two-year pilot scheme funded by the Community Care Fund to provide eligible carers of elderly persons (carers) from low income families with a living allowance. The pilot scheme will benefit altogether 2 000 carers during the two-year pilot period.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4454)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 409):

I often receive complaints from elderly persons 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 under IHCS will remain unchanged in 2014-15. What are the reasons? What is the funding allocation involved for this service?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

IHCS includes IHCS (Frail Cases) and IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC). In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure for IHCS is \$543.1 million. Though the service capacity of IHCS in 2014-15 will remain the same as that in 2012-13 and 2013-14, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to decide on the maximum capacity of IHCS(OC) for meeting the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate. In addition to IHCS, the Administration also provides other community care and support services to facilitate frail elderly persons in ageing in the community. These include EHCCS, the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly which was launched in September 2013. The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for IHCS with a view to meeting the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4455)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 410):

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 (RCHEs) in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Administration plans to purchase 300 additional EA1 places under EBPS in 2014-15. The estimated annual expenditure for these additional places is about \$35.1 million. The projected total number of EBPS places in 2014-15 is 8 115 and the estimated annual expenditure involved is \$928.5 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4456)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 411):

How many places will be provided by the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in 2014-15? 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) has been providing a two-year EN Training Programme (the Programme) since 2006. So far, 14 classes have been organised, providing some 1 800 training places. SWD will continue to organise the Programme and provide some 900 training places at an estimated cost of \$129.7 million in the coming years. 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0894****(Question Serial No. 4457)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 412):

What are the financial resources involved in the Government's day care (DC) places for the elderly? What is the geographical distribution of the additional DC places in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The estimated annual expenditure for DC services in 2014-15 is \$241.9 million. In 2014-15, an additional 229 DC places for the elderly are expected to commence service. Their geographical distribution is as follows –

District	Number of Places
Sha Tin	77
Sham Shui Po	32
Sai Kung	60
Kwai Tsing	60
Total	229

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4458)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 413):

1. Why was there no increase in the number of social centres for the elderly (SEs) for three years despite the ageing population?
2. Why was there no increase in the number of district elderly community centres (DECCs) for three years despite the ageing population?
3. Where will the additional neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in 2014-15 be located? When will it commence operation?
4. What is the planned increase in manpower for elderly centres in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Currently, there are 41 DECCs, 119 NECs and 51 SEs which together form a territory-wide social support network for the elderly in the community. One additional NEC has been set up at Kai Ching Estate in Kowloon City in 2013-14.

Additional full-year recurrent funding has been earmarked to increase the manpower of elderly centres for strengthening community support services for elderly persons and their carers, including –

- (a) some \$53 million per year for 41 DECCs and 119 NECs to employ more social workers for strengthening support for elderly persons living in the community;
- (b) additional subvention of some \$82.5 million per year for 51 SEs to raise their standard of services to that of NECs, and to employ more social workers for service delivery;
- (c) some \$22 million per year for 41 DECCs to employ more social workers for enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers; and
- (d) some \$6.7 million per year to regularise the District-based Scheme on Carer Training whereby 211 subvented elderly centres (i.e. 41 DECCs, 170 NECs (including the 51 SEs which will be upgraded as NECs, as referred to in (b) above)) will organise training activities for carers.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, operators of elderly centres have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and to meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4459)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 414):

- (1) What are the planned numbers of training places for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elderly in 2014-15?
- (2) What is the planned number of training places for care staff serving persons with disabilities in the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) teams in 2014-15? What is the funding allocation involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department will provide –

- (1) 180 and 300 training places respectively for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elderly; and
- (2) 100 training places for care staff serving persons with disabilities in the IHCS teams at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0897

(Question Serial No. 4460)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 415):

How many additional residential places in refuge centres for women are being planned for 2014-15? What is the provision for care services provided by these centres?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

At present, there are 5 Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) providing a total of 260 places. Taking into account the fluctuating service demand, the Refuge Centres have exercised flexibility in admission with a view to meeting the service demand. In 2014-15, the estimated total funding allocation for the 5 Refuge Centres is around \$28.2 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0898****(Question Serial No. 4461)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 416):

For 2009-10 to 2013-14, what was the number of applications for Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) and Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and the financial commitment of the Administration in each of the years? What is the expected number of applicants for the two allowances and the expenditure to be incurred in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) is a means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 65 or above introduced in April 2013. The income and assets requirements for OALA are the same as the former NOAA. Meanwhile, the Old Age Allowance (OAA) (i.e. the former HOAA) provides a non-means-tested allowance for elderly persons aged 70 or above. The number of HOAA, NOAA, Old Age Allowance (OAA) and OALA applications from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	HOAA	NOAA	OAA	OALA
2009-10	21 315	22 733	-	-
2010-11	22 202	21 952	-	-
2011-12	23 116	24 719	-	-
2012-13	22 654	33 509	-	-
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	-	-	15 772	35 360

- (b) The expenditure for HOAA, NOAA, OAA and OALA cases from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	(\$ million) ^[Note 1]			
	HOAA	NOAA	OAA	OALA
2009-10	5,429	891	-	-
2010-11	5,552	897	-	-
2011-12	5,918	976	-	-
2012-13	6,318	1,143	-	-
2013-14 Revise Estimate	-	-	2,946	12,863

^[Note 1] The expenditure includes payment of one additional month of the allowances in the respective years.

The expenditure of OALA includes back-payment to elderly persons from December 2012 to March 2013.

- (c) The estimated average number of OAA and OALA cases per month and expenditure in 2014-15 are as follows –

Type of allowance	2014-15	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 2]
OAA	195 000	2,991
OALA	415 000	12,328

^[Note2] The expenditure includes payment of one additional month of the allowances, which is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0899****(Question Serial No. 4462)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 384):

Please list the number of medical social workers (MSWs) providing psychiatric services (including Social Work Assistant, Senior Social Work Assistant, Social Work Officer (SWO)/Assistant Social Work Officer (ASWO), Senior Social Work Officer or officers at a higher rank), the average caseload per worker and the financial provision from 2012-13 to 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Number of psychiatric MSWs ^[Note 1]	Average caseload per psychiatric MSW ^[Note2]	Expenditure ^[Note 3] (\$ million)
2012-13 (Actual)	51 SWOs/ 192 ASWOs	62	334.4
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	51 SWOs/ 192 ASWOs	63	357.4
2014-15 (Estimate)	51 SWOs/ 192 ASWOs	64	368.3

[Note 1] The medical social services (MSS) units of the Social Welfare Department are staffed by SWOs/ASWOs.

[Note 2] There are no separate average caseload statistics for SWOs and ASWOs respectively in MSS units. SWOs may also undertake administrative duties in addition to the delivery of casework services.

[Note 3] The figures refer to the total expenditure for MSS. There is no breakdown by psychiatric MSS and non-psychiatric MSS, or by rank of staff.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4463)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 388):

Regarding the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single-parent families in the past 5 years, please provide the following information-

- (1) reasons for becoming single-parent families and the number of cases involving domestic violence;
- (2) the number of low income households;
- (3) the number of families on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA);
- (4) the ratio of single mothers and single fathers;
- (5) the income ratio of single mothers and single fathers;
- (6) the number of children and their age distribution (aged 0-5, 5-10, 10-12, 12-14, and 15-16);
- (7) how the parents take care of their children aged under 16 (aged 0-5, 5-10, 10-12, 12-14, and 15-16) when the parents are working?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) 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. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no available statistical information on the numbers of single-parent families caused by domestic violence.
- (2), (5) & (6) SWD does not have the statistics on the information sought.
- (3) The numbers of single parent families receiving CSSA as at end-December 2013 in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families are set out in Annex 1.
- (4) The ratios of single mothers to single fathers in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families in accordance with the findings of the 2011 Population Census are set out in Annex 2.

- (7) To meet the needs of parents who cannot take care of their children temporarily because of work or other reasons, SWD has been providing a variety of child care services through non-governmental organisations, including child care centre service, occasional child care service, extended hours child care service, Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, the fee waiving subsidy scheme under the After School Care Programme, etc.

Single parent families receiving CSSA

District ^[Note]	Number of 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.

The ratio of single mothers to single fathers

District \ Sex	Male (single fathers)		Female (single mothers)		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

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0901****(Question Serial No. 4464)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 389):

Please provide the number of cases applying for Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) which involved domestic violence over the past 5 years with 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 1 520 applications for CLEIC from 2009-10 to 2013-14, there were 52 cases involving domestic violence. A breakdown of the number of victims by gender and age group is as follows –

Year	Age Group										Total
	0-15		16-30		31-45		46-60		60+		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
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	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	6
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	8
Total	-	2	2	7	3	16	1	9	3	9	52

M – Male

F – Female

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4465)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 390):

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 2014-15? 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 has since 2006 collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise the two-year EN Training Programme for the Welfare Sector. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 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. Another 900 training places will be offered in the coming years. Details on application and class schedules are being worked out. The estimated total cost of these 900 training places is \$129.7 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4466)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 391):

What was the expenditure involved in implementing the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) from 2012-13 to 2013-14? 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 2012-13 and 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department organised a total of four classes under the EN Training Programme (two classes for 2012-13 and another two classes for 2013-14), providing altogether 640 training places (320 for 2012-13 and another 320 for 2013-14). The expenditure of the EN Training Programme for these two financial years is \$24.6 million and \$27.6 million respectively. As the students enrolled on these classes 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 over 90% of the graduates of the first seven classes have entered to work in the welfare sector upon graduation.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4467)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 392):

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 –

- (1) How many of the spouse battering and child abuse cases handled in 2012-13 and 2013-14 have been arranged for risk assessment?
- (2) How many cases required consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist after risk assessment? Do they need to waitlist for the service? If yes, how long is the waitlisting time?
- (3) What is the male-to-female ratio of the individuals under risk assessment?
- (4) If consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist is necessary, how long does it take to follow up? What is the expenditure involved?
- (5) Besides consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist, what other services are necessary? Please give specific details and list the expenditure of each item.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Risk assessment was conducted for all new child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. In 2012-13 and 2013-14 (April to December 2013), risk assessment was conducted for 2 905 and 2 187 cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD respectively. Ongoing risk assessment is made by case social workers in the process of case handling.
- (2) Amongst the 2 905 and 2 187 cases mentioned in (1) above, 451 cases and 319 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 4 to 6 weeks. For high risk cases, urgent appointments can be arranged within a week. SWD has no available statistical information on the number of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases requiring psychiatric services.

- (3) In 2013, as recorded in the Child Protection Registry, the ratio of female to male victims receiving risk assessment is around 3:2. 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 receiving risk assessment is around 4:1.
- (4) The follow-up time by CPU of SWD for spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases depends on the complexity of the cases, ranging from six months to over three years. CPU provides services for service users with different needs. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the handling of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases. SWD does not have information on the services provided by psychiatrists as such services are not provided by the Department.
- (5) Welfare services, including counselling, refuge and child care services, financial and housing assistance, are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the handling of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0905

(Question Serial No. 4468)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 393):

What are the distribution and the respective proportion of the funding allocation for Social Security in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The breakdown of the funding allocation for Social Security in 2014-15 Estimate is as follows –

	\$ million	Percentage (%)
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	21,626 ^{Note}	53.8
Social Security Allowance Scheme	17,443 ^{Note}	43.4
Traffic Accident Victims Assistance	33	0.1
Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation	6	0.0
Other operating account expenses, e.g. personal emoluments, general departmental expenses, administrative support cost, etc.	1,072	2.7
Total	40,180	100

Note: Refers to recurrent expenditure in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4469)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 395):

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 2013-14 to save and make better use of resources? Will the Administration adopt any measures in 2014-15 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 the crime rate, the offenders' attitude, the courts' 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0907****(Question Serial No. 4470)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 396):

Regarding probation home, hostels for ex-offenders, reformatory school (RS) and remand home/place of refuge, what are the enrolment rates for 2013-14? What are the estimated enrolment rates for 2014-15?

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 (NGO) with subvention from SWD at various locations.

The enrolment rates of TMCJH and the hostels for ex-offenders are as follows –

Services	Enrolment rates (%) ^[Note]	
	2013-14	2014-15
TMCJH	43	43
Hostels for ex-offenders	Male	98
	Female	93

^[Note] The enrolment rates for 2014-15 are estimated on the basis of available figures of 2013-14 and are subject to various factors like crime rate, offenders' attitude, court disposals, family support, length of stay, etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4471)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 397):

Regarding probation service, hostels for ex-offenders, probation home and reformatory school (RS), what are the respective funding allocations for them in 2014-15? 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 2014-15 are \$158.3 million, \$101.9 million and \$8 million respectively.

The recidivism rate of offenders who received probation service in 2012-13 was 11%. For those who received probation home and RS services in TMCJH, their recidivism rates in 2012-13 were 8.9% and 8% respectively. The Social Welfare Department does not have the recidivism rates for those who stayed in hostels for ex-offenders.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4472)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 400):

What is the expenditure on prevention of elder abuse in 2014-15? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) 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 abuse cases of the elderly 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. In 2014-15, SWD has earmarked \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for services for the prevention and tackling of abuse of the elderly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4473)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 401):

Would the Administration consider enhancing the service quality of district elderly community centres (DECCs) by providing additional community nurse and allied health professional services?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

To achieve the policy objectives of promoting “Active Ageing” and “Ageing in Place”, DECCs provide elderly persons and their carers with diversified services and activities to take care of their psychological, social and learning needs. The 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 elderly persons.

Nursing and allied health professional services are provided for frail elderly persons who use residential care services or centre-based and home-based community care services. The majority of DECC users are not frail elderly persons.

Additional full-year recurrent funding has been earmarked for elderly centres to strengthen community support services for elderly persons and their carers, including –

- (a) some \$53 million per year for 41 DECCs and 119 Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) to employ more social workers for strengthening support for elderly persons living in the community;
- (b) some \$22 million per year for 41 DECCs to employ more social workers for enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers; and
- (c) some \$6.7 million per year to regularise the District-based Scheme on Carer Training whereby 211 subvented elderly centres (i.e. 41 DECCs and 170 NECs (including the 51 Social Centres for the Elderly which will be upgraded as NECs)) will organise training activities for carers.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4474)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 402):

In 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhanced the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly. Would the Administration please inform us of the following –

- (1) the outcome of the inspection and monitoring of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) in 2013-14;
- (2) the expenditure involved;
- (3) will the services be continued in 2014-15, and the estimated manpower required and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) SWD monitors the services of RCHEs and EHCCS through surprise visits for the former and scheduled and surprise visits for the latter, investigations into complaints, issuance of advisory/warning letters, etc.

In 2013-14 (up to end-January 2014), SWD conducted about 4 464 surprise inspections, investigated 225 complaints and issued 2 708 advisory letters and 295 warning letters in respect of RCHEs.

For the same period, SWD conducted 48 service monitoring visits to the 24 EHCCS teams including announced and unannounced inspections.

- (2) In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure for the monitoring of RCHEs and EHCCS was \$47 million.
- (3) In 2014-15, SWD will continue to monitor the service quality of RCHEs and EHCCS through 44 staff. The estimated expenditure involved is \$53 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4475)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 403):

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 –

- (1) What was the specific outcome of such services in 2013-14?
- (2) Will the services be continued in 2014-15? What are the details of the estimated manpower arrangement and expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

SWD has since 2008 allocated additional recurrent funding to all DECCs and NECs throughout the territory for employing additional social workers to enhance the outreaching service for hidden and vulnerable elderly persons. Arising from this service enhancement in 2008, the total number of additional social workers allocated to DECCs and NECs was 200. Since the implementation of the service, around 22 000 elderly persons have been identified and provided with follow-up service as appropriate.

From April to December 2013, over 1 900 hidden and vulnerable elderly persons were identified. This initiative will continue in 2014-15. As the recurrent provision for additional manpower has been included in the annual subvention of DECCs and NECs, there is no breakdown of the expenditure involved.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4476)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 404):

In the financial year 2014-15, what will be the manpower and expenditure incurred by Social Security Field Units (SSFUs)? What will be the expenditure incurred by training provided by the Social Welfare Department for social security staff, and what will be the content of the training programmes?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2014-15, the total number of posts in various grades in SSFUs will be about 1 450, and new posts may be created subject to the actual increase in CSSA caseload. The estimated expenditure involved will be \$530.4 million. Training programmes on professional knowledge and skills such as investigation and verification techniques, customer service and communication skills, legal knowledge and management skills, and so on will be provided for social security staff in 2014-15 at an estimated expenditure of \$0.7 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4477)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No: 406) :

Regarding the work on preserving and strengthening the families, would the Administration please provide the 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, 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 2014-15 (Estimate) is \$2,342.8 million.

SWD monitors 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. Family and child welfare service units of SWD have met the designated service objectives and achieved the respective performance standards.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4478)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 417):

What are the estimated number of applicants for Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the estimated expenditure involved for 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The estimated average number of OALA cases and expenditure in 2014-15 are 415 000 and \$12,328 million respectively. The expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of the allowance in 2014-15, which is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0916****(Question Serial No. 4479)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 418):

Please list the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases of different nature, including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others in 2012-13 and 2013-14 and the related government expenditure involved. What are the estimated numbers of cases under various categories and the expenditure involved in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The average number of CSSA cases per month and the expenditure by case nature in 2012-13 were as follows –

Case nature	2012-13	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	148 110	10,744
Permanent disability	17 772	1,374
Ill health	23 748	2,036
Single parent	29 868	2,896
Low-earnings	9 598	849
Unemployment	21 074	1,427
Others	6 290	446
Overall	256 460	19,773

The estimated average number of CSSA cases per month and the expenditure by case nature in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as follows –

Case nature	2013-14	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	148 000	10,766
Permanent disability	18 000	1,372
Ill health	24 000	2,069
Single parent	29 000	2,959
Low-earnings	9 000	806
Unemployment	20 000	1,332
Others	6 000	479
Overall	254 000	19,783

Case nature	2014-15	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	151 000	12,521
Permanent disability	18 000	1,600
Ill health	24 000	2,404
Single parent	29 000	3,364
Low-earnings	8 000	902
Unemployment	19 000	1,537
Others	6 000	536
Overall	255 000	22,864

The expenditure includes 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. The additional allowance for 2014-15 is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4480)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 419):

How many people were waitlisting for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (as at February) respectively? Please provide the information.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

In 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013), there were 22 546 and 6 272 elderly applicants on the waiting lists for subsidised C&A and NH places respectively.

In 2013-14 (as at end-January 2014), there were 23 558 and 6 335 elderly applicants on the waiting lists for subsidised C&A and NH places respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4481)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 420):

What is the number of additional subsidised residential care places in 2013-14? What is the percentage increase of subsidised residential care places as compared with 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

There were 611 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2013-14. The total number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2014-15 will increase by 4.5% when compared with the total number in 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0919****(Question Serial No. 4482)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 421):

For Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature, please provide in table form the number of recipients, gender, age distribution, marital status, level of education, number of children in their families, age distribution of their children (with breakdowns of aged 0-5, aged 5-10, aged 10-12, aged 12-14 and aged 15) as well as their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The breakdown of CSSA SP recipients and children of SP cases by selected profiles in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is provided in the following six tables –

Table 1: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2012-13			2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	8	355	363	6	339	345
25-29	54	1 058	1 112	52	1 048	1 100
30-39	513	7 369	7 882	457	7 056	7 513
40-49	1 307	11 466	12 773	1 186	10 734	11 920
50-59	1 824	2 993	4 817	1 675	2 808	4 483
60 and over	818	166	984	823	150	973
Total	4 524	23 407	27 931	4 199	22 135	26 334

Table 2: The number of CSSA SP recipients by marital status

Marital status	2012-13			2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	143	2 118	2 261	148	2 154	2 302
Married/Cohabited	1 201	2 155	3 356	1 057	2 172	3 229
Separated	820	3 904	4 724	767	3 655	4 422
Divorced	2 078	11 406	13 484	1 964	10 740	12 704
Widowed	282	3 824	4 106	263	3 414	3 677
Total	4 524	23 407	27 931	4 199	22 135	26 334

Table 3: The number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
No schooling/kindergarten	1 871	1 630
Primary	11 346	10 415
Lower Secondary	8 677	8 307
Upper Secondary	5 815	5 751
Post-secondary	222	231
Total	27 931	26 334

Table 4: The number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
1	16 649	15 765
2	9 153	8 581
3	1 773	1 651
4	297	274
5 and above	59	63
Total	27 931	26 334

Table 5: The number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of the children

Age of children	Number of children	
	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
0-4	5 072	5 063
5-9	9 321	9 128
10-11	5 030	4 847
12-14	9 561	9 068
15-21	13 056	11 441
Total	42 040	39 547

Table 6: Total monthly income of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly income

Type of monthly income	2012-13 (\$'000)	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) (\$'000)
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	23,751	21,863
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,217	1,255
Meals provided by other parties	64	53
Maintenance payment	3,568	3,757
Pension	139	136
Other income	155	229
Overall	28,895	27,293

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0920

(Question Serial No. 4483)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 422):

Please list by category of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases the number of CSSA cases in each District Council district in each of the past five years.

District Council district	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 –

The breakdown of CSSA cases by case nature and by geographical district from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is provided in the following tables –

Geographical district	2009-10 Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 402	255	271	226	132	376	75	3 737
Eastern	8 452	1 151	1 051	1 552	694	1 079	303	14 282
Islands	1 719	248	441	880	563	766	205	4 822
Kowloon City	8 038	686	1 146	1 416	490	1 409	282	13 467
Kwai Tsing	14 718	2 133	2 131	3 265	1 924	3 181	605	27 957
Kwun Tong	21 248	1 684	2 686	4 549	2 215	3 453	688	36 523
North	7 493	822	1 384	2 176	687	1 508	549	14 619
Sai Kung	4 163	872	1 032	1 407	827	945	336	9 582
Sha Tin	8 823	1 561	1 917	2 674	990	1 702	616	18 283
Sham Shui Po	14 054	1 064	2 398	2 753	1 249	3 915	593	26 026
Southern	5 354	1 175	678	738	408	405	217	8 975
Tai Po	5 762	482	997	1 171	352	789	253	9 806
Tsuen Wan	5 107	443	556	1 132	404	822	224	8 688
Tuen Mun	10 826	2 211	2 389	2 771	750	2 748	571	22 266
Wan Chai	1 377	89	152	113	56	324	89	2 200
Wong Tai Sin	13 024	1 202	1 795	2 801	1 472	2 028	416	22 738
Yau Tsim Mong	5 437	381	1 146	1 113	394	2 845	353	11 669
Yuen Long	12 427	1 730	2 965	5 168	1 854	4 246	792	29 182
Total	150 424	18 189	25 135	35 905	15 461	32 541	7 167	284 822

Geographical district	2010-11 Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 418	264	282	218	118	305	71	3 676
Eastern	8 615	1 160	1 080	1 514	627	1 019	308	14 323
Islands	1 714	237	432	888	524	669	215	4 679
Kowloon City	7 832	744	1 060	1 325	483	1 273	252	12 969
Kwai Tsing	14 873	2 252	2 183	3 073	1 766	2 725	579	27 451
Kwun Tong	21 685	1 643	2 841	4 544	2 085	3 161	736	36 695
North	7 787	934	1 325	2 087	615	1 420	513	14 681
Sai Kung	4 140	874	973	1 298	718	853	347	9 203
Sha Tin	8 930	1 477	1 933	2 502	886	1 505	626	17 859
Sham Shui Po	13 890	1 084	2 470	2 603	1 170	3 603	630	25 450
Southern	5 236	1 161	672	689	364	389	230	8 741
Tai Po	5 740	510	997	1 094	338	687	252	9 618
Tsuen Wan	5 134	436	594	1 055	394	679	234	8 526
Tuen Mun	11 116	2 209	2 294	2 512	665	2 382	573	21 751
Wan Chai	1 312	98	137	103	46	298	93	2 087
Wong Tai Sin	12 983	1 206	1 818	2 672	1 257	1 923	433	22 292
Yau Tsim Mong	5 361	363	1 143	1 054	344	2 614	371	11 250
Yuen Long	12 634	1 834	2 927	4 906	1 684	3 841	815	28 641
Total	151 400	18 486	25 161	34 137	14 084	29 346	7 278	279 892

Geographical district	2011-12 Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 325	231	281	186	88	293	61	3 465
Eastern	8 554	1 187	1 046	1 388	549	868	291	13 883
Islands	1 768	221	405	812	449	613	207	4 475
Kowloon City	7 745	836	1 014	1 203	405	1 164	250	12 617
Kwai Tsing	14 901	2 273	2 232	2 972	1 425	2 368	535	26 706
Kwun Tong	22 102	1 621	2 966	4 630	1 810	2 883	745	36 757
North	7 825	950	1 328	2 066	511	1 259	468	14 407
Sai Kung	4 297	873	919	1 229	576	782	355	9 031
Sha Tin	8 962	1 453	1 989	2 430	743	1 303	673	17 553
Sham Shui Po	13 768	1 075	2 465	2 404	951	3 277	605	24 545
Southern	5 066	1 185	728	661	324	331	205	8 500
Tai Po	5 963	505	985	1 073	294	609	246	9 675
Tsuen Wan	5 020	416	596	955	345	564	221	8 117
Tuen Mun	11 337	2 207	2 347	2 332	576	2 029	540	21 368
Wan Chai	1 264	83	129	99	30	254	105	1 964
Wong Tai Sin	13 020	1 145	1 851	2 592	1 054	1 688	422	21 772
Yau Tsim Mong	5 192	365	1 083	954	273	2 359	382	10 608
Yuen Long	12 647	1 744	2 824	4 585	1 360	3 428	772	27 360
Total	151 756	18 370	25 188	32 571	11 763	26 072	7 083	272 803

Geographical district	2012-13 Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 153	227	294	194	82	226	59	3 235
Eastern	8 399	1 210	973	1 311	444	769	278	13 384
Islands	1 767	199	383	746	365	539	186	4 185
Kowloon City	7 894	887	1 111	1 156	358	1 040	246	12 692
Kwai Tsing	14 968	2 236	2 264	2 879	1 200	2 065	488	26 100
Kwun Tong	22 260	1 576	3 037	4 430	1 533	2 729	734	36 299
North	7 815	955	1 299	1 847	438	1 107	504	13 965
Sai Kung	4 284	871	963	1 075	454	635	371	8 653
Sha Tin	8 970	1 436	1 949	2 225	609	1 214	621	17 024
Sham Shui Po	13 781	1 120	2 537	2 496	845	2 972	639	24 390
Southern	4 948	1 154	713	629	299	327	189	8 259
Tai Po	5 803	540	927	949	248	539	278	9 284
Tsuen Wan	4 920	449	593	860	301	456	231	7 810
Tuen Mun	11 296	2 167	2 232	2 125	515	1 739	503	20 577
Wan Chai	1 155	78	122	90	26	232	91	1 794
Wong Tai Sin	12 769	1 104	1 849	2 395	863	1 578	428	20 986
Yau Tsim Mong	5 254	384	1 089	940	247	2 158	402	10 474
Yuen Long	12 570	1 753	2 807	4 159	1 112	2 958	759	26 118
Total	151 006	18 346	25 142	30 506	9 939	23 283	7 007	265 229

Geographical district	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)							
	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 176	231	306	181	79	222	46	3 241
Eastern	8 219	1 215	918	1 229	409	750	244	12 984
Islands	1 730	189	393	710	330	513	160	4 025
Kowloon City	8 082	960	1 232	1 333	354	1 028	258	13 247
Kwai Tsing	14 879	2 270	2 228	2 647	1 067	1 769	484	25 344
Kwun Tong	21 766	1 561	3 011	4 231	1 382	2 452	709	35 112
North	7 705	970	1 239	1 755	399	1 001	463	13 532
Sai Kung	4 269	809	925	967	410	569	317	8 266
Sha Tin	8 923	1 480	1 966	2 219	536	1 096	572	16 792
Sham Shui Po	13 711	1 132	2 585	2 477	752	2 759	627	24 043
Southern	4 827	1 156	728	607	263	309	190	8 080
Tai Po	5 638	535	939	910	200	478	264	8 964
Tsuen Wan	4 804	483	599	784	255	432	227	7 584
Tuen Mun	11 339	2 183	2 180	2 045	484	1 509	475	20 215
Wan Chai	1 084	74	124	92	26	216	85	1 701
Wong Tai Sin	12 542	1 072	1 860	2 257	762	1 399	410	20 302
Yau Tsim Mong	5 146	387	1 090	919	215	1 941	401	10 099
Yuen Long	12 359	1 679	2 774	3 824	967	2 692	734	25 029
Total	149 199	18 386	25 097	29 187	8 890	21 135	6 666	258 560

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	541	13%
Bo Shek Mansion	59	22%
Broadview Garden	23	5%
Butterfly	1 254	24%
Chai Wan	402	25%
Chak On	489	27%
Cheung Ching	594	12%
Cheung Fat	379	31%
Cheung Hang	555	13%
Cheung Hong	1 348	16%
Cheung Kwai	57	13%
Cheung On	482	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	239	19%
Cheung Shan	154	10%
Cheung Wah	711	36%
Cheung Wang	822	19%
Ching Ho	1 915	27%
Cho Yiu Chuen	222	9%
Choi Fai	171	13%
Choi Fook	718	21%
Choi Ha	220	38%
Choi Hung	1 382	19%
Choi Ming Court	558	20%
Choi Tak	1 041	18%
Choi Wan (I)	745	13%
Choi Wan (II)	404	14%
Choi Ying	908	23%
Choi Yuen	1 251	25%
Chuk Yuen (North)	564	42%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 443	24%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	125	13%
Chun Shek	406	19%
Chung On	563	21%
Clague Garden Estate	75	14%
Easeful Court	52	10%
Fortune	758	36%
Fu Cheong	1 884	32%
Fu Heng	677	37%
Fu Shan	282	18%
Fu Shin	735	31%
Fu Tai	876	17%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Fu Tung	176	11%
Fuk Loi	536	17%
Fung Tak	656	51%
Fung Wah	126	33%
Fung Wo	213	15%
Grandeur Terrace	784	19%
Hau Tak	638	15%
Healthy Village	143	12%
Heng On	372	40%
High Prosperity Terrace	55	7%
Hin Keng	357	47%
Hin Yiu	208	26%
Hing Man	262	13%
Hing Tin	157	33%
Hing Tung	290	14%
Hing Wah (I)	449	20%
Hing Wah (II)	768	22%
Ho Man Tin	1 033	22%
Hoi Fu Court	803	29%
Hoi Lai	835	17%
Hong Tung	233	50%
Hung Hom	705	26%
Jat Min Chuen	472	13%
Ka Fuk	377	19%
Ka Wai Chuen	292	18%
Kai Ching	741	15%
Kai Tin	497	22%
Kai Yip	1050	25%
Kam Peng	50	20%
Kin Ming	1 297	19%
Kin Sang	174	30%
King Lam	685	42%
Ko Cheung Court	246	14%
Ko Yee	271	23%
Kwai Chung	2 925	22%
Kwai Fong	1 086	18%
Kwai Hing	138	39%
Kwai Luen	286	20%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 282	21%
Kwai Shing (West)	754	15%
Kwong Fuk	974	16%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Kwong Tin	328	14%
Kwong Yuen	576	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	208	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	699	15%
Lai King	669	16%
Lai Kok	778	28%
Lai On	272	21%
Lai Tak Tsuen	205	8%
Lai Yiu	420	15%
Lakeside Garden	26	11%
Lam Tin	667	22%
Lee On	618	17%
Lei Cheng Uk	597	47%
Lei Muk Shue	1 715	44%
Lei Tung	709	29%
Lei Yue Mun	765	24%
Lek Yuen	571	18%
Leung King	924	34%
Lok Fu	719	20%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	458	13%
Lok Wah (North)	312	11%
Lok Wah (South)	1 861	27%
Long Bin IH	125	25%
Long Ping	1 069	25%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	651	16%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	879	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	860	13%
Lung Hang	521	12%
Lung Tin	101	27%
Lung Yat	133	16%
Ma Hang	90	10%
Ma Tau Wai	399	19%
Mei Lam	703	17%
Mei Tin	1 343	21%
Mei Tung	370	26%
Ming Tak	265	18%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	228	11%
Model Housing	108	16%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	123	13%
Nam Cheong	269	37%
Nam Shan	605	23%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Nga Ning Court	55	13%
Ngan Wan	65	15%
Oi Man	804	13%
Oi Tung	1 130	29%
On Tin	120	17%
On Ting	1 035	21%
On Yam	782	15%
Pak Tin	1969	26%
Ping Shek	596	13%
Ping Tin	1 325	24%
Po Lam	560	29%
Po Tat	1 757	24%
Po Tin	2 227	35%
Pok Hong	465	39%
Prosperous Garden	92	14%
Sai Wan	60	9%
Sam Shing	254	14%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	874	22%
Sau Mau Ping	2 905	24%
Sha Kok	1 356	22%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	73	11%
Shan King	1 428	23%
Shatin Pass	237	19%
Shek Kip Mei	2167	25%
Shek Lei (I)	1016	21%
Shek Lei (II)	1824	23%
Shek Mun	364	19%
Shek Pai Wan	802	16%
Shek Wai Kok	985	16%
Shek Yam (East)	490	21%
Shek Yam	600	23%
Sheung Lok	159	47%
Sheung Tak	1014	18%
Shin Ming	378	19%
Shui Pin Wai	649	28%
Shun Lee	705	16%
Shun On	622	21%
Shun Tin	1 308	19%
Siu Sai Wan	694	12%
Sun Chui	1 031	16%
Sun Tin Wai	468	14%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Tai Hang Tung	600	30%
Tai Hing	1 844	22%
Tai Ping	90	29%
Tai Wo	794	40%
Tai Wo Hau	1 342	18%
Tai Yuen	759	16%
Tak Long	180	9%
Tak Tin	976	48%
Tin Chak	982	25%
Tin Ching	1 615	26%
Tin Heng	1 031	18%
Tin King	229	24%
Tin Ping	391	34%
Tin Shui	1 091	14%
Tin Tsz	810	25%
Tin Wah	877	24%
Tin Wan	639	21%
Tin Yan	1678	31%
Tin Yat	568	17%
Tin Yiu	1282	15%
Tin Yuet	1029	25%
Tsing Yi	269	37%
Tsui Lam	329	20%
Tsui Lok	134	42%
Tsui Ping (South)	661	14%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 576	47%
Tsui Wan	216	37%
Tsz Ching	1 950	24%
Tsz Hong	353	18%
Tsz Lok	1 241	20%
Tsz Man	380	19%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	26	11%
Tung Tau	1 014	43%
Tung Wui	416	32%
Un Chau	1 799	24%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 860	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 234	26%
Verbena Heights	196	21%
Wah Fu	1 111	12%
Wah Kwai	412	38%
Wah Lai	227	16%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate
Wah Ming	647	39%
Wah Sum	310	21%
Wan Hon	498	50%
Wan Tau Tong	292	45%
Wan Tsui	601	17%
Wang Tau Hom	795	14%
Wing Cheong	177	16%
Wo Che	910	15%
Wo Lok	398	21%
Wu King	481	11%
Yan On	452	18%
Yat Tung	2 000	17%
Yau Lai	1 805	21%
Yau Oi	1 407	15%
Yau Tong	899	25%
Yiu On	361	34%
Yiu Tung	799	16%
Yue Kwong Chuen	68	7%
Yue Wan	391	18%
Yung Shing Court	382	22%

(ii) The number of households on CSSA by nature of cases in each of public housing estates as at end-December 2013 was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	243	70	55	89	39	28	17	541
Bo Shek Mansion	55	-	1	1	2	-	-	59
Broadview Garden	14	2	-	4	2	-	1	23
Butterfly	792	61	121	163	17	82	18	1 254
Chai Wan	276	16	27	46	9	18	10	402
Chak On	336	11	33	76	1	29	3	489
Cheung Ching	336	35	41	84	31	58	9	594
Cheung Fat	244	32	28	35	8	29	3	379
Cheung Hang	336	46	42	48	31	43	9	555
Cheung Hong	890	68	84	151	37	95	23	1 348
Cheung Kwai	24	4	5	5	5	13	1	57
Cheung On	317	42	41	35	7	32	8	482
Cheung Sha Wan	155	4	13	39	15	8	5	239
Cheung Shan	97	10	9	12	13	8	5	154
Cheung Wah	433	27	71	88	29	49	14	711
Cheung Wang	365	67	86	126	55	110	13	822
Ching Ho	897	47	175	458	99	197	42	1 915

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Cho Yiu Chuen	165	9	10	13	11	13	1	222
Choi Fai	96	8	23	13	9	22	-	171
Choi Fook	375	18	42	148	42	77	16	718
Choi Ha	145	12	20	17	7	19	-	220
Choi Hung	865	45	121	183	59	88	21	1 382
Choi Ming Court	272	37	81	66	47	48	7	558
Choi Tak	602	23	53	233	26	75	29	1 041
Choi Wan (I)	387	41	88	116	30	61	22	745
Choi Wan (II)	216	10	42	71	19	37	9	404
Choi Ying	490	17	81	187	35	89	9	908
Choi Yuen	823	61	90	156	20	79	22	1 251
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	30	90	50	22	44	14	564
Chuk Yuen (South)	876	58	118	237	54	90	10	1 443
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	95	5	-	6	6	13	-	125
Chun Shek	255	18	43	47	12	26	5	406
Chung On	246	63	63	75	24	68	24	563
Clague Garden Estate	64	1	2	6	1	1	-	75
Easeful Court	16	1	5	15	5	8	2	52
Fortune	555	29	67	41	18	44	4	758
Fu Cheong	1 256	79	193	140	81	125	10	1 884
Fu Heng	401	55	114	48	15	37	7	677
Fu Shan	180	12	26	36	9	15	4	282
Fu Shin	430	36	93	98	16	47	15	735
Fu Tai	365	61	100	125	94	118	13	876
Fu Tung	83	9	23	34	13	13	1	176
Fuk Loi	365	28	51	56	9	19	8	536
Fung Tak	432	29	86	38	15	50	6	656
Fung Wah	79	11	13	8	2	9	4	126
Fung Wo	54	18	32	80	5	18	6	213
Grandeur Terrace	145	29	97	268	97	135	13	784
Hau Tak	353	45	78	74	30	49	9	638
Healthy Village	104	5	11	8	7	7	1	143
Heng On	194	32	46	47	14	19	20	372
High Prosperity Terrace	14	1	6	18	8	7	1	55
Hin Keng	198	20	40	40	17	30	12	357
Hin Yiu	103	13	29	43	5	13	2	208
Hing Man	121	26	21	49	22	19	4	262
Hing Tin	75	6	26	24	16	7	3	157
Hing Tung	172	21	25	35	17	19	1	290
Hing Wah (I)	261	56	34	39	22	34	3	449
Hing Wah (II)	503	48	46	111	20	36	4	768
Ho Man Tin	619	63	140	89	43	63	16	1 033
Hoi Fu Court	540	24	70	77	37	51	4	803

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Hoi Lai	282	41	95	188	105	115	9	835
Hong Tung	213	2	6	8	1	3	-	233
Hung Hom	484	24	59	68	16	43	11	705
Jat Min Chuen	356	17	36	22	11	24	6	472
Ka Fuk	244	29	20	36	12	31	5	377
Ka Wai Chuen	227	8	21	12	7	16	1	292
Kai Ching	320	26	69	206	28	75	17	741
Kai Tin	309	27	60	41	25	32	3	497
Kai Yip	753	31	69	128	11	46	12	1 050
Kam Peng	28	2	5	3	1	10	1	50
Kin Ming	406	98	213	288	116	158	18	1 297
Kin Sang	92	15	19	24	5	17	2	174
King Lam	448	48	76	42	12	52	7	685
Ko Cheung Court	47	10	28	82	36	32	11	246
Ko Yee	186	12	13	31	9	17	3	271
Kwai Chung	1 276	210	330	566	205	294	44	2 925
Kwai Fong	611	88	138	92	63	83	11	1 086
Kwai Hing	83	10	11	17	7	10	-	138
Kwai Luen	135	10	26	58	16	31	10	286
Kwai Shing (East)	764	80	132	119	68	101	18	1 282
Kwai Shing (West)	447	47	62	107	31	53	7	754
Kwong Fuk	507	71	111	164	26	72	23	974
Kwong Tin	178	13	46	43	21	19	8	328
Kwong Yuen	308	60	74	50	13	38	33	576
Kwun Lung Lau	117	7	20	23	19	21	1	208
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	487	22	64	40	31	51	4	699
Lai King	436	32	42	81	22	47	9	669
Lai Kok	480	39	75	102	21	49	12	778
Lai On	173	20	30	24	8	16	1	272
Lai Tak Tsuen	145	17	18	6	7	12	-	205
Lai Yiu	260	25	33	37	31	28	6	420
Lakeside Garden	16	2	3	2	2	-	1	26
Lam Tin	398	15	57	110	33	46	8	667
Lee On	287	58	111	78	23	52	9	618
Lei Cheng Uk	334	39	43	74	25	68	14	597
Lei Muk Shue	847	126	188	272	102	140	40	1 715
Lei Tung	403	62	65	99	14	39	27	709
Lei Yue Mun	418	27	88	124	40	59	9	765
Lek Yuen	318	42	59	84	15	32	21	571
Leung King	523	73	111	109	17	72	19	924
Lok Fu	388	68	84	89	24	60	6	719
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	20	38	24	13	38	1	458
Lok Wah (North)	154	19	40	44	13	36	6	312

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lok Wah (South)	1 427	48	105	165	12	84	20	1 861
Long Bin IH	24	11	24	9	1	55	1	125
Long Ping	548	54	115	187	37	103	25	1 069
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	317	17	59	120	28	94	16	651
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	493	58	97	130	30	56	15	879
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	418	59	104	143	39	80	17	860
Lung Hang	240	18	66	94	31	42	30	521
Lung Tin	59	11	8	10	1	12	-	101
Lung Yat	44	3	7	49	5	19	6	133
Ma Hang	45	4	13	10	7	10	1	90
Ma Tau Wai	212	26	33	87	9	27	5	399
Mei Lam	400	33	74	111	18	51	16	703
Mei Tin	501	68	166	340	89	135	44	1 343
Mei Tung	234	13	24	53	13	24	9	370
Ming Tak	169	15	22	30	12	14	3	265
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	15	10	7	10	-	228
Model Housing	54	9	9	12	12	11	1	108
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	7	7	8	2	8	1	123
Nam Cheong	171	13	31	24	9	21	-	269
Nam Shan	335	23	58	114	18	51	6	605
Nga Ning Court	22	-	8	9	7	7	2	55
Ngan Wan	31	2	5	15	6	4	2	65
Oi Man	405	51	83	146	46	65	8	804
Oi Tung	768	84	83	112	36	39	8	1 130
On Tin	24	3	6	44	20	18	5	120
On Ting	642	69	83	129	22	69	21	1 035
On Yam	460	55	61	72	61	58	15	782
Pak Tin	1 265	60	214	191	72	136	31	1 969
Ping Shek	395	28	42	59	20	46	6	596
Ping Tin	857	59	129	143	41	77	19	1 325
Po Lam	301	49	60	85	28	32	5	560
Po Tat	1 005	70	146	214	115	180	27	1 757
Po Tin	1 227	158	340	135	20	329	18	2 227
Pok Hong	274	13	67	66	13	23	9	465
Prosperous Garden	86	-	3	2	-	-	1	92
Sai Wan	25	3	9	8	8	6	1	60
Sam Shing	139	15	20	40	11	20	9	254
Sau Mau Ping (South)	439	19	81	182	46	83	24	874
Sau Mau Ping	1 767	141	268	293	159	234	43	2 905
Sha Kok	790	70	148	188	40	73	47	1 356
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	38	3	10	5	6	9	2	73
Shan King	814	93	161	192	37	102	29	1 428
Shatin Pass	116	4	25	58	7	23	4	237

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shek Kip Mei	1 273	70	220	331	60	176	37	2 167
Shek Lei (I)	616	80	74	132	33	64	17	1 016
Shek Lei (II)	957	107	175	249	117	175	44	1 824
Shek Mun	125	12	51	98	17	45	16	364
Shek Pai Wan	451	67	78	82	57	44	23	802
Shek Wai Kok	564	59	95	148	38	57	24	985
Shek Yam (East)	330	41	42	25	18	31	3	490
Shek Yam	371	44	49	58	37	33	8	600
Sheung Lok	129	8	5	8	1	7	1	159
Sheung Tak	550	54	115	112	87	83	13	1 014
Shin Ming	180	20	43	83	15	29	8	378
Shui Pin Wai	456	23	47	69	11	34	9	649
Shun Lee	438	28	56	93	22	57	11	705
Shun On	419	23	39	67	21	46	7	622
Shun Tin	836	49	119	148	46	94	16	1 308
Siu Sai Wan	300	80	86	123	41	59	5	694
Sun Chui	569	60	102	147	43	86	24	1 031
Sun Tin Wai	247	32	40	86	22	31	10	468
Tai Hang Tung	426	17	60	41	14	35	7	600
Tai Hing	1 210	93	140	200	47	125	29	1 844
Tai Ping	37	5	16	17	1	13	1	90
Tai Wo	546	38	88	53	11	44	14	794
Tai Wo Hau	766	97	131	159	59	100	30	1 342
Tai Yuen	353	50	131	95	44	71	15	759
Tak Long	77	7	33	26	4	29	4	180
Tak Tin	679	37	111	61	25	56	7	976
Tin Chak	443	53	127	173	49	119	18	982
Tin Ching	710	60	156	385	65	184	55	1 615
Tin Heng	201	41	139	300	141	187	22	1 031
Tin King	95	20	20	49	14	24	7	229
Tin Ping	209	21	48	54	17	35	7	391
Tin Shui	540	57	132	174	52	107	29	1 091
Tin Tsz	503	50	98	80	23	46	10	810
Tin Wah	486	51	112	101	31	82	14	877
Tin Wan	392	65	76	43	25	30	8	639
Tin Yan	843	82	199	298	32	206	18	1 678
Tin Yat	132	24	70	162	79	95	6	568
Tin Yiu	620	61	178	210	53	131	29	1 282
Tin Yuet	467	42	127	156	84	141	12	1 029
Tsing Yi	171	17	23	22	6	25	5	269
Tsui Lam	145	16	37	87	18	22	4	329
Tsui Lok	107	7	5	11	1	3	-	134
Tsui Ping (South)	432	29	60	65	29	41	5	661
Tsui Ping (North)	991	61	178	159	48	118	21	1 576

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsui Wan	122	29	17	23	5	17	3	216
Tsz Ching	1 265	67	178	174	106	141	19	1 950
Tsz Hong	111	13	42	82	52	49	4	353
Tsz Lok	799	50	109	135	51	83	14	1 241
Tsz Man	209	13	41	45	26	40	6	380
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	7	2	2	1	2	26
Tung Tau	650	53	94	105	27	74	11	1 014
Tung Wui	319	14	27	22	6	22	6	416
Un Chau	1 226	81	164	130	53	122	23	1 799
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 351	73	164	101	41	109	21	1 860
Upper Wong Tai Sin	779	78	115	115	60	78	9	1 234
Verbena Heights	153	5	17	6	2	11	2	196
Wah Fu	571	100	103	166	79	70	22	1 111
Wah Kwai	284	30	41	23	12	20	2	412
Wah Lai	98	20	29	40	15	21	4	227
Wah Ming	373	57	59	80	22	42	14	647
Wah Sum	170	31	29	28	21	28	3	310
Wan Hon	444	4	11	25	3	7	4	498
Wan Tau Tong	189	32	30	18	8	13	2	292
Wan Tsui	302	59	47	106	30	48	9	601
Wang Tau Hom	413	66	73	112	40	75	16	795
Wing Cheong	63	6	14	46	8	33	7	177
Wo Che	372	72	157	143	50	73	43	910
Wo Lok	247	22	42	47	11	22	7	398
Wu King	191	25	56	104	31	62	12	481
Yan On	179	18	54	113	10	60	18	452
Yat Tung	575	86	229	492	267	324	27	2 000
Yau Lai	956	34	163	380	98	146	28	1 805
Yau Oi	734	80	137	202	78	148	28	1 407
Yau Tong	512	44	101	102	73	56	11	899
Yiu On	164	33	73	48	8	20	15	361
Yiu Tung	507	64	81	70	32	43	2	799
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	6	8	2	2	10	1	68
Yue Wan	197	36	31	82	12	28	5	391
Yung Shing Court	213	27	39	27	25	48	3	382
Total	87 950	8 386	15 761	21 272	6 991	12 783	2 605	155 748

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 4485)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 261):

According to the Administration, additional subsidised residential care places are coming on stream. Please inform this Committee clearly of the following-

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 to move in? 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?

How many of these places are subsidised nursing home (NH) places provided by NGOs? When will the places be available for the elderly to move in? 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?

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 to move in? 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 numbers of additional subsidised NH places and C&A places to be provided from 2013-14 to 2016-17 are as follows –

Means	Number of Additional Subsidised Places		Estimated time of service commencement
	NH	C&A	
(1) Make use of the space in existing contract RCHEs	158 ^[Note 1]	1	2013-14 to 2014-15
(2) Set up new contract RCHEs	582 ^[Note 2]	66	2013-14 to 2016-17
(3) Purchase under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS)	219	N.A.	2014-15
(4) Make use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs	N.A.	168	2013-14 to 2014-15
(5) Purchase under EBPS	N.A.	600	2013-14 to 2014-15
(6) Purchase under Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (Pilot Scheme)	N.A.	400	2014-15
Total		2 194	

[Note 1] Two designated residential respite places will be provided, to be located in Kwai Tsing district.

[Note 2] Three designated residential respite places will be provided, to be located in Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan districts respectively.

These residential care places will be provided over the territory, except for those under the Pilot Scheme (i.e. item (6) above), which will be provided in Guangdong. The new contract RCHEs are located at Central and Western, Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan districts respectively. For the additional subsidised C&A places to be provided through EBPS, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) shall determine the exact number of bought places for each district with regard to the applications received and the demand for residential care places. SWD will also invite applications from self-financing RCHEs and NHs to provide NH places under NHPPS in 2014-15. As the exact location of the additional places under EBPS and NHPPS will be known only after the exercise, SWD cannot provide the location of such places at this stage. In 2014-15, the cost per place per month for C&A homes providing a continuum of care, NHs, private homes participating in EBPS and contract homes is \$14,085, \$20,519, \$9,506 and \$13,629 respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4486)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 262):

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 and nursing home places provided by non-governmental organisations, will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) also consider making a performance pledge that such places will be available for the elderly in three years' time? If yes, what will be the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, including whether the applicants have special preferences for the location, diet and religious background of the elderly home, whether they accept subsidised places provided under the bought place schemes, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rates of individual homes, etc. It would be difficult for SWD to estimate the waiting time and set a performance pledge on the time required for admission.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0924****(Question Serial No. 4487)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 263):

Would the Administration please provide the total number of elderly persons who had been put on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) places during the period from March 2013 to February 2014? How many of them were allocated NH places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waiting? What was their type of accommodation (residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs (including those participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)), public housing and private housing)?

	3/2012-2/2013	3/2013-2/2014
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		

Type of accommodation	Number of applicants	
	3/2012-2/2013	3/2013-2/2014
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:

As at end-January 2014, there were 6 335 elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised NH places. From March 2013 to January 2014, there were 9 262 elderly persons who had been on the waiting list for subsidised NH places. The number of elderly persons leaving the waiting list for various reasons during this period was as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of elderly persons
Allocated with places	801
Withdrawal of application	331
Passed away	1 568

The accommodation status of all the elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised NH places over a period is not available. However, the accommodation status of the 6 335 elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised NH places as at end-January 2014 was as follows –

Type of accommodation	Number of elderly persons
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	711
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	3 602
Public housing	826
Private housing	1 133
Others (e.g. hospital)	63
Total	6 335

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0925****(Question Serial No. 4488)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 264):

Would the Administration please provide the total number of elderly persons who had been put 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)) during the period from March 2012 to February 2014? How many of them were allocated subsidised C&A places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waiting? What was their type of accommodation (private RCHEs, public housing or private housing)? What was the average waiting time required in various districts (excluding the elderly persons who had chosen designated homes as their preference or those who were given priority for service admission due to exceptional circumstances)?

	3/2012-2/2013	3/2013-2/2014
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		

Type of accommodation	Number of applicants	
	3/2012-2/2013	3/2013-2/2014
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:

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 elderly persons 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.

As at end-January 2014, there were 23 558 elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places. From March 2012 to February 2013 and from March 2013 to January 2014, there were 35 127 and 34 736 elderly persons who had been on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places respectively. The number of elderly persons leaving the waiting list for various reasons during this period was as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of elderly persons	
	3/2012 – 2/2013	3/2013 – 1/2014
Allocated with places	4 386	3 858
Withdrawal of application	2 462	1 724
Passed away	3 259	3 017

The accommodation status of all the elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places over a period is not available. The accommodation status of the 22 314 and 23 558 elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places as at end-February 2013 and end-January 2014 was as follows –

Type of accommodation	Number of elderly persons	
	As at end-February 2013	As at end-January 2014
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	793	887
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	6 532	6 995
Public housing	8 542	8 958
Private housing	6 212	6 490
Others (e.g. hospital)	235	228
Total	22 314	23 558

All applicants for subsidised residential care places for the elderly 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 capture information on the number of applicants and the waiting time by district.

The average waiting time for admission to subsidised C&A places as at end-February 2013 and end-January 2014 respectively was as follows –

Type of C&A places	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past three months)	
	As at end-February 2013	As at end-January 2014
Overall	24	20
Subvented and contract homes	35	36
EBPS homes	8	8

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4489)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 265):

Regarding services for handling the problem of elder abuse, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2014-15? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) 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 abuse cases of the elderly 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. In 2014-15, SWD has earmarked \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on the prevention of domestic violence. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for services for the prevention and tackling of abuse of the elderly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4490)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 266):

Regarding services for handling the problem of child abuse, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2014-15? 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 2014-15, the total estimated expenditure for these services is \$2,342.8 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for tackling child abuse.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4491)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 267):

Regarding services for handling the problem of battering against women, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2014-15? 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 2014-15, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,342.8 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for handling the problem of battering against women.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0929****(Question Serial No. 4492)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 291):

Regarding the additional provision of foster care service and residential care service for children, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) a breakdown by region, namely, Hong Kong (HK) Island, Kowloon and the New Territories (NT), the present numbers of places and users of different types of foster care service and small group homes (SGHs);
- (2) the Administration's expenditure on different types of foster care service and SGHs in the past year, and the estimate for the same in the coming year; and
- (3) what initiatives the Administration will introduce for enhancement of relevant services in the coming year, e.g. higher incentives to attract more foster parents and allowing greater flexibility in service hours, in order to provide additional foster care service and residential care service for children?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Foster care service is not district-based. It is a non-institutional service delivered at foster parents' homes throughout the territory. There were 1 070 foster care places in 2013-14. As at 31 January 2014, the number of foster care service users was 43 on HK Island, 213 in Kowloon and 658 in the NT.

Regarding SGH service, the numbers of SGH places and children admitted by region (as at 31 December 2013) are set out as follows –

Region	Number of places	Number of children admitted
HK Island	152	143
Kowloon	296	284
NT	416	398
Total	864	825

- (2) The expenditure for foster care service and SGHs in 2013-14 is estimated to be \$123.9 million and \$168.8 million respectively. In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure is \$133.3 million for foster care service and \$183.2 million for SGHs.

- (3) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) raised the foster care allowance by about 30% in 2012-13. To recruit more suitable foster parents to provide residential care for the needy children, SWD will continue to publicise the service through various mass media and other channels.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4493)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 292):

It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Administration will provide training for social workers and professionals on a range of topics on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence in 2014. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) the number of social workers and professionals who received the above training in the past year, their ranks and the expenditure involved; and
- (2) the estimated number of training places and the estimated expenditure in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2013-14, 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 million. There is no breakdown of the participants by rank.
- (2) In 2014-15, SWD will provide about 6 900 training places for social workers and other professionals at an estimated cost of \$2 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4494)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 293):

It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Administration continues to launch publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (1) the details of and the relevant expenditure on such programmes in 2013;
- (2) the number of vulnerable families served under such programmes through telephone contacts, home visits and other outreaching services in the past year; and
- (3) the details of and the estimated expenditure on the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) In 2013-14, the expenditure for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$7.9 million, including a one-off allocation of \$ 2.9 million for the production of a new series of docudrama. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) made use of various media channels to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence and strengthening families. For example, a series of animations was produced to promote effective parenting. A new series of docudrama "The Moment II" was produced and broadcast on television to promote harmonious family life, love and care among family members as well as encouraging members of the public to seek assistance early when necessary. To encourage the public to reflect on the storylines of the docudrama, a photo competition in echoing the messages was launched in parallel. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have also been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.
- (2) 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 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. In 2012-13, 9 910 vulnerable families were engaged and referred to services of IFSCs/ISCs/FCPSUs/MSSUs or other community services. The corresponding figure in 2013-14 (April to December 2013) was 7 010. SWD will continue to provide the aforementioned services in 2014-15.

- (3) 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 the judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity work is conducted and volunteers are recruited to assist the service users. VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4495)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 294):

Please provide the expenditure incurred by Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) for organising groups and programmes in the past year and the estimate for the coming year.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

The expenditure for IFSCs in the 2013-14 (Revised Estimate) and the 2014-15 (Estimate) is \$841.2 million and \$880.4 million respectively. 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4496)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 295):

It can be seen from the Targets under this Programme that the Administration will not significantly increase the provision of 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:

In addition to the 32 additional places to be provided in 2014-15 in existing aided standalone CCCs under the administration of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), there are about 2 000 additional places provided for children aged below three in kindergarten-cum-child care centres under the administration of the Education Bureau in the 2013/14 school year. SWD will continue to monitor the demand for CCC service. As for OCCS, the utilisation rate increased to 73% between April and December 2013 after the reduction of places in 2011-12 arising from persistent low utilisation in previous years. SWD has deployed the savings from the reduction of places for the operators to conduct family support activities in the service units. Thus, SWD does not have plan to increase OCCS places.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4497)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 296):

Please provide the number of places, enrolment and utilisation rate of day child care centres (CCCs) and occasional child care service (OCCS) in the past year (2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In the 2013/14 school year, there are 690 places in aided standalone CCCs under the administration of the Social Welfare Department, and about 25 600 places in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) under the administration of the Education Bureau for children aged below three. As at the commencement of the current school year in September 2013, the numbers of children enrolled for aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs were 690 and about 20 000 respectively, and hence the average utilisation rates were 100% and 77% respectively. As for OCCS, there are currently 434 subvented places and the average utilisation rate was 73% between April and December 2013.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4498)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 297):

What was the expenditure for day child care centres (CCCs) and occasional child care service (OCCS) in the past year? What are the estimates for day CCCs, OCCS and mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In the 2013-14 (Revised Estimate), the expenditure for aided standalone CCCs and OCCS is \$4.8 million and \$20.5 million respectively. In the 2014-15 (Estimate), the expenditure for these two services is \$5 million and \$21.5 million respectively. For the subsidy scheme for MHCCCs, the expenditure in the 2014-15 (Estimate) is \$2 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0936****(Question Serial No. 4499)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 298):

If the reduction in the provision for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes is related to recipients' leaving the schemes, would the Administration please provide the number of cases that have left the schemes in 2013-14 and the estimated number of cases that will be able to leave the schemes in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The estimated expenditure (including the payment of one additional month of CSSA standard rates payment / SSA allowance subject to approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council) for both CSSA and SSA Schemes in 2014-15 is higher than that in 2013-14. Details are summarised in the table below –

	2013-14 Revised Estimate (\$ million)	2014-15 Estimate (\$ million)
CSSA Scheme	19,783	22,864
SSA Scheme	18,851	18,879

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4500)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 299):

Under this Programme, it is stated that the Administration will 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 –

- (1) the number and rank of social security staff (please state whether they are on civil service or non-civil service terms) who have received the training, and the expenditure involved in 2013-14;
- (2) the number of complaint cases against social security sections and the number of substantiated complaints in 2013-14; and
- (3) the number of training places for social security staff and the estimated expenditure in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2013-14, there were about 2 400 counts of social security staff participation in various training programmes organised by the Social Welfare Department, including 650 from the Social Security Officer Grade and 1 750 from the Social Security Assistant Grade. The staff members concerned were all employed on civil service permanent term. The expenditure of the training programmes was about \$0.5 million.
- (2) In 2013-14 (as at the end-December 2013), there were 76 complaints on social security services, seven of them were substantiated or partially substantiated.
- (3) In 2014-15, 2 710 training places will be provided for social security staff and the estimated expenditure of the training is about \$0.7 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0938

(Question Serial No. 4501)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 300):

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-

- (1) The reasons for the said difference between the two sectors?
- (2) The reasons for the difference getting larger in the estimate for 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) cannot draw any direct comparison between the average cost per place per month for residential services for persons with disabilities provided by the government sector and that for the subvented sector. The unit cost figures for the government sector reflect the full cost of services rendered by SWD which covers other non-cash expenditure such as depreciation, etc., while the unit cost figures for the subvented sector are the net total provision required after taking fee income into account.
- (2) SWD hived off the remaining two residential care homes for persons with disabilities to non-governmental organisations for operation in 2012-13. Since then, there is no cost figure relating to residential services for persons with disabilities in the government sector.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4502)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 301):

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, 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 2014-15 Estimate is \$2,342.8 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4503)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 302):

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 a funding allocation of about \$5 million per year. Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on the judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity work is conducted and volunteers are recruited to assist the service users. VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside Refuge Centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions. VSP targets to serve about 800 service users a year and there is no provision of residential places under the programme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4504)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 303):

I often receive complaints from the public about the poor attitude of social security staff. It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" under this Programme that training will be provided for social security staff. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (1) the contents and progress of the training as well as the expenditure and the manpower involved; and
- (2) the follow-up measures for improving the work attitude of the staff?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2014-15, 2 710 training places will be provided for social security staff including those for training programmes on customer service and communication skills to enhance their understanding on the needs of social security applicants and their awareness in working with 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 about \$0.7 million.
- (2) Apart from reviewing and updating the training programmes to meet the latest service needs, the Social Welfare Department will continue to provide advice, guidance and on-the-job training to frontline staff to enhance their work attitude.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4505)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 304):

As stated in the Indicators under this Programme, for all care-and-attention (C&A) homes, the cost per place per month in the 2014-15 Estimates is lower than that in 2013-14. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (1) the reasons for the relatively mild increase in the 2014-15 Estimates;
- (2) whether it has assessed the cost implications of inflation; and
- (3) the impact on service users if inflation is underestimated?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

There will be an increase in the cost per place per month for C&A places providing a continuum of care from \$13,225 in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate to \$14,085 in the 2014-15 Estimate. The estimated increase has taken into account the additional full-year recurrent funding allocated from 2014-15 onwards to the service providers of C&A homes for the purpose of strengthening their central administrative and supervisory support, increasing the provision for Other Charges and enabling them to recruit and retain paramedical staff more effectively or hire paramedical services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4506)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 305):

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 2013-14 Revised Estimate are all greater than those in 2014-15. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) The reasons why these figures are greater in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate than 2014-15; and
- (2) Will the Administration consider increasing the number of outreaching social work teams?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of cases served, cases closed having achieved case goal plan and clients identified in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate is the same as those in the 2014-15 Estimate.
- (2) The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for outreaching social work service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4507)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 306):

Regarding the integrated home care services (IHCS) under the Indicators of this Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee –

- (1) What are the numbers of service users of IHCS for both frail and ordinary cases in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively and the average waiting time for service in each district?
- (2) Why has the Administration estimated that the cost per case served per month will only increase by \$80 despite continuous inflation in the coming year?
- (3) Whether the Administration intends to let the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating IHCS bear the cost of inflation? If yes, what measures will be taken to ensure that the service quality can be maintained?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of service users of IHCS in 2014-15 is not yet available and that for 2013-14 is as follows –

	2013-14 (As at end-December 2013)
Number of service users of IHCS (Frail Cases)	1 354
Number of service users of IHCS (Ordinary Cases)	24 141

Frail elderly persons who have passed the standardised care need assessment may waitlist for IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services. As at end-January 2014, the average waiting time was about five months. The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services does not capture the waiting time for elderly persons waiting for IHCS (Ordinary Cases) which is non-frailty tested.

- (2) The subvention in the 2014-15 Estimate is based on the same level of Personal Emolument (PE) as in the 2013-14 Revised Estimate while Other Charges (OC) have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. Since OC forms 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 2014-15 may

be adjusted after the 2014-15 civil service pay adjustment, which will then be reflected in the unit cost in the 2014-15 Revised Estimate.

- (3) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations in meeting operating expenses.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4508)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 308):

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:

At present, there are five refuge centres for women (Refuge Centres) providing a total of 260 places. The Refuge Centres have exercised flexibility in admission with a view to meeting the service demand. There is a mutual referral mechanism among the refuge centres to ensure that women and children-in-need will not be denied access to the service owing to the shortage of places in any particular refuge centre which the victim approaches.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4509)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 309):

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 (FCSC) provide a total of 120 places of short-term accommodation for individuals and families facing domestic violence or in crisis, including the elderly. Besides, some subvented residential care homes for the elderly and nursing homes provide 65 places of emergency residential placement to offer temporary or short-term residential care service for elderly persons having urgent care needs, including elder abuse cases. In view of the fluctuating service demand, the number of placements required cannot be estimated. The above centres would exercise flexibility in providing services for needy elderly persons with a view to meeting the service demand.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0947****(Question Serial No. 4510)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 310):

Regarding the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP), are there any statistics that can be released? What are the resources involved in 2013-14 and 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The numbers of BIP participants are set out as follows –

Year	No. of Participants
2011-12	74
2012-13	71
2013-14	57

There is no breakdown of the 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4511)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 321):

How will the Administration help able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients become self-reliant? What is the expenditure involved in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

To encourage and assist able-bodied CSSA recipients to become self-reliant, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had been implementing various employment assistance programmes which were integrated to become the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) on 1 January 2013. The estimated expenditure for IEAPS in 2014-15 is \$108 million.

There is also the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the CSSA Scheme to encourage CSSA recipients, including able-bodied CSSA recipients, to seek and secure employment by disregarding the monthly earnings from employment of CSSA recipients up to a maximum of \$2,500 per month when assessing the amount of assistance payable to the recipients. The total amount of DE in 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013) was \$460.1 million.

To further encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment, SWD will implement a three-year pilot Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of the IEAPS to Secure Employment with effect from April 2014 with funding of \$226.6 million from the Community Care Fund.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4512)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 322):

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) has made use of various media channels and means to publicise the messages on prevention of domestic violence to the general public. In 2013-14, a new series of docudrama was jointly produced by SWD and the Radio Television Hong Kong and broadcast on television to promote harmonious family life, love and care among family members as well as encouraging members of the public to seek assistance early when necessary. To encourage the public to reflect on the storylines of the docudrama, a photo competition echoing the messages was launched in parallel. In addition, a series of animations was produced to promote effective parenting. The animations were broadcast in public transportation system, uploaded to the internet, and cast into DVDs cum educational booklets for wide distribution. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence and strengthening families were also organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. The Administration will build on the momentum of the docudrama and district programmes to promote the messages on combating domestic violence to the public.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4515)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 326):

What specific measures does the Government 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 for 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 (MCISC), Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), residential care placements for children, child care centres, etc.

To enhance support for the needy families, SWD has launched the Family Support Programme in 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 was also launched in June 2010 to enhance support for victims of domestic violence. Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on the judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and MCISC, and to accept direct applications from victims for services related to the judicial process and for training sessions.

The estimated total allocation for all the services mentioned above is \$2,342.8 million in 2014-15. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the service operators have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and to cope with the service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4516)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 327):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What specific plans does the Administration have to address the problem of long-term shortage of nurses in the welfare sector?
- (2) What were the numbers of applicants for each class of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in the past and the numbers of graduates who then became nurses after the classes?
- (3) 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 –

- (1) To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2006 collaborated with the Hospital Authority (HA) to organise the two-year EN Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 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. Separately, from 2014-15 onwards, the Administration will increase the annual recurrent funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to recruit and retain paramedical staff (including nurses) more effectively or to hire paramedical services. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs.
- (2) The numbers of applicants and graduates for each class of the EN Training Programme were set out in the Annex. Over 90% of the graduates of the first seven classes have entered the welfare sector upon graduation. SWD is following up the employment situation of the graduates of the remaining classes.
- (3) SWD will organise another 900 training places under the EN Training Programme in the coming years.

Class	Number of Applicants	Number of Graduates
1 st class	2 389	96
2 nd class	1 897	107
3 rd class	2 542	97
4 th class	2 328	146
5 th class	5 438 [Note]	99
6 th class		95
7 th class	4 578 [Note]	104
8 th class		102
9 th class	4 866 [Note]	130
10 th class		Not applicable as the trainees are still receiving training
11 th class		
12 th class		
13 th class		
14 th class		

[Note] Applications for the two classes were conducted together.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0952

(Question Serial No. 4517)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 328):

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 –

- (1) What is the existing manpower for conducting surprise inspections? What is the average number of inspections conducted each year?
- (2) How many non-compliant private RCHEs were prosecuted by the Government in the past 5 years?
- (3) 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 –

- (1) A multi-disciplinary team of 37 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 their service quality and compliance with statutory requirements. There are on average about 5 000 inspections conducted each year.
- (2) In the past five years, i.e. 2009-10 to 2013-14, 38 private RCHEs were prosecuted.
- (3) The Administration has already enhanced the manpower of LORCHE by creating three additional inspector posts in 2011-12 at an annual recurrent expenditure of \$0.8 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0953****(Question Serial No. 4518)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 329):

Please provide the number of fraud cases on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for the period from 2011 to 2014 with breakdown as follows –

Means/Financial year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
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 number of family members)			
Total			
Percentage of established fraud cases over the total number of active cases			
Amount involved			

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The number of CSSA fraud cases from 2011-12 to 2013-14 with breakdown by types was as follows –

Financial Year Type	2011- 2012	2012- 2013	2013-2014 (as at 31 December 2013)
Concealing or false claim of income	317	369	199
Concealing or false claim of total assets	262	426	234
Fraudulent claim for rent	59	78	43
Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence from Hong Kong or household conditions, etc.)	168	244	128
Total number of established fraud cases	806	1 117	604
Percentage of established fraud cases over the total number of active cases (%)	0.29	0.42	0.23
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	51.5	68.4	44.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0954****(Question Serial No. 4519)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 330):

Please list the number of households which are currently on 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).

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 in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	541	13%
Bo Shek Mansion	59	22%
Broadview Garden	23	5%
Butterfly	1254	24%
Chai Wan	402	25%
Chak On	489	27%
Cheung Ching	594	12%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate
Cheung Fat	379	31%
Cheung Hang	555	13%
Cheung Hong	1 348	16%
Cheung Kwai	57	13%
Cheung On	482	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	239	19%
Cheung Shan	154	10%
Cheung Wah	711	36%
Cheung Wang	822	19%
Ching Ho	1 915	27%
Cho Yiu Chuen	222	9%
Choi Fai	171	13%
Choi Fook	718	21%
Choi Ha	220	38%
Choi Hung	1 382	19%
Choi Ming Court	558	20%
Choi Tak	1 041	18%
Choi Wan (I)	745	13%
Choi Wan (II)	404	14%
Choi Ying	908	23%
Choi Yuen	1 251	25%
Chuk Yuen (North)	564	42%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 443	24%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	125	13%
Chun Shek	406	19%
Chung On	563	21%
Clague Garden Estate	75	14%
Easeful Court	52	10%
Fortune	758	36%
Fu Cheong	1 884	32%
Fu Heng	677	37%
Fu Shan	282	18%
Fu Shin	735	31%
Fu Tai	876	17%
Fu Tung	176	11%
Fuk Loi	536	17%
Fung Tak	656	51%
Fung Wah	126	33%
Fung Wo	213	15%
Grandeur Terrace	784	19%
Hau Tak	638	15%
Healthy Village	143	12%
Heng On	372	40%
High Prosperity Terrace	55	7%
Hin Keng	357	47%
Hin Yiu	208	26%
Hing Man	262	13%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate
Hing Tin	157	33%
Hing Tung	290	14%
Hing Wah (I)	449	20%
Hing Wah (II)	768	22%
Ho Man Tin	1 033	22%
Hoi Fu Court	803	29%
Hoi Lai	835	17%
Hong Tung	233	50%
Hung Hom	705	26%
Jat Min Chuen	472	13%
Ka Fuk	377	19%
Ka Wai Chuen	292	18%
Kai Ching	741	15%
Kai Tin	497	22%
Kai Yip	1 050	25%
Kam Peng	50	20%
Kin Ming	1 297	19%
Kin Sang	174	30%
King Lam	685	42%
Ko Cheung Court	246	14%
Ko Yee	271	23%
Kwai Chung	2 925	22%
Kwai Fong	1 086	18%
Kwai Hing	138	39%
Kwai Luen	286	20%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 282	21%
Kwai Shing (West)	754	15%
Kwong Fuk	974	16%
Kwong Tin	328	14%
Kwong Yuen	576	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	208	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	699	15%
Lai King	669	16%
Lai Kok	778	28%
Lai On	272	21%
Lai Tak Tsuen	205	8%
Lai Yiu	420	15%
Lakeside Garden	26	11%
Lam Tin	667	22%
Lee On	618	17%
Lei Cheng Uk	597	47%
Lei Muk Shue	1 715	44%
Lei Tung	709	29%
Lei Yue Mun	765	24%
Lek Yuen	571	18%
Leung King	924	34%
Lok Fu	719	20%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate
Lok Man Sun Chuen	458	13%
Lok Wah (North)	312	11%
Lok Wah (South)	1 861	27%
Long Bin IH	125	25%
Long Ping	1 069	25%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	651	16%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	879	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	860	13%
Lung Hang	521	12%
Lung Tin	101	27%
Lung Yat	133	16%
Ma Hang	90	10%
Ma Tau Wai	399	19%
Mei Lam	703	17%
Mei Tin	1 343	21%
Mei Tung	370	26%
Ming Tak	265	18%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	228	11%
Model Housing	108	16%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	123	13%
Nam Cheong	269	37%
Nam Shan	605	23%
Nga Ning Court	55	13%
Ngan Wan	65	15%
Oi Man	804	13%
Oi Tung	1 130	29%
On Tin	120	17%
On Ting	1 035	21%
On Yam	782	15%
Pak Tin	1 969	26%
Ping Shek	596	13%
Ping Tin	1 325	24%
Po Lam	560	29%
Po Tat	1 757	24%
Po Tin	2 227	35%
Pok Hong	465	39%
Prosperous Garden	92	14%
Sai Wan	60	9%
Sam Shing	254	14%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	874	22%
Sau Mau Ping	2 905	24%
Sha Kok	1 356	22%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	73	11%
Shan King	1 428	23%
Shatin Pass	237	19%
Shek Kip Mei	2 167	25%
Shek Lei (I)	1 016	21%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate
Shek Lei (II)	1 824	23%
Shek Mun	364	19%
Shek Pai Wan	802	16%
Shek Wai Kok	985	16%
Shek Yam (East)	490	21%
Shek Yam	600	23%
Sheung Lok	159	47%
Sheung Tak	1 014	18%
Shin Ming	378	19%
Shui Pin Wai	649	28%
Shun Lee	705	16%
Shun On	622	21%
Shun Tin	1 308	19%
Siu Sai Wan	694	12%
Sun Chui	1 031	16%
Sun Tin Wai	468	14%
Tai Hang Tung	600	30%
Tai Hing	1 844	22%
Tai Ping	90	29%
Tai Wo	794	40%
Tai Wo Hau	1 342	18%
Tai Yuen	759	16%
Tak Long	180	9%
Tak Tin	976	48%
Tin Chak	982	25%
Tin Ching	1 615	26%
Tin Heng	1 031	18%
Tin King	229	24%
Tin Ping	391	34%
Tin Shui	1 091	14%
Tin Tsz	810	25%
Tin Wah	877	24%
Tin Wan	639	21%
Tin Yan	1 678	31%
Tin Yat	568	17%
Tin Yiu	1 282	15%
Tin Yuet	1 029	25%
Tsing Yi	269	37%
Tsui Lam	329	20%
Tsui Lok	134	42%
Tsui Ping (South)	661	14%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 576	47%
Tsui Wan	216	37%
Tsz Ching	1 950	24%
Tsz Hong	353	18%
Tsz Lok	1 241	20%
Tsz Man	380	19%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in the public housing estate
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	26	11%
Tung Tau	1 014	43%
Tung Wui	416	32%
Un Chau	1 799	24%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 860	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 234	26%
Verbena Heights	196	21%
Wah Fu	1 111	12%
Wah Kwai	412	38%
Wah Lai	227	16%
Wah Ming	647	39%
Wah Sum	310	21%
Wan Hon	498	50%
Wan Tau Tong	292	45%
Wan Tsui	601	17%
Wang Tau Hom	795	14%
Wing Cheong	177	16%
Wo Che	910	15%
Wo Lok	398	21%
Wu King	481	11%
Yan On	452	18%
Yat Tung	2 000	17%
Yau Lai	1 805	21%
Yau Oi	1 407	15%
Yau Tong	899	25%
Yiu On	361	34%
Yiu Tung	799	16%
Yue Kwong Chuen	68	7%
Yue Wan	391	18%
Yung Shing Court	382	22%

(ii) The number of households on CSSA by nature of cases in each public housing estates in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	243	70	55	89	39	28	17	541
Bo Shek Mansion	55	-	1	1	2	-	-	59
Broadview Garden	14	2	-	4	2	-	1	23
Butterfly	792	61	121	163	17	82	18	1 254
Chai Wan	276	16	27	46	9	18	10	402
Chak On	336	11	33	76	1	29	3	489
Cheung Ching	336	35	41	84	31	58	9	594
Cheung Fat	244	32	28	35	8	29	3	379
Cheung Hang	336	46	42	48	31	43	9	555
Cheung Hong	890	68	84	151	37	95	23	1 348
Cheung Kwai	24	4	5	5	5	13	1	57

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Cheung On	317	42	41	35	7	32	8	482
Cheung Sha Wan	155	4	13	39	15	8	5	239
Cheung Shan	97	10	9	12	13	8	5	154
Cheung Wah	433	27	71	88	29	49	14	711
Cheung Wang	365	67	86	126	55	110	13	822
Ching Ho	897	47	175	458	99	197	42	1 915
Cho Yiu Chuen	165	9	10	13	11	13	1	222
Choi Fai	96	8	23	13	9	22	-	171
Choi Fook	375	18	42	148	42	77	16	718
Choi Ha	145	12	20	17	7	19	-	220
Choi Hung	865	45	121	183	59	88	21	1 382
Choi Ming Court	272	37	81	66	47	48	7	558
Choi Tak	602	23	53	233	26	75	29	1 041
Choi Wan (I)	387	41	88	116	30	61	22	745
Choi Wan (II)	216	10	42	71	19	37	9	404
Choi Ying	490	17	81	187	35	89	9	908
Choi Yuen	823	61	90	156	20	79	22	1 251
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	30	90	50	22	44	14	564
Chuk Yuen (South)	876	58	118	237	54	90	10	1 443
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	95	5	-	6	6	13	-	125
Chun Shek	255	18	43	47	12	26	5	406
Chung On	246	63	63	75	24	68	24	563
Clague Garden Estate	64	1	2	6	1	1	-	75
Easeful Court	16	1	5	15	5	8	2	52
Fortune	555	29	67	41	18	44	4	758
Fu Cheong	1 256	79	193	140	81	125	10	1 884
Fu Heng	401	55	114	48	15	37	7	677
Fu Shan	180	12	26	36	9	15	4	282
Fu Shin	430	36	93	98	16	47	15	735
Fu Tai	365	61	100	125	94	118	13	876
Fu Tung	83	9	23	34	13	13	1	176
Fuk Loi	365	28	51	56	9	19	8	536
Fung Tak	432	29	86	38	15	50	6	656
Fung Wah	79	11	13	8	2	9	4	126
Fung Wo	54	18	32	80	5	18	6	213
Grandeur Terrace	145	29	97	268	97	135	13	784
Hau Tak	353	45	78	74	30	49	9	638
Healthy Village	104	5	11	8	7	7	1	143
Heng On	194	32	46	47	14	19	20	372
High Prosperity Terrace	14	1	6	18	8	7	1	55
Hin Keng	198	20	40	40	17	30	12	357
Hin Yiu	103	13	29	43	5	13	2	208
Hing Man	121	26	21	49	22	19	4	262

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Hing Tin	75	6	26	24	16	7	3	157
Hing Tung	172	21	25	35	17	19	1	290
Hing Wah (I)	261	56	34	39	22	34	3	449
Hing Wah (II)	503	48	46	111	20	36	4	768
Ho Man Tin	619	63	140	89	43	63	16	1 033
Hoi Fu Court	540	24	70	77	37	51	4	803
Hoi Lai	282	41	95	188	105	115	9	835
Hong Tung	213	2	6	8	1	3	-	233
Hung Hom	484	24	59	68	16	43	11	705
Jat Min Chuen	356	17	36	22	11	24	6	472
Ka Fuk	244	29	20	36	12	31	5	377
Ka Wai Chuen	227	8	21	12	7	16	1	292
Kai Ching	320	26	69	206	28	75	17	741
Kai Tin	309	27	60	41	25	32	3	497
Kai Yip	753	31	69	128	11	46	12	1 050
Kam Peng	28	2	5	3	1	10	1	50
Kin Ming	406	98	213	288	116	158	18	1 297
Kin Sang	92	15	19	24	5	17	2	174
King Lam	448	48	76	42	12	52	7	685
Ko Cheung Court	47	10	28	82	36	32	11	246
Ko Yee	186	12	13	31	9	17	3	271
Kwai Chung	1 276	210	330	566	205	294	44	2 925
Kwai Fong	611	88	138	92	63	83	11	1 086
Kwai Hing	83	10	11	17	7	10	-	138
Kwai Luen	135	10	26	58	16	31	10	286
Kwai Shing (East)	764	80	132	119	68	101	18	1 282
Kwai Shing (West)	447	47	62	107	31	53	7	754
Kwong Fuk	507	71	111	164	26	72	23	974
Kwong Tin	178	13	46	43	21	19	8	328
Kwong Yuen	308	60	74	50	13	38	33	576
Kwun Lung Lau	117	7	20	23	19	21	1	208
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	487	22	64	40	31	51	4	699
Lai King	436	32	42	81	22	47	9	669
Lai Kok	480	39	75	102	21	49	12	778
Lai On	173	20	30	24	8	16	1	272
Lai Tak Tsuen	145	17	18	6	7	12	-	205
Lai Yiu	260	25	33	37	31	28	6	420
Lakeside Garden	16	2	3	2	2	-	1	26
Lam Tin	398	15	57	110	33	46	8	667
Lee On	287	58	111	78	23	52	9	618
Lei Cheng Uk	334	39	43	74	25	68	14	597
Lei Muk Shue	847	126	188	272	102	140	40	1 715
Lei Tung	403	62	65	99	14	39	27	709

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lei Yue Mun	418	27	88	124	40	59	9	765
Lek Yuen	318	42	59	84	15	32	21	571
Leung King	523	73	111	109	17	72	19	924
Lok Fu	388	68	84	89	24	60	6	719
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	20	38	24	13	38	1	458
Lok Wah (North)	154	19	40	44	13	36	6	312
Lok Wah (South)	1 427	48	105	165	12	84	20	1 861
Long Bin IH	24	11	24	9	1	55	1	125
Long Ping	548	54	115	187	37	103	25	1 069
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	317	17	59	120	28	94	16	651
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	493	58	97	130	30	56	15	879
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	418	59	104	143	39	80	17	860
Lung Hang	240	18	66	94	31	42	30	521
Lung Tin	59	11	8	10	1	12	-	101
Lung Yat	44	3	7	49	5	19	6	133
Ma Hang	45	4	13	10	7	10	1	90
Ma Tau Wai	212	26	33	87	9	27	5	399
Mei Lam	400	33	74	111	18	51	16	703
Mei Tin	501	68	166	340	89	135	44	1 343
Mei Tung	234	13	24	53	13	24	9	370
Ming Tak	169	15	22	30	12	14	3	265
Ming Wah Dai Ha	172	14	15	10	7	10	-	228
Model Housing	54	9	9	12	12	11	1	108
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	7	7	8	2	8	1	123
Nam Cheong	171	13	31	24	9	21	-	269
Nam Shan	335	23	58	114	18	51	6	605
Nga Ning Court	22	-	8	9	7	7	2	55
Ngan Wan	31	2	5	15	6	4	2	65
Oi Man	405	51	83	146	46	65	8	804
Oi Tung	768	84	83	112	36	39	8	1 130
On Tin	24	3	6	44	20	18	5	120
On Ting	642	69	83	129	22	69	21	1 035
On Yam	460	55	61	72	61	58	15	782
Pak Tin	1 265	60	214	191	72	136	31	1 969
Ping Shek	395	28	42	59	20	46	6	596
Ping Tin	857	59	129	143	41	77	19	1 325
Po Lam	301	49	60	85	28	32	5	560
Po Tat	1 005	70	146	214	115	180	27	1 757
Po Tin	1 227	158	340	135	20	329	18	2 227
Pok Hong	274	13	67	66	13	23	9	465
Prosperous Garden	86	-	3	2	-	-	1	92
Sai Wan	25	3	9	8	8	6	1	60
Sam Shing	139	15	20	40	11	20	9	254

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sau Mau Ping (South)	439	19	81	182	46	83	24	874
Sau Mau Ping	1 767	141	268	293	159	234	43	2 905
Sha Kok	790	70	148	188	40	73	47	1 356
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	38	3	10	5	6	9	2	73
Shan King	814	93	161	192	37	102	29	1 428
Shatin Pass	116	4	25	58	7	23	4	237
Shek Kip Mei	1 273	70	220	331	60	176	37	2 167
Shek Lei (I)	616	80	74	132	33	64	17	1 016
Shek Lei (II)	957	107	175	249	117	175	44	1 824
Shek Mun	125	12	51	98	17	45	16	364
Shek Pai Wan	451	67	78	82	57	44	23	802
Shek Wai Kok	564	59	95	148	38	57	24	985
Shek Yam (East)	330	41	42	25	18	31	3	490
Shek Yam	371	44	49	58	37	33	8	600
Sheung Lok	129	8	5	8	1	7	1	159
Sheung Tak	550	54	115	112	87	83	13	1 014
Shin Ming	180	20	43	83	15	29	8	378
Shui Pin Wai	456	23	47	69	11	34	9	649
Shun Lee	438	28	56	93	22	57	11	705
Shun On	419	23	39	67	21	46	7	622
Shun Tin	836	49	119	148	46	94	16	1 308
Siu Sai Wan	300	80	86	123	41	59	5	694
Sun Chui	569	60	102	147	43	86	24	1 031
Sun Tin Wai	247	32	40	86	22	31	10	468
Tai Hang Tung	426	17	60	41	14	35	7	600
Tai Hing	1 210	93	140	200	47	125	29	1 844
Tai Ping	37	5	16	17	1	13	1	90
Tai Wo	546	38	88	53	11	44	14	794
Tai Wo Hau	766	97	131	159	59	100	30	1 342
Tai Yuen	353	50	131	95	44	71	15	759
Tak Long	77	7	33	26	4	29	4	180
Tak Tin	679	37	111	61	25	56	7	976
Tin Chak	443	53	127	173	49	119	18	982
Tin Ching	710	60	156	385	65	184	55	1 615
Tin Heng	201	41	139	300	141	187	22	1 031
Tin King	95	20	20	49	14	24	7	229
Tin Ping	209	21	48	54	17	35	7	391
Tin Shui	540	57	132	174	52	107	29	1 091
Tin Tsz	503	50	98	80	23	46	10	810
Tin Wah	486	51	112	101	31	82	14	877
Tin Wan	392	65	76	43	25	30	8	639
Tin Yan	843	82	199	298	32	206	18	1 678
Tin Yat	132	24	70	162	79	95	6	568
Tin Yiu	620	61	178	210	53	131	29	1 282

Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tin Yuet	467	42	127	156	84	141	12	1 029
Tsing Yi	171	17	23	22	6	25	5	269
Tsui Lam	145	16	37	87	18	22	4	329
Tsui Lok	107	7	5	11	1	3	-	134
Tsui Ping (South)	432	29	60	65	29	41	5	661
Tsui Ping (North)	991	61	178	159	48	118	21	1 576
Tsui Wan	122	29	17	23	5	17	3	216
Tsz Ching	1 265	67	178	174	106	141	19	1 950
Tsz Hong	111	13	42	82	52	49	4	353
Tsz Lok	799	50	109	135	51	83	14	1 241
Tsz Man	209	13	41	45	26	40	6	380
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	-	7	2	2	1	2	26
Tung Tau	650	53	94	105	27	74	11	1 014
Tung Wui	319	14	27	22	6	22	6	416
Un Chau	1 226	81	164	130	53	122	23	1 799
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 351	73	164	101	41	109	21	1 860
Upper Wong Tai Sin	779	78	115	115	60	78	9	1 234
Verbena Heights	153	5	17	6	2	11	2	196
Wah Fu	571	100	103	166	79	70	22	1 111
Wah Kwai	284	30	41	23	12	20	2	412
Wah Lai	98	20	29	40	15	21	4	227
Wah Ming	373	57	59	80	22	42	14	647
Wah Sum	170	31	29	28	21	28	3	310
Wan Hon	444	4	11	25	3	7	4	498
Wan Tau Tong	189	32	30	18	8	13	2	292
Wan Tsui	302	59	47	106	30	48	9	601
Wang Tau Hom	413	66	73	112	40	75	16	795
Wing Cheong	63	6	14	46	8	33	7	177
Wo Che	372	72	157	143	50	73	43	910
Wo Lok	247	22	42	47	11	22	7	398
Wu King	191	25	56	104	31	62	12	481
Yan On	179	18	54	113	10	60	18	452
Yat Tung	575	86	229	492	267	324	27	2 000
Yau Lai	956	34	163	380	98	146	28	1 805
Yau Oi	734	80	137	202	78	148	28	1 407
Yau Tong	512	44	101	102	73	56	11	899
Yiu On	164	33	73	48	8	20	15	361
Yiu Tung	507	64	81	70	32	43	2	799
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	6	8	2	2	10	1	68
Yue Wan	197	36	31	82	12	28	5	391
Yung Shing Court	213	27	39	27	25	48	3	382
Total	87 950	8 386	15 761	21 272	6 991	12 783	2 605	155 748

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0955****(Question Serial No. 4520)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 331):

Please set out the current number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in each District Council district by category of CSSA.

District Council District	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Total								

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The breakdown of CSSA cases (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) by case nature and by geographical district as at end-December 2013 is provided as follows –

Geographical district	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 176	231	306	181	79	222	46	3 241
Eastern	8 219	1 215	918	1 229	409	750	244	12 984
Islands	1 730	189	393	710	330	513	160	4 025
Kowloon City	8 082	960	1 232	1 333	354	1 028	258	13 247
Kwai Tsing	14 879	2 270	2 228	2 647	1 067	1 769	484	25 344
Kwun Tong	21 766	1 561	3 011	4 231	1 382	2 452	709	35 112
North	7 705	970	1 239	1 755	399	1 001	463	13 532
Sai Kung	4 269	809	925	967	410	569	317	8 266
Sha Tin	8 923	1 480	1 966	2 219	536	1 096	572	16 792
Sham Shui Po	13 711	1 132	2 585	2 477	752	2 759	627	24 043
Southern	4 827	1 156	728	607	263	309	190	8 080
Tai Po	5 638	535	939	910	200	478	264	8 964
Tsuen Wan	4 804	483	599	784	255	432	227	7 584
Tuen Mun	11 339	2 183	2 180	2 045	484	1 509	475	20 215
Wan Chai	1 084	74	124	92	26	216	85	1 701
Wong Tai Sin	12 542	1 072	1 860	2 257	762	1 399	410	20 302
Yau Tsim Mong	5 146	387	1 090	919	215	1 941	401	10 099
Yuen Long	12 359	1 679	2 774	3 824	967	2 692	734	25 029
Total	149 199	18 386	25 097	29 187	8 890	21 135	6 666	258 560

The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0956****(Question Serial No. 4521)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 332):

Please provide information on the number of recipients under the unemployment and low-earnings case nature of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme with a breakdown by their gender, age group, duration of receiving CSSA, occupation, earnings from employment as well as residential district in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Statistics on CSSA recipients in unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are provided in the following tables –

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients in unemployment cases by gender

Gender	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Male	22 477	19 434
Female	17 737	15 406
Total	40 214	34 840

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients in unemployment cases by age group

Age group	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Under 15	8 926	7 780
15 – 19	4 164	3 370
20 – 29	2 058	1 767
30 – 39	3 872	3 318
40 – 49	7 439	6 353
50 – 59	11 799	10 496
60 or over	1 956	1 756
Total	40 214	34 840

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients in unemployment cases by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
1 or less	4 983	4 108
More than 1 - 2	3 674	3 278
More than 2 - 3	3 393	2 691
More than 3 - 4	3 858	2 655
More than 4 - 5	3 181	3 397
More than 5	21 125	18 711
Total	40 214	34 840

Duration of receiving CSSA refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA, regardless of whether there have been any changes in the recipients' employable status.

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients in unemployment cases by geographical district

District	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Central & Western	264	242
Eastern	1 257	1 218
Islands	1 367	1 272
Kowloon City	1 606	1 536
Kwai Tsing	3 993	3 182
Kwun Tong	5 390	4 749
North	2 031	1 834
Sai Kung	1 246	1 080
Sha Tin	2 379	1 994
Sham Shui Po	4 184	3 686
Southern	508	458
Tai Po	960	848
Tsuen Wan	792	705
Tuen Mun	2 813	2 354
Wan Chai	206	193
Wong Tai Sin	2 938	2 406
Yau Tsim Mong	2 350	1 996
Yuen Long	5 930	5 087
Total	40 214	34 840

Statistics on CSSA recipients with earnings from employment in unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles in 2012-13 and 2013-14 were in the following tables –

Table 5: Number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment in unemployment cases by occupation

Occupation	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Cleaner	458	470
Clerk	70	79
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	193	175
Delivery worker	393	407
Domestic helper/baby sitter	204	191
Driver	145	141
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 175	1 246
Salesperson	233	241
Waiter/waitress	266	264
Watchman/guard	141	120
Others	1 137	1 107
Total	4 415	4 441

Table 6: Number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment in unemployment cases by amount of earnings from employment

Earnings from employment	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Less than \$1,000	686	634
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 243	1 174
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	789	814
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	671	723
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	365	455
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	180	185
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	152	140
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	143	123
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	83	87
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	46	60
\$10,000 or above	57	46
Total	4 415	4 441

Statistics on CSSA recipients in low-earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles in 2012-13 and 2013-14 were in the following tables –

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients in low-earnings cases by gender

Gender	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Male	15 917	13 971
Female	16 347	14 231
Total	32 264	28 202

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients in low-earnings cases by age group

Age group	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Under 15	9 859	8 743
15 – 19	4 536	3 842
20 – 29	1 582	1 360
30 – 39	3 208	2 841
40 – 49	5 748	5 079
50 – 59	3 989	3 489
60 or above	3 342	2 848
Total	32 264	28 202

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients in low-earnings cases by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
1 or less	2 016	1 656
More than 1 - 2	2 084	1 866
More than 2 - 3	2 277	1 861
More than 3 - 4	2 541	1 950
More than 4 - 5	2 443	2 369
More than 5	20 903	18 500
Total	32 264	28 202

Duration of receiving CSSA refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA, regardless of whether there have been any changes in the recipients' employable status.

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients in low-earnings cases by geographical district

District	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Central & Western	286	286
Eastern	1 507	1 350
Islands	1 346	1 128
Kowloon City	1 169	1 094
Kwai Tsing	3 995	3 592
Kwun Tong	4 960	4 295
North	1 369	1 184
Sai Kung	1 557	1 337
Sha Tin	1 994	1 661
Sham Shui Po	2 590	2 257
Southern	904	813
Tai Po	778	630
Tsuen Wan	955	804
Tuen Mun	1 611	1 525
Wan Chai	87	83
Wong Tai Sin	2 631	2 268
Yau Tsim Mong	760	642
Yuen Long	3 765	3 253
Total	32 264	28 202

Statistics on CSSA recipients with earnings from employment in low-earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles in 2012-13 and 2013-14 were in the following tables –

Table 5: Number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment in low-earnings cases by occupation

Occupation	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Cleaner	1 180	944
Clerk	318	274
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	367	328
Delivery worker	537	478
Domestic helper/baby sitter	159	154
Driver	598	548
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	2 043	1 775
Salesperson	562	472
Waiter/waitress	518	471
Watchman/guard	815	689
Others	1 955	1 795
Total	9 052	7 928

Table 6: Number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment in low-earnings cases by amount of earnings from employment

Earnings from employment	2012-13	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)
Less than \$1,000	150	134
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	281	226
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	381	335
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	1 611	1 230
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	1 564	1 483
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	1 028	951
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	1 244	900
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 062	981
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	790	691
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	477	503
\$10,000 or above	464	494
Total	9 052	7 928

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0957****(Question Serial No. 4522)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 333):

What was the average monthly disregarded earnings (DE) for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients of unemployment and low-earnings case nature under the DE arrangement in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The average monthly DE for CSSA recipients under the unemployment and low-earnings categories in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 was set out as follows –

Year	Average monthly DE per CSSA recipients	
	Unemployment CSSA cases (\$)	Low-earnings CSSA cases (\$)
2011-12	1,597	2,317
2012-13	1,595	2,325
2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)	1,639	2,341

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0958****(Question Serial No. 4523)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 334):

Please provide a breakdown of the number of cases for which Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payment have been suspended in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively by nature of cases and the reasons. Please also provide the number of cases that have re-applied for CSSA by month and nature of cases in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases closed for the period from 2011-12 to 2013-14 by case nature and by reason for closure was as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2011-12						
	Reason for closure						
	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						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	71	10 971	257	247	2 744	165	14 455
Permanent disability	2	244	83	83	781	69	1 262
Ill health	4	433	65	295	1 458	168	2 423
Single parent	4	14	113	331	3 572	61	4 095
Low-earnings	1	3	68	156	2 369	30	2 627
Unemployment	18	119	159	1 339	3 319	290	5 244
Others	3	10	25	384	959	127	1 508
Total	103	11 794	770	2 835	15 202	910	31 614

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013)						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	19	8 003	157	139	2 828	129	11 275
Permanent disability	4	158	70	42	550	59	883
Ill health	8	328	53	188	1 142	111	1 830
Single parent	3	6	73	220	2 562	41	2 905
Low-earnings	-	5	47	79	1 615	27	1 773
Unemployment	2	95	136	731	2 384	181	3 529
Others	-	9	21	284	764	96	1 174
Total	36	8 604	557	1 683	11 845	644	23 369

The number of CSSA re-application cases for the period from 2011-12 to 2013-14 by case nature was as follows –

Year	Number of re-application cases							
	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
2011-2012	4 783	992	2 444	1 666	1 399	4 856	981	17 121
2012-2013	4 875	1 058	2 364	1 722	1 270	4 355	1 008	16 652
2013-2014 (up to end-December 2013)	3 285	778	1 804	1 291	862	2 939	800	11 759

Cases which have been on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4524)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (5) Services for Offenders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 335):

A number of cases involving mental patients committing suicide or homicide were reported in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. In this regard, would the Administration please advise the following -

- (1) In 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, how many adult probationers were in need of residential service?
- (2) In 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, what type of residential home/hostel were the adult probationers admitted to and the reasons for such arrangements?
- (3) In 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, 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?
- (4) Whether any probationers had been found missing while awaiting admission? If yes, how many such missing cases were there? and
- (5) 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4525)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 336):

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) continued to monitor the operation 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 Government please inform us of the following –

- (1) How many persons with suspected mental health problems and their families were served under this service in 2012-13 and 2013-14?
- (2) Will the Administration expand this service in 2014-15, e.g. increasing the number of the Community Mental Health Intervention Project Teams and their team members?
- (3) The expenditure involved in 2013-14 and the estimate for 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) & (2) A total of 22 717 and 21 199 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems and their families were served by ICCMWs in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to end-December 2013) respectively. SWD will continue to monitor the service provision of ICCMWs and keep in view the service demand in different districts for ongoing service improvement. At present, there is no plan to set up additional ICCMWs.
- (3) The total expenditure for ICCMWs in 2013-14 was over \$190 million. For 2014-15, additional full-year recurrent funding of \$9.3 million has been earmarked for the service.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4526)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 337):

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 decrease from 24 602 in 2013-14 to 24 557 in 2014-15 as a result of closure of secondary school in 2013.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4527)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 338):

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 collaboration 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. In 2014-15, special attention will be paid to enhance the After School Care Programme for children aged six to 12 through providing fee-waiving quotas for extended service hours on weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays; to oversee the planning of more cross-sectoral initiatives in after-school learning and support through matching grants under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged; to continue to monitor the implementation of pilot cyber youth outreaching projects; and to continue to assist with the implementation of Child Development Fund projects, both in the community and schools. The estimated financial provision in respect of services for young people in 2014-15 is \$1,737.9 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4530)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 353):

Regarding the enhancement of support services for youths at risk by setting up additional youth outreaching teams (YOTs), please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

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, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating YOTs have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The Social Welfare Department assesses and monitors the performance standards of subvented NGOs through their regular submission of reports as well as scheduled and surprise visits to their subvented service units to ensure service quality. The funding allocation for YOTs in the 2014-15 Estimate is \$127.2 million. The demand for youth outreaching services will be kept under review.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4531)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 357):

Regarding monitoring the implementation of pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOPs), please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned three non-governmental organisations (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 starting from August 2011. The NGOs have flexibility to deploy the funding in meeting 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 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 evaluative study on the effectiveness of the three PCYOPs, and to make recommendations on the way forward. The evaluative study will be completed by the end of 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4532)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 358):

Regarding monitoring the performance of the enhanced school social work (SSW) services, please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating SSW service have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The Social Welfare Department assesses and monitors the performance standards of subvented NGOs through their regular submission of reports as well as scheduled and surprise visits to their subvented service units to ensure service quality. The funding allocation for SSW service in the 2014-15 Estimate is \$321.5 million. The demand for SSW services will be kept under review.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 4534)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 360):

The Administration will continue to provide training for non-professional and professional staff serving demented elderly persons. Please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also inform this Committee of the number of clients and the funding required under this programme in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The training programmes to be conducted in 2014-15 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 persons 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)
2011-12	179	113	0.17
2012-13	281	175	0.27
2013-14 [#]	276	163	0.28

[#]The figures provided are Revised Estimates for the year.

In 2014-15, 480 training places (including 300 for non-professional staff and 180 for professional staff) will be provided. The estimated expenditure is \$0.3 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0967

(Question Serial No. 4535)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 361):

The Administration will continue to organise training workshops for the staff of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to enhance their skills. Please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to enhance the work in this area? Please also inform this Committee of the number of beneficiaries under this programme in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with the Department of Health (DH) and the 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 2014-15. 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 feedback from participants, trainers and discussion with stakeholders. SWD will keep in view the training needs of the RCHE staff and provide additional training workshops if needed. In the past 3 years, similar training was organised for about 5 260 RCHE staff.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0968****(Question Serial No. 4536)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 362):

The Administration will continue to organise the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme). Please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also inform this Committee of the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2006 collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise the two-year EN Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Another 900 training places will be offered in the coming years, with an estimated total cost of \$129.7 million. 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.

The numbers of graduates and the expenditures of the EN Training Programme for the past three years are as follows –

	Number of training places	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12	220	14.2
2012-13	320	24.6
2013-14	320	27.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4537)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 363):

The Administration will continue to help implement the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Pilot Scheme) for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also inform this Committee of the number of clients and the funding required under this programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme was launched in June 2010 to enhance the drug management capabilities of RCHEs and their staff. A sum of \$5 million has been earmarked for the Pilot Scheme for the first three years (i.e. from June 2010 to June 2013). To allow us time to conduct a comprehensive review on the Pilot Scheme, we have earmarked an additional \$1.4 million for extending the Scheme for one year (i.e. until July 2014) as a tide-over arrangement during the review period. About 7 450 residents of RCHEs have hitherto benefited from the Pilot Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0970****(Question Serial No. 4538)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 364):

The Administration will continue to convert subsidised residential care places in self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) into subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes to provide a continuum of care (COC). Please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also inform this Committee of the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past three years.

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 end-January 2014, 72 subvented residential care homes for the elderly had participated in the Conversion Programme to convert 10 125 places into 5 713 places providing COC. The estimated recurrent expenditure for these 5 713 places is \$965.6 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 2014-15 to provide additional subsidised C&A places with COC.

The numbers of beneficiaries and the expenditure required for the conversion in the past three years (up to 2013-14) were as follows –

Year	Number of C&A places providing COC as converted from S/C hostel, H/A, and C&A home places without COC	Expenditure required per annum (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	5 496	724.1
2012-13 (Actual)	5 496	826.9
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	5 713	906.6

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0971

(Question Serial No. 4539)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 365):

The Administration will continue to increase the proportion of subvented nursing home (NH) places in existing contract homes and provide more subvented NH places through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). Please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to enhance its work in this respect? Please also inform this Committee of the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past three years.

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 homes and the purchase of NH places from self-financing NHs under NHPPS. From 2011-12 to 2014-15, the numbers of additional NH places in existing contract homes and those provided under NHPPS as well as the actual/ estimated annual expenditure is as follows –

	Number of additional places				Actual/Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)			
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
(a) Subsidised NH places in existing contract homes	215	203	97	61	22.6	26.6	14.8	10.0
(b) Subsidised NH places through NHPPS	27	10	-	219	3.9	1.5	-	38.9
Total	242	213	97	280	26.5	28.1	14.8	48.9

The Operators have to comply with the services and staffing requirements committed in the contracts/service agreements signed with the Social Welfare Department by providing the required services and employing sufficient staff including nurses, care workers, other professional and non-professional staff for the delivery of services. From 2014-15 onwards, the continuum of care arrangement will be extended to five new contract homes. The Administration also proposes to provide additional annual funding of about \$6.8 million to raise the unit subsidy of all places under NHPPS to strengthen the care and support of these homes for the elderly concerned.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4540)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 366):

The Administration will continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Scheme). Please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also inform this Committee of the number of service users and the funding required under the Scheme in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Scheme, which is a three-year project funded by the Lotteries Fund starting in March 2011, aims to provide a new package of home care services for the elderly waiting for subsidised nursing home places so as to better meet their special needs and help relieve the pressure on their carers, thereby encouraging the elderly persons concerned to age in place. To facilitate its integration with the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services, the Scheme has been extended for one year till 28 February 2015. As at end-January 2014, a total of 701 elderly persons have been served since service commencement. The total expenditure of the Scheme is around \$71.6 million, including the estimated expenditure of \$16.8 million in 2014-15 (up to February 2015 when the Scheme will end).

Three service teams under the Scheme have been providing services for the eligible frail elderly persons in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Eastern and Kwai Tsing districts. The three service teams may flexibly deploy the funding in employing suitable staff to meet the operational needs, provided that the roles and duties of the case managers are taken up by professionals including social workers, nurses, physiotherapists or occupational therapists.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4541)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 367):

The Administration has provided additional subsidised long-term care 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. Please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2014-15, the Administration will make use of the space in the existing subvented RCHEs under the Conversion Programme to provide 71 additional care-and-attention places offering COC. The estimated annual allocation for these additional places is \$7.68 million. The Administration will continue to make full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs under the Conversion Programme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4542)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 368):

Regarding upgrading the quality of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and increasing their supply through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$122.7 million to raise the unit subsidy of all bought places under EBPS in 2014-15 to strengthen the care and support of these homes for the elderly concerned. We also plan to purchase 300 additional EA1 places in 2014-15. The estimated annual expenditure is about \$35.1 million. The Social Welfare Department will invite applications from private residential care homes for the elderly and select suitable homes through a quality-based assessment exercise. The Administration will continue to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places through a multi-pronged approach.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4543)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 369):

Regarding the provision of additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by setting up new contract homes, please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to enhance its work in this respect?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2014-15, two new contract residential care homes for the elderly, located in Sha Tin and Sham Shui Po respectively, will commence services, providing a total of 120 subsidised and 80 non-subsidised residential care places. Additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$19.6 million is earmarked for the services. The operators have to comply with the staffing requirements committed in the contracts 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4544)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 370):

Regarding strengthening the care for the infirm and demented elderly in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides Dementia Supplement (DS) and Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) for eligible RCHEs to take care of their residents with dementia and their frail elderly residents respectively.

DS has been provided as additional support for elderly persons with dementia in subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). The eligibility of elderly residents in subvented RCHEs for DS 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. With the DS allocation, the RCHEs concerned may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. In 2014-15, \$210.1 million will be provided for 253 eligible RCHEs in respect of about 5 000 beneficiaries.

ICS is an additional resource to support frail elderly persons 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 persons for ICS is confirmed by the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams of HA. 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, including the purchase of professional services. In 2014-15, \$100.5 million will be provided for 124 eligible RCHEs in respect of about 1 600 beneficiaries.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4545)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 371):

Regarding strengthening the care for elderly persons with dementia in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

To enhance support for elderly persons with dementia in DEs/DCUs, a funding allocation of \$15.7 million will be provided to DEs/DCUs by way of Dementia Supplement (DS) in 2014-15.

Based on the number of eligible cases in subvented residential care homes for the elderly as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority, the Social Welfare Department will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation for DS will be given to DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of elderly persons with dementia. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

With the funding allocation for DS, DEs/DCUs may 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 may also use DS to provide training programmes and services for elderly persons with dementia as well as support services for their carers as necessary. It is estimated that DS will be allocated to about 70 DEs/DCUs in 2014-15.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4546)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 372):

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 2014-15? Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4547)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 373):

Regarding the setting up of an additional neighbourhood elderly centre (NEC), please further elaborate on the details, location, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The new NEC, set up at Kai Ching Estate, Kowloon City, has commenced services since March 2014. With the additional subvention earmarked for NECs to employ more social workers with a view to strengthening the support provided for elderly persons living in the community, the annual recurrent funding for each NEC will be about \$2.6 million in 2014-15. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, operators of elderly centres have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and to meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0980****(Question Serial No. 4550)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 613):

Please inform this Committee clearly of the numbers of professional workers and supporting workers engaged by the International Social Service (ISS) Hong Kong (HK) Branch responsible for refugee services in the past five years and in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The numbers of professional workers and supporting workers engaged by the ISS HK Branch for operating the humanitarian assistance project for non-refoulement claimants in the past five years, i.e. the periods covered by the recent three service contracts are as follows -

Contract Period	Number of Professional Workers ^[Note]	Number of Supporting Workers
16 June 2009 - 31 July 2010	39	56
1 August 2010 - 11 September 2012	47	70
12 September 2012 - present	54	73

[Note] Professional workers include social workers, counsellors, senior social workers and senior counsellors

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4551)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 614):

Please inform this Committee clearly of the number of social workers and non-social workers at the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) responsible for family services in the past 5 years and in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The manpower provision for each IFSC, including supervisor, frontline social workers and support staff, is arranged having regard 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, including ISS-HK, have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and to meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4552)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 615):

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of elderly persons who have applied for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in the past year? How many of them have not been granted OALA for exceeding the income limit?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

As at end-December 2013, the number of OALA applications that had been and had not been approved were 410 043 and 28 310 respectively. The Social Welfare Department does not have the breakdown by applicants failing to meet the income limit.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4554)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 600):

Does the Government provide the elderly persons 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 persons (including those with cognitive impairment) living in the community through 67 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 24 enhanced home and community care services teams, 60 integrated home care services teams, three service teams under the Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

To further enhance the support for demented elderly persons residing in the community, Dementia Supplement has been provided for subsidised DEs/DCUs. With additional funding, DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services to enhance the training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as the support services for their carers as necessary.

The Elderly Health Service of the Department of Health will continue its efforts on dementia care as follows –

- (a) raising public awareness and providing education for elderly persons and their carers through various health education channels such as seminar, books, VCD/DVD and mass media on the dementia disease, modifiable risk factors and early symptoms of dementia, as well as carer support via Visiting Health Teams' training activities in various community settings; and
- (b) assessing elderly members' cognitive function at Elderly Health Centres and making referrals for specialist care if necessary. Cognitive assessment and monitoring by clinical psychologists, advice on coping with problems in daily life by occupational therapists and carer support are also given as appropriate.

From 2014-15, an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$22 million has been earmarked for 41 district elderly community centres to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0984****(Question Serial No. 4555)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 601):

What was the provision for the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) in the past five years?

What is the provision earmarked for the HKFYG in the coming year?

How many HKFYG centres are included for the provision earmarked in the coming year?

What is the respective share of each HKFYG centre or unit for the provision earmarked for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

1. The total subvention allocation for HKFYG in the past five years is set out below –

Year	Amount of subvention allocation (\$ million)
2009-10	\$179.6
2010-11	\$180.0
2011-12	\$192.7
2012-13	\$204.1
2013-14 (Provisional)	\$208.3

2. The provisional subvention allocation for HKFYG for 2014-15 is \$188 million.
3. In 2014-15, there are about 30 Agreement Service Units of HKFYG subvented under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS).
4. Under LSGSS, the subvention in respect of all the subvented service units under HKFYG is provided as a lump sum. HKFYG has flexibility to deploy the subvention to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4556)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 200):

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 including whether the applicants have special preferences for the location, diet and religious background of the elderly home, whether they accept subsidised places provided under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rates of individual homes, etc. It would be difficult for the Social Welfare Department to estimate the waiting time and set a performance pledge on the time required for admission.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4558)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 257):

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 waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly is affected by a number of factors, including whether the applicants have special preferences for the location, diet and religious background of the residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), whether they accept subsidised places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) / Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, and the turnover rates of individual homes, etc. The Administration has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of residential care places for the elderly. In the short run, places from private RCHEs and from self-financing homes will be purchased through EBPS and NHPPS respectively. In the medium-term, new contract homes will be built to increase the number of subsidised places, particularly places providing a higher level of nursing care. In the long run, suitable sites for new homes will be identified. The feasibility of incorporating residential care facilities into redevelopment projects, and converting vacant buildings into RCHEs, will also be explored.

Apart from the above measures, the Administration is implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses whereby non-governmental organisations (NGOs) owning land are encouraged to provide more diversified services, in particular elderly services, through redevelopment or expansion.

A pilot scheme to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights, an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong NGO), will be implemented in 2014-15 to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to live therein. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO.

The Chief Executive has, as stated in his 2014 Policy Address, tasked the Elderly Commission to explore the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly and to submit a report in one year's time and also to formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan within two years.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4559)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 258):

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 Government address this problem?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

With the support of the University Grants Committee (UGC), the student intakes of Bachelor of Science (Hons) Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Science (Hons) Physiotherapy 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 respectively in the 2012-15 triennium. The first-year first-degree places in nursing have also been increased by 40.

To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University has launched a two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and a two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme since January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage graduates from these two programmes to join the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in 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. 58 students completed the programmes in February 2014. The second cohort, with a total intake of 60 students, has started in January 2014.

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise a two-year Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector since 2006. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Another 900 training places will be offered in the coming years. 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.

Separately, from 2014-15 onwards, the Administration will increase the annual recurrent funding for NGOs to recruit and retain paramedical staff more effectively or to hire paramedical services. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs.

SWD will continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of the elderly service sector and formulate appropriate measures accordingly under the Chairmanship of the Secretary of Food and Health, the Steering Committee on Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development has been set up 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.

The Elderly Commission will formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan. In this connection, the Administration is separately implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Users (Special Scheme) whereby NGOs owning land are encouraged to provide more diversified services, particularly for the elderly and person with disabilities, through redevelopment or expansion on their sites. This Special Scheme will provide a basis for longer-term planning for premises and manpower for elderly services.

SWD will continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of the elderly service sector and formulate appropriate measures accordingly.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4560)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 259):

Has the Administration allocated additional resources to provide extra wage subsidy for organisations to employ nurses and paramedical professionals to alleviate the problem of manpower shortage?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

From 2014-15 onwards, the Administration will increase the annual recurrent funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to recruit and retain paramedical staff (including nurses) more effectively or to hire paramedical services. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4561)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 260):

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 persons to be conducted as early as possible?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Administration has since 2008-09 allocated an additional recurrent funding of \$18 million to 41 DECCs to enable them to recruit more social workers for strengthening their casework services, including counselling and referral services and the processing of applications for subsidised long-term care services for elderly persons. In the 2014-15 Estimates, an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$53 million has been earmarked for 41 DECCs and 119 Neighbourhood Elderly Centres to employ more social workers with a view to strengthening the support provided for elderly persons living in the community. The support services include enhancement in information dissemination, counselling services and the handling of care needs assessment and service applications.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5532)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 50):

How many people are participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme)? What is the average amount of subsidy received by each participant per month? What are the arrangements for attracting more elderly persons in need to participate in the Pilot Scheme in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme. The average monthly subsidy for each voucher holder is around \$5,100.

Based on the application dates for long-term care services under the Central Waiting List, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to invite eligible elderly persons, via their Responsible Workers (RWs), to join the Pilot Scheme. Promotional leaflets of the Pilot Scheme as well as a service catalogue consisting of the relevant information of all Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) have been produced by SWD to facilitate voucher holders to choose their desired service providers. Moreover, SWD will collaborate with the stakeholders, such as RWs and the RSPs, to organise district promotional activities and sharing forums to encourage more eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0991

(Question Serial No. 5533)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 51):

What are the arrangements made for implementing a Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GD) (Pilot Scheme) this year? How many people are expected to be participating?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

The Administration will launch a pilot scheme to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights, an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong non-governmental organisation (NGO)), to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to live therein. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO. Actual expenditure will depend on the number of intake of eligible elderly persons which is dictated by the wish and choice of the elderly persons concerned. The Social Welfare Department will start inviting eligible elderly persons to consider joining the pilot scheme in the second quarter of 2014 and start arranging placements from the third quarter of 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5534)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 52):

How many members are there in various types of elderly centres in 2013-14? Are there any changes when compared with the previous year?

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 end-December 2013 was about 220 000, representing an increase of about 10 000 over the corresponding number as at end-December 2012.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0993****(Question Serial No. 5759)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 70):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme under this Programme, would the Administration please advise the average time for new cases to be processed from application to payment for the past 2 years –

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14
Old age		
Permanent disability		
Ill health		
Single parent		
Low-earnings		
Unemployment		
Others		
Total		

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The average time for processing a new CSSA case in 2012-13 was 28 days, and the same average processing time (i.e. 28 days) is estimated for 2013-14. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the average processing time by case nature.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0994

(Question Serial No. 5760)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 71):

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme under this Programme, would the Department please advise the following –

1. How many CSSA cases last year involved recipients under the two age groups of aged 60-64 and 65 respectively?
2. Regarding the above question, please provide a breakdown by case nature.
3. How many of such cases are singleton households and households with two or more members respectively?
4. What are the household conditions of these cases? Please provide the information in the following table –

	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Recipient and household member(s) are both elderly persons		
Recipient is able-bodied/50% disabled		
Recipient is 100% disabled		
Recipient requires constant attendance (CA)		
Recipient with household member(s) who is/are old, disabled or medically certified to be in ill-health		
Household with able-bodied adult(s)		
Total		

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of CSSA cases with recipients aged 60-64 and aged 65 or above in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) were 26 207 and 133 875 respectively.
- (2) Among cases in (1) above, over 90% were old age cases.

- (3) The number of CSSA old age cases by number of eligible members in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

Number of eligible members	Number of old age case
1	111 168
2 or above	34 008
Total	145 176

- (4) Detailed breakdowns on the cases in (3) above are not readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5761)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 92):

It is stated under this Programme that "provision for 2014–15 is \$121.6 million (6.5%) lower than the revised estimate for 2013–14. This is mainly due to completion of the Programme Worker (PW) initiative." Would the Administration please advise the following –

1. How many PWs are involved under this Programme? How many organisations are involved? How much expenditure can thus be saved by the Department?
2. Has the Administration evaluated the impact of reduced PWs on the operation of relevant children and youth centres (CYCs) and integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs)? If yes, what are the details? How will the organisations fill the manpower gap?
3. Why has the Administration not made any adjustment on the Indicators under this Programme for the coming year upon reduction of PWs? Why is the Administration confident that relevant services can be maintained?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The PW initiative involved 91 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and about 2 500 PW posts. The financial provision for Social Welfare Department will be reduced by \$268 million with the completion of the PW initiative.
2. The PW posts are temporary and time-limited posts for CYCs and ICYSCs, and are not long-term posts of the centres. Termination of the posts will not affect the service and operation of the centres.
3. The Indicators under Young People Programme will not be affected by the completion of the PW initiative. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5763)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 84):

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitored the implementation of the scheme of providing financial incentive for mentors of employees with disabilities. Please list by industry of applicant organisations the number of organisations employing persons with disabilities under the scheme, the number of mentors participating in the scheme and the total amount of financial incentive granted so far.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The scheme of providing financial incentive for mentors of employees with disabilities was launched in December 2012. As at end-March 2013, a total of 13 mentors participated in the scheme involving a total financial incentive payment of \$6,500. The total amount of financial incentive payment granted for 2013-14 is not yet available at this moment. SWD has not captured information on the industry of the applicant organisations.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5764)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 85):

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to implement and monitor the Financial Assistance Scheme for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in 2014-15. Please list by district the number of applications for the Financial Assistance Scheme for RCHDs and the financial assistance granted per year over the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

SWD received a total of 22 applications under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in the past three years and the numbers of applications by district are in the Annex. A total sum of \$481,000 has been approved as at end-February 2014.

Annex

District	Number of Applications
Kowloon City	1
Yau Tsim Mong	1
Sham Shui Po	5
Tai Po	1
North	4
Yuen Long	6
Kwai Tsing	2
Tuen Mun	2
Total:	22

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5765)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 86):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention" in 2014-15 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide financial support for self-help organisations of people with disabilities/chronic illnesses. What are the details of the plan? How many applications from self-help organisations of people with disabilities/chronic illnesses can be entertained at the most? What is the maximum amount of financial support each self-help organisation can possibly get? How much funding is involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

SWD has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$5.28 million for 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 self-help organisations of persons with disabilities and fostering the spirit of self-help and mutual support among persons with disabilities and their families. SWD is in the process of drawing up the implementation details of this initiative.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0999****(Question Serial No. 5766)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 87):

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to implement the pilot Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in 2014-15. Please list by the 18 districts the number of private RCHD places under BPS and the number of inspections conducted on RCHDs participating in BPS in 2013-14. What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

SWD has since October 2010 launched a 4-year pilot BPS for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. As at end-February 2014, SWD had purchased 245 BPS places from 6 private RCHDs, with the distribution of places by district as follows –

District	Number of BPS Places
Kowloon City	132
Sham Shui Po	50
Yuen Long	21
Tuen Mun	42
Total	245

The Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities conducted a total of 72 inspection visits to the 6 BPS homes during the period from April 2013 to February 2014. The Scheme will be regularised in 2014-15 and a full-year funding of \$40.4 million has been earmarked for the purpose.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1000****(Question Serial No. 5767)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 94):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department will continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme). Would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (1) Please list the number of participants under the Pilot Scheme, with breakdowns by district, age of elderly participants and whether they have been on the waiting list for residential care services (RCS);
- (2) Please list by service nature the top five service items most frequently used by service users participating in the Pilot Scheme; and
- (3) Please list the names of organisations participating and providing services under the Pilot Scheme by constituency, and the expenditure involved so far.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- (1) The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme. Among them, 877 voucher holders were on the waiting list for subsidised RCS. The geographical distribution of the voucher holders is set out at Annex 1 and their age distribution is provided below –

Age	Number of voucher holders
60-69	82
70-79	250
80-89	483
90 and above	114
Total	929

- (2) The major types of services used by the voucher holders include rehabilitation exercise, personal care, basic and special nursing care, meal delivery service and transportation and escort service.
- (3) There are 62 Recognised Service providers (RSPs) operated by 31 organisations (29 non-governmental organisations and two social enterprises) under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. As at end-February 2014, 57 out of 62 RSPs are providing services. The geographical distribution of these RSPs is set out in Annex 2. The Government's subsidy to the Pilot Scheme from September 2013 to December 2013 was around \$3 million, and \$102 million was reserved as seed money for the RSPs to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment under the Pilot Scheme.

**Geographical distribution of voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme
(as at end-February 2014)**

District	Number of voucher holders
Eastern	175
Kwun Tong	154
Wong Tai Sin	106
Sham Shui Po (including Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong)	89
Sha Tin	165
Tai Po	76
Tsuen Wan	63
Tuen Mun	101
Total	929

**Geographical distribution of the RSPs
providing services to voucher holders
(as at end-February 2014)**

District	Organisation	Unit
Eastern	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	TWGHs Full Life Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	Viva - North Point Centre
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Y Care (Eastern District)
	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod	Lutheran Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly
	Haven of Hope Christian Service	Day Care cum Rehabilitation Centre for Elderly (Hong Kong East)
	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	Epworth Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	Methodist Centre	Methodist Community Care Centre Eastern)
	St. James' Settlement	E-Home Plus
Kwun Tong	Yan Oi Tong	Yan Oi Tong Clarea Au Eldergarten
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	TWGHs Henry G.Leong Community Support Centre for the Elderly
	Po Leung Kuk	Fong Tam Yuen Leung Health Enhancement Centre for the Senior
		BMCPC Life Education and Elderly Support Centre
		Siu Ming Memorial Home cum Care & Attention Unit / Wellness Centre for the Dementia
	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	Yau Tong Day Care Centre For The Elderly
	Hong Kong Christian Service	Delightful Care - Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly
	The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	Cheng Tak Yim Day Rehabilitation and Care Centre
	Christian Family Service Centre	Mind Lock Memory & Cognitive Training Centre
Haven of Hope Christian Services	Lok Wah Day Care Centre for the Elderly	

District	Organisation	Unit
Wong Tai Sin	Chi Lin Nunnery	Chi Lin Day Care Centre For The Elderly
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	TWGHs Ho Tung Home for the Elderly – New Horizons Day Care Unit
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Centre of Wellness (East Kowloon)
	Christian Family Service Centre	Lively Elderly Day Training Centre
	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	East Kowloon Community Care Service
	Sik Sik Yuen	Ho Hing Health Care Services Centre
Sham Shui Po	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	TWGHs Ma Cheng Shuk Ying Home for the Elderly – Home@Community Support Unit
	Po Leung Kuk	Eco-Home for the Senior
		Sham Shui Po Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	Caritas - Hong Kong	Mutual Help Project (Day Care Centre)
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Y Care (Yau Yat Chuen)
	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	West Kowloon Community Care Service
	Pok Oi Hospital	Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Sham Shui Po)
	Neighbourhood Advice Action Council	Shamshuipo District Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly
Sha Tin	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	TWGHs Ma Hing Chou Home for the Elderly – Cheerful Day Care Unit
		TWGHs Chau Lin Graceful Day Care Centre for the Elderly
		TWGHs Connect Community Support Centre for the Elderly
	Po Leung Kuk	Tin Ka Ping Family Joy Centre
	Caritas - Hong Kong	Jockey Club Integrated Day Services Centre for the Elderly
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	Mrs Wong Yee Jar Jat Memorial Home for the Elderly
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	Kwan Fong Nim Chee Home for the Elderly 27 Chap Wai Kon Street, Shatin, New Territories
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Cyril and Amy Cheung Aged Care Complex
	The Salvation Army	Lung Hang Residence for Senior Citizens
	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, Social Service Head Office	ELCHK Shatin Caring Centre
Neighbourhood Advice Action Council	Shatin District Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly	

District	Organisation	Unit
Tai Po	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	TWGHs Pao Siu Loong Care and Attention Home – Top-Plus Day Care Unit
		TWGHs Wu York Yu Care and Attention Home – Top-Pro Community Support Unit
	The Salvation Army	Tai Po Integrated Home Care Services cum Day Care Centre For Senior Citizens
	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	Carewell - Home Care Services
	The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon	Lok Sin Tong Chu Ting Cheong Home for the Aged
	PA Company Limited	Jockey Club CADENZA Hub
Tsuen Wan	Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department	Yan Chai Hospital Community Care Service for the Elderly
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	Shek Wai Kok Home for the Elderly
	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Yee Tsuen Integrated Health Service Centre
	The Yuen Yuen Institute	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	Yan Oi Tong (Tuen Mun) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Tai Tung Pui Care and Attention Home – Amazing Mind Day Care Unit
	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, Social Service Head Office	ELCHK Tuen Mun West Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	Pok Oi Hospital	Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Tuen Mun)

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1001****(Question Serial No. 5768)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 95):

It is mentioned in the "Brief Description" that the Social Welfare Department adopts a computerised central allocation system for subsidised long-term care services which provides a single-entry point. Please list the latest number of persons on the waiting list by care level and type of service (residential or community care), and the number of elderly persons who passed away while on the waiting list in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

As at end-January 2014, the numbers of elderly persons waiting for subsidised residential care services and community care services were as follows –

Type of service	Number of elderly persons
Nursing home (NH)	6 335
Care-and-attention (C&A) home	23 558
Day Care (DC)	1 669
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)/Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC))	1 671

In 2013-14 (up to end-January 2014), the numbers of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for subsidised residential and community care services were as follows –

Type of service	Number of elderly persons
NH	1 367
C&A	2 452
DC	13
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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5769)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 96):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will implement a Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GD). What is the estimated funding involved? What is the average monthly cost per place purchased? In addition, will both EA1 and EA2 places be included in the places purchased? If yes, what will be the respective average cost per month?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

We will launch a pilot scheme to purchase places from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights, an elderly home in Shenzhen operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (a Hong Kong non-governmental organisation (NGO)), to provide an option for elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to choose to live therein. Similar arrangements are being discussed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly which is run by the Helping Hand, another Hong Kong NGO. Actual expenditure will depend on the number of intake of eligible elderly persons which is dictated by the wish and choice of the elderly persons concerned.

The monthly unit rate of charge for the places under the pilot scheme comprises the basic fees charged by the NGO on any service user for the same type of services, medical fees, and transportation and escort costs for the elderly person's return for periodic medical consultation in Hong Kong. The unit costs of the bought places depend on the care level of the relevant places concerned.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1003****(Question Serial No. 5770)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 97):

Regarding day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities launched in 2013-14, please list by constituency the number of places for day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities at present. Are there any complaints lodged to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for not being able to receive timely respite services? Please list the number of complaints by constituency. What was the expenditure involved in day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities last year?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The numbers of places for short-term day respite and residential respite for persons with disabilities in 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2013-14 are set out as follows –

District	Number of places (as at end-December 2013)	
	Day Respite Service	Residential Respite Service
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	44
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	8
Kwun Tong	5	23
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	31
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	13
Sham Shui Po	-	5
Sha Tin	10	20
Tai Po/North	10	20
Yuen Long	2	12
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	45
Tuen Mun	3	27
Total	44	248

Existing provisions for day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities have been subsumed under the recurrent subvention of the rehabilitation service units providing the services. SWD does not have a separate breakdown of the financial resources for the services. The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$23.8 million to provide an additional 442 places of short-term day and residential care services for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5771)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 98):

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention" in 2014-15 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will strengthen day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities. Please list by constituency the number of estimated additional places for day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities. How much funding is involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year funding of about \$23.8 million to provide 442 additional places of short-term day respite and residential respite for persons with disabilities aged six or above. Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, the Administration is unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this stage.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1005

(Question Serial No. 5772)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 99):

In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhanced the care and support services for ageing service users in 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 (WEP) and day activity centres (DACs) operating the Extended Care Programme (ECP). Please list by the above type of services the number of ageing service users at present and the details of services to be enhanced in 2014-15, as well as the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

There is at present no conclusive view in international studies or the medical sector on the definition of ageing persons with intellectual disabilities. It is believed that 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 individuals with intellectual disabilities. The age distribution of the service users in residential care and day training rehabilitation services as at end-December 2013 is set out at Annex.

Additional full-year recurrent funding of \$93 million has been earmarked to increase the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities (including DACs, SWs and IVRSCs) for strengthening the care and support for service users with ageing features. The improvement measure will be implemented in the third quarter of 2014-15.

Age Distribution of Service Users for Various Rehabilitation Services

Age	Number of service users (as at end-December 2013)							
	C&A/SD	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	SHOS	DAC	SW	IVRSC
15-19	19	4	11	-	5	32	21	25
20-29	232	192	416	68	98	1 102	775	976
30-39	150	575	968	199	142	1 352	1 296	1 091
40-49	164	706	929	136	198	1 098	1 360	1 143
50-59	186	615	756	119	129	861	1 257	1 027
60 or above	169	196	260	44	20	300	360	262
Total	920	2 288	3 340	566	592	4 745	5 069	4 524

Legend

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

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

SHOS – supported hostel

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6571)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.76):

Please advise:

1. The number and percentage of employees in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), their salaries and number of working hours, with a breakdown of public RCHEs and private RCHEs over the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2012 and 2011).
2. The number and percentage of employees in RCHEs, their salaries and number of working hours, with a breakdown by type of work (including health workers, nurses, care workers, social workers, medical practitioners, physiotherapists, etc.) over the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2012 and 2011).

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the manpower provision for all licensed RCHEs according to the statutory requirements as stipulated in the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459) and the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (Cap. 459A). The minimum requirements for each type of staff of the respective type of RCHEs are set out in Schedule 1 to Cap. 459A. Details are set out in the Annex.

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.

SWD does not capture information on the numbers and percentage of staff employed by subvented or private RCHEs, their salaries and working hours.

The minimum requirements for each type of staff of the respective type of RCHEs as set out in Schedule 1 to the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (Cap. 459A) are as follows –

Type of Staff	Type of Residential Care Home		
	Care and Attention 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 7a.m. and 6p.m.	1 ancillary worker for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 7a.m. and 6p.m.	1 ancillary worker for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 7a.m. and 6p.m.
Care worker	a. 1 care worker for every 20 residents or part thereof, between 7a.m. and 3p.m.;	No care worker required	No care worker required
	b. 1 care worker for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 3p.m. and 10p.m.;		
	c. 1 care worker for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 10p.m. and 7a.m.		
Health worker	Unless a nurse is present, 1 health worker for every 30 residents or part thereof, between 7a.m. and 6p.m.	Unless a nurse is present, 1 health worker for every 60 residents or part thereof	No health worker required
Nurse	Unless a health worker is present, 1 nurse for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 7a.m. and 6p.m.	Unless a health worker is present, 1 nurse	No nurse required

[Note] As an additional requirement for a care and attention home or an aged home, any 2 persons being a home manager, an ancillary worker, a care worker, a health worker or a nurse shall be on duty between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5682)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare, (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 46):

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 the implementation of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and the After School Care Programme (ASCP). What are the numbers of persons served and the total expenditure involved under both programmes over the past year?

The enhancement for these 2 programmes is also mentioned. Will they be enhanced by increasing the number of persons served or by additional funding allocation?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

From April to December 2013, the total number of children served under NSCCP was 7 861 and the expenditure for NSCCP in 2013-14 Revised Estimate is \$26.5 million.

ASCP is operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on a self-financing and fee charging basis. Through the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS), SWD provides fee waiving quotas for the operators to waive the charges for needy families when their children use the service. The utilisation of the fee waiving quotas in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was about 1 550 (out of a total of 1660 quotas available) and the provision for FWSS in 2013-14 is \$15 million.

The Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$4.8 million to enhance NSCCP. The enhancement project includes extending the age limit of children receiving the service from aged under six to aged under nine, increasing funding to operators to enhance social work support for the service, and providing at least 234 additional home-based child care service places.

To enhance ASCP service, additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$17 million has been earmarked for extending the service hours on weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays in some after-school care centres and providing an additional 360 full fee waiving quotas.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1008****(Question Serial No. 4755)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 162):

Regarding the engagement of agency workers, please provide the following information –

	2013-14 (the latest position)
Number of contracts with employment agencies	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()
Duration of service of each employment agency	()
Number of agency workers	()
Details of the positions held by agency workers	
Monthly salary range of agency workers	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
• under \$6,240	()
Length of service of agency workers	
• over 15 years	()
• 10 to 15 years	()
• 5 to 10 years	()
• 3 to 5 years	()
• 1 to 3 years	()
• under 1 year	()
Percentage of agency workers against the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of payments to employment agencies against total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	()
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()

	2013-14 (the latest position)
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 the change in percentage as compared with 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

For the period in question, the Social Welfare Department has not engaged any agency worker.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4756)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 163):

Regarding the engagement of outsourced workers, please provide the following information –

	2013-14 (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	
• over 15 years	()
• 10 to 15 years	()
• 5 to 10 years	()
• 3 to 5 years	()
• 1 to 3 years	()
• under 1 year	()
Percentage of outsourced workers against the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	()

	2013-14 (the latest position)
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()
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 2012-13

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Information on engaging outsourced workers by the Social Welfare Department for 2013-14 was as follows –

	2013-14 (up to 14 March 2014)
Number of outsourced service contracts	102 ^[Note 1] (+4.1%)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	\$216.6 million ^[Note 2] (+33.7%)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	1 to 3 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 to \$30,000 • \$8,001 to \$16,000 • \$6,501 to \$8,000 • \$6,240 to \$6,500 • under \$6,240 	Not available
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 15 years • 10 to 15 years • 5 to 10 years • 3 to 5 years • 1 to 3 years • under 1 year 	Not available
Percentage of outsourced workers against the total number of staff in the Department	Not available
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total staff costs of the Department	8.8% (+25.7%)
Number of outsourced workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	Not available

	2013-14 (up to 14 March 2014)
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	Not available
Number of outsourced workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	Not available
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	Not available
Number of outsourced workers with paid meal break Number of outsourced workers without paid meal break	Not available
Number of outsourced workers working 5 days per week Number of outsourced workers working 6 days per week	Not available

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease as compared with 2012-13

[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] Payment made in 2013-14 include payment for contracts awarded before 2013-14.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1010****(Question Serial No. 4757)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 164):

Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide the following information –

	2013-14 (the latest position)
Number of NCSC staff	()
Breakdown of the positions held by NCSC staff	
Salary expenditure of NCSC staff	()
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
• below \$6,240	()
Length of service of NCSC staff	
• over 15 years	()
• 10 to 15 years	()
• 5 to 10 years	()
• 3 to 5 years	()
• 1 to 3 years	()
• under 1 year	()
Number of NCSC staff successfully appointed as civil servants	()
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 who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	()
Number of NCSC staff with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()

	2013-14 (the latest position)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	()
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	()
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days per week	()
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days per week	()

() denotes the change in percentage as compared with 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Information on the full-time NCSC staff ^[Note 1] employed in SWD in 2013-14 (as at end-December 2013) was as follows –

	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	
Number of NCSC staff	121	(-42%)
Breakdown of the positions held by NCSC staff		
• Executive support and project management	35	(+17%)
• General and clerical support services	49	(-42%)
• IT support services	3	(-25%)
• Customer services and marketing work	12	(-85%)
• Health care and welfare services	22	(+214%)
Salary expenditure of NCSC staff (in \$ million)	28	(-10%)
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff		
• \$30,001 or above	7	(0%)
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	63	(+75%)
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	51	(-58%)
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	-	(-100%)
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	-	(Not applicable)
• below \$6,240	-	(Not applicable)
Length of service of NCSC staff		
• over 15 years	-	(0%)
• 10 to 15 years	20	(-38%)
• 5 to 10 years	26	(-68%)
• 3 to 5 years	11	(-72%)
• 1 to 3 years	34	(0%)
• under 1 year	30	(+30%)
Number of NCSC staff successfully 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.	
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in SWD	2.1%	(-47.5%)
Percentage of staff costs for NCSC staff against the total staff costs of SWD	1.5%	(-17%)
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	101	(Not available)
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid ^[Note 2] (in \$ million)	1.3	(Not available)
Number of NCSC staff with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF ^[Note 3]	101	(Not available)

	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF ^[Note 4] (in \$ million)	4.2	(Not available)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	119	(-42%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	2	(-33%)
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days per week Number of NCSC staff working 6 days per week	Currently, the majority of NCSC staff normally work 5 days per week depending on service nature and needs.	

Figures in () denote changes in percentage as compared with 2012-13 (position as at end-December 2012).

[Note 1] "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.

[Note 2] Referring to the amount of severance payment and long service payment disbursed to the NCSC staff after offsetting the accrued benefits derived from the employer's contributions made to MPF schemes for the employees and the contract gratuities disbursed to the NCSC staff, which when added to the employer's contributions to MPF schemes, equal to the rates as specified in the appointment letters.

[Note 3] Referring to the number of NCSC staff who had their severance payment and long service payment offset by the accrued benefits derived from the employer's contributions made to MPF schemes and the number of NCSC staff granted contract gratuity.

[Note 4] Referring to the amount of severance payment and long service payment offset by the accrued benefits derived from the employer's contributions made to MPF schemes for the employees and the employer's contributions made to MPF schemes for cases of contract gratuity.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5203)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 133):

Only 750 service vouchers were issued under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) during the three months from September to end December last year. What are the existing channels for issuing the service vouchers under the Pilot Scheme? How will the issuance of service vouchers be improved in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Based on the application dates for long-term care services under the Central Waiting List, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has issued letters to invite eligible elderly persons, via their Responsible Workers (RWs), to join the Pilot Scheme. As at end-February 2014, there were 929 voucher holders participating in the Pilot Scheme.

SWD will continue to invite eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme. Promotional leaflets of the Pilot Scheme as well as a service catalogue consisting of the relevant information of all Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) have been produced by SWD to facilitate voucher holders to choose their desired service providers. SWD will collaborate with the stakeholders, such as RWs and RSPs, to organise district promotional activities and sharing forums to encourage more eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5204)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 134):

The Lotteries Fund (LF) introduced a “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme last year, under which young people are recruited to provide care services at residential care homes for the elderly. It is claimed in the Policy Address that the Scheme has been well received. How many participants have been recruited under the Scheme? What are the median salary and number of working hours of the services? Please provide the specific purposes of the funding earmarked for expanding the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme was launched in 2013, funded by the Lotteries Fund, to provide 200 training places for young people to work in residential care homes for the elderly after consulting the Elderly Commission and received the support of the elderly services sector. As at mid-March 2014, there were a total of 136 young persons recruited. The median salary of the trainees is \$8,650 for working as care workers and \$10,431 as health workers or equivalent posts. The working hours range from 40 to 44 hours per week.

In the light of the positive response to the “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme under the elderly services, the Administration has planned to expand and extend it to cover rehabilitation services, providing an additional 1 000 places for young people who have graduated from Secondary 5 or Secondary 6 level. The total expenditure involved is approximately \$147 million. The Social Welfare Department will invite proposals from non-governmental organisations to operate the scheme. It is at the planning stage and details are being worked out.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5224)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 152):

Does the Social Welfare Department have any plan for constructing new district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

Currently, there are 41 DECCs, 119 NECs (including one new NEC set up in 2013-14) and 51 Social Centres for the Elderly (SEs) which together form a territory-wide social support network for elderly persons in the community.

Additional full-year recurrent funding has been earmarked for elderly centres to strengthen community support services for elderly persons and their carers, including –

- (a) some \$53 million per year for 41 DECCs and 119 NECs to employ more social workers for strengthening the support for elderly persons living in the community;
- (b) additional subvention of some \$82.5 million per year for 51 SEs to raise their standard of services to that of NECs, and to employ more social workers for service delivery;
- (c) some \$22 million per year for 41 DECCs to employ more social workers for enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers; and
- (d) some \$6.7 million per year to regularise the District-based Scheme on Carer Training whereby 211 subvented elderly centres i.e. 41 DECCs and 170 NECs (including the 51 SEs which will be upgraded as NECs, as referred to in (b) above) will organise training activities for carers.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5292)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 68):

What is the estimated expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on duty visits or exchange tours to the Mainland in 2014-15? Please inform this Committee of the themes of such duty visits or exchange tours to be conducted in the Mainland in 2014-15. How would the Administration avoid non-duty-related activities during duty visits? How would the Administration avoid the requirement to make applications for changing tour locations turning into a sheer formality?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

SWD arranges duty visits and exchange tours to the Mainland to enhance staff's understanding of the development of welfare services on the Mainland and strengthen cooperation with the Mainland in the realm of social welfare. For 2014-15, the budget for duty visits and exchange tours to the Mainland is about \$0.18 million.

Duty visits and exchange tours as arranged by SWD are subject to relevant government regulations and guidelines to ensure effective monitoring and proper use of public funds. The regulatory requirements are such that there should be justifiable operational needs for each duty visit; prior official approval must be obtained and non-duty-related activities should be avoided; at the time of application, the officer concerned must provide all necessary information about the proposed duty visit; if there are any subsequent changes to the visit arrangement, the officer concerned must inform the approving officer as soon as possible and the approving officer should assess the need to re-consider the application, etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5298)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for Elders
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 153):

What is the existing number of staff serving and providing integrated home care services (IHCS)? As the services of IHCS are hardly meeting the need, how will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) expand and enhance the services?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating IHCS have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

In addition to IHCS, the Administration also provides other community care and support services to facilitate frail elderly persons to age in the community. These include the Enhanced Home Care and Community Services, the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly which was launched in September 2013. The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for IHCS with a view to meeting the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1016****(Question Serial No. 5127)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 199):

Regarding “provide additional day care (DC) places for the elderly”, please inform this Committee of the following –

1. The number of places for day care centres for the elderly (DEs) or day care units for the elderly (DCUs) will increase from 2 752 in 2013-14 to 2 981 in 2014-15. Which districts will the additional places be located? Please provide the locations and the operating organisations of these DEs/DCUs, as well as the number of places provided by them.
2. What are the details of planned DEs under construction? What is the estimated number of additional units to be provided in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?
3. How many DEs, if any, are being planned and yet construction has not begun? What are the locations of the sites, the anticipated commencement dates and the estimated number of service places provided by these DEs, if any?
4. How long do elderly persons have to wait for DC services on average before service can be arranged at present? What was the average waiting time for the past three years?
5. The cost per place per month will increase from \$6,806 in 2012-13 to \$7,517 in 2014-15, an estimated percentage increase of over 10% in 2 years. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In 2014-15, an additional 229 DC places for the elderly are expected to commence service. The service operators and geographical distribution of these DC places are provided as follows –

Location and district	Service operator	DE/DCU	Number of DC places
Pok Hong Estate, Sha Tin	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs)	DE	47
Mei Tin Road, Tai Wai, Sha Tin	TWGHs	DCU	30
Shek Kip Mei Estate, Phase 2, Sham Shui Po	The Methodist Church, Hong Kong	DCU	32
Tseung Kwan O Area 65B, Sai Kung	To be confirmed	DE	60
Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Tsing	The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	DE	60
Total			229

2. The planned provision of additional DC places in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is as follows –

	Estimated year of service commencement		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Number of DC places	229	20	20

3. The sites earmarked for the construction of DEs/DCUs are as follows –

Location and district	Estimated number of places of DE/DCU
West Rail Long Ping Station (North), Long Ping, Yuen Long	DE: 60 DCU: 20
Ex-Kwong Choi Market, Tuen Mun	DE: 60
Anderson Road, Kwun Tong	DCU: 20
Ex-Kwai Chung Police Married Quarters, Kwai Chung	DCU: 20
Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui	DE: 40
Shek Mun, Sha Tin	DCU: 30

The number of places to be provided is a preliminary estimate and is subject to change. It is estimated that these places may commence service beyond 2018-19.

4. As at end-January 2014, the average waiting time for admission to DEs/DCUs was nine months. The average waiting time for admission from 2010-11 to 2012-13 was as follows –

As at the end of financial year	Waiting time (in months)
2010-11	9
2011-12	9
2012-13	9

5. The increase in the cost per place per month for DC places in DEs/DCUs is due to the rise in operating expenses.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.5129)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (-) Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 201):

It is mentioned in the Policy Address that the 333 Learning Companion Leadership Program (the Program), which facilitates the whole-person development of students mainly from grassroots families, was launched with encouraging results. Another \$200 million will be earmarked and provided on a matching fund basis through the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD), and will be dedicated to launching more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families. Please inform this Committee of the following –

1. The Program is currently operated by Caritas Family Crisis Support Centre. Will the Government invite other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to initiate similar/the same programme after the injection of another \$200 million into PFD? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. Since the launch of the Program, what is the service cost each year? How many service places are provided in each service region per year and what are the corresponding manpower?
3. The Program is currently serving a total of 4 regions, including Northern, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po and Tin Shui Wai. After the injection of funding, will the Administration extend the Program to other regions, increase the number of service places in various districts and provide additional manpower? If yes, what are the anticipated new service region(s) and the number of additional places and manpower? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

1. to 3. 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 running welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In May 2010, \$200 million was injected into PFD to further encourage cross-sectoral collaboration in helping the disadvantaged. By end-February 2014, PFD has launched eight rounds of applications, benefiting over one million persons in disadvantaged circumstances.

The Administration plans to inject \$400 million into PFD, \$200 million of which will be dedicated for the provision of after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students mainly from grassroots families. The Administration will seek the necessary funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in due course.

The 333 Learning Companion Leadership Program is operated by an NGO, We R Family Foundation Limited, with their own resources. The service is neither receiving any government subvention nor under the monitoring of Social Welfare Department.

We R Family Foundation Limited was granted a matching grant of \$1 million from PFD in the Eighth Round application for its 2-year project "333 Learning Companion Leadership Program-

English Wonderland Project" in January 2014. This project is targeted at providing English training to 650 primary students from low income families to improve their motivation to learn. The programme will be delivered in four centres of the NGO located in Tai Po and North, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po and Tin Shui Wai districts.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5131)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 203):

In order to unleash the female labour force in Hong Kong, the Policy Address has proposed to improve after-school care services and extend services under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), as well as to earmark an additional \$200 million for the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged. As such, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

1. Apart from extending the service hours, would the service days of after school care services provided by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) also be extended to cover, for example, holidays?
2. What are the respective demand and supply (by geographical district) for after school care services in the districts in the past three years? How would the additional 360 fee waiving/reduction quotas provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2014-15 be distributed?
3. Apart from the after school care services provided by the government sector, will SWD collaborate with the Education Bureau to utilise school campuses for after school care services? If yes, will a pilot programme be introduced? What are the details and timetable of implementation?
4. SWD will extend services under the NSCCP and increase the number of home-based child carers from 720 to 954. What are the numbers of home-based child carers to be increased in each district and the demand and supply for these carers over the past three years?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Under the enhanced after-school care services, extended service hours will be provided on weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays in some after-school care centres.
2. The provision and utilisation of after-school care places by SWD administrative district in the past three years (i.e. 2011-12 to 2013-14) are set out in the Annex. The allocation of the 360 additional full fee waiving quotas for extended service hours for 2014-15 is under planning.
3. The Education Bureau has implemented the After School Care Pilot Scheme (ASCPS) under the Community Care Fund in the 2012/13 academic year, which is a school-based service aiming at coordinating and integrating after-school learning and supplementary activities for Primary one to Secondary three students who are receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or full fee / half fee reimbursement from the student financial assistance scheme of the Student Financial Assistance Agency. Meanwhile, the after-school care services are community-based service providing support on a session basis for children aged 6-12 whose families, for various reasons, cannot take care of them temporarily. The two schemes complement each other in supporting needy families.

4. Upon the regularisation and extension of NSCCP to 18 districts in October 2011, each service operator is required to provide at least 26 home-based child care service (HCCS) places and 13 centre-based care group (CCG) places. There are at least 468 HCCS places and 252 CCG places over the territory. In 2014-15, SWD will enhance NSCCP by extending the age limit of children receiving the service from aged under six to aged under nine, increasing funding to operators to enhance social work support for the service, and providing at least 13 additional HCCS places per district. There will be at least 234 additional HCCS places over the territory. The service operators will have flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand in the district.

The numbers of children served under NSCCP since its regularisation up to end-December 2013 are provided in the table below –

Year	Number of children served ^[Note]		
	HCCS	CCG	HCCS& CCG
October 2011 to March 2012	3 322	696	147
April 2012 to March 2013	8 477	1 445	411
April 2013 to December 2013	6 451	1 126	284
Total	18 250	3 267	842

^[Note] SWD captures the number of service users by counts of children using the service in the month. One child is counted once each month.

Since the launch of NSCCP till end-2013, SWD has not received any report of children having to wait for NSCCP services.

Provision and Utilisation of After-school Care Services

SWD District	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14 (as at Dec 2013)	
	No. of Places	Utilisation (%)	No. of Places	Utilisation (%)	No. of Places	Utilisation (%)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	528	87%	587	88%	638	89%
Eastern/ Wan Chai	662	86%	656	84%	657	89%
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	329	91%	370	84%	371	90%
Sham Shui Po	238	90%	239	88%	239	85%
Kwun Tong	359	78%	353	82%	371	82%
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	623	83%	574	89%	578	90%
Sha Tin	621	89%	476	97%	608	96%
Tai Po/North	636	65%	638	64%	569	70%
Yuen Long	432	95%	424	91%	410	94%
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	581	93%	631	91%	681	89%
Tuen Mun	479	91%	478	92%	485	89%

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5132)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 204):

At present, elderly persons and underprivileged groups have great demand for dental and oral care services. For eligible Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, they can apply for dental grant from the Social Welfare Department (SWD). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

1. At present, does SWD set any annual limit on the grant paid to each CSSA recipient who applies for dental grant? If yes, what is the limit of the grant payment? Is the limit of grant payment fixed at the same level each year or regularly reviewed?
2. Please list for the past three years (i.e. 2011 to 2013) the number of CSSA recipients who received dental grant, the total expenditure involved, and the average amount of dental grant received by each CSSA recipient.
3. Regarding the above question, please advise for the past three years (i.e. 2011 to 2013) the number of CSSA recipients who applied for dental grant from SWD but could not receive the full grant of dental expenses as the amount claimed had exceeded the upper limit, the average amount of over-the-limit grant claimed, the number of cases in which the dental grant claimed had exceeded the upper limit but received a special grant on a discretionary basis to pay for the relevant expenses having been considered by SWD on a case-by-case basis, and the number of such applicants and the total expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 3. Dental grant to cover costs of dental treatment will be granted to eligible CSSA recipients based on the actual expenses or the ceiling amount of the dental treatment items set by SWD, whichever is the less. There is no annual limit set on dental grant to be paid to each eligible CSSA recipient. Further breakdown on the subject is not readily available.

2. The number of approved claims and the related amounts of dental grant from 2011-12 to 2013-14 were as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (up to end- December 2013)
Number of approved claims	11 005	11 791	9 424
Average amount of dental grant approved (\$)	4,747	4,815	4,838
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	52.2	56.8	45.6

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for dental grant within a year. Figures on the number of applicants applying for dental grant are not readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5133)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 205):

The Chief Executive has proposed in the Policy Address “to demonstrate courage and determination to tackle the poverty problem” and that the Government will review by the end of this year whether the asset limits of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) should be relaxed, in addition to considering the extension of OALA to Guangdong (GD) province. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of

1. The manpower for handling OALA enquiries and the expenditure involved at present; and whether staff recruitment will continue. If yes, what is the estimated increase in manpower and expenditure?
2. The number and types of cases seeking assistance each year since the implementation of OALA.
3. The “grace period” (from 1 December 2012 to 30 November 2014) of OALA will expire by the end of this year. What is the estimated time frame for the review and the announcement of the revision? Will all existing recipients of OALA be subject to review after the “grace period”? If yes, how will the review be conducted and what is the timetable?
4. When will the study of extending OALA to GD province expect to be carried out? What is the time frame of the study?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

1. In addition to about 100 posts created in 2013-14, which will incur an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of \$32 million, about 40 additional posts will be created in 2014-15 to implement OALA, including to conduct postal review for some 273 000 recipients who were granted OALA under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement to screen out those failing the means-test before expiry of the grace period by end-November 2014. The above manpower will involve a full-year recurrent expenditure of \$43 million in total.
2. As at end-December 2013, the number of OALA cases was 410 043.
3. The 24-month grace period was a special arrangement in the first year of implementing OALA. For “Auto-conversion” cases, “Postal Submission” applications and “New Applications” received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on or before 31 December 2013, back-payment was granted to eligible recipients from 1 December 2012 the earliest, and these recipients were generally entitled to the 24-month grace period (i.e. from 1 December 2012 to 30 November 2014). During the grace period, any changes in financial conditions which may affect the recipient’s eligibility due to excess in income and/or assets will be disregarded. For new OALA applications received after 31 December 2013, the grace period will be for 12 months counting from the date when the recipient is eligible for OALA. If the recipient’s and/or his/her spouse’s (where applicable) income/assets has/have exceeded the

prescribed limits after the grace period, such changes have to be reported to SWD immediately for arrangement of stop-payment.

SWD is conducting a postal review for around 273 000 OALA recipients who were granted the allowance under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, to screen out recipients failing the means-test before expiry of the grace period by end-November 2014. All OALA recipients will be subject to review after completion of the postal review.

4. The Government will explore the feasibility of extending OALA to GD in light of the GD scheme’s operating experience.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1021****(Question Serial No. 6373)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead(No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion (Member Question No. 157):

Regarding the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please advise:

1. 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 and in the past 3 years in a table;
2. the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities using Mass Transit Railway (MTR) domestic services and franchised bus services in the past 3 years in a table;
3. the amounts of revenue forgone of the participating public transport operators since the implementation of the Scheme; and
4. the average costs and marginal costs per passenger trip of the participating public transport operators.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

The information sought is provided below:

1. In the past 3 years, the average daily passenger trips of elderly and persons with disabilities, who used the MTR^(Note 1), franchised bus and ferry services, were as follows:

Public transport operators	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips ^(Note 2)	
		Elderly ^(Note 3)	Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 4)
MTR Corporation Limited	2011	222 000	35 500
	2012	252 000	42 000
	2013	288 000	48 000
Franchised bus operators	2011	364 000	Not available
	2012	407 000	41 800
	2013	479 000	51 400
Ferry operators	2011	9 900	Not available
	2012	7 800	Not available
	2013	8 000	500

2. 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 elderly^(Note 5) and eligible persons with disabilities^(Note 6) 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 2014)	
	Elderly	Eligible persons with disabilities
MTR Corporation Limited	224 400	35 600
Franchised bus operators	384 700	47 900
Ferry operators	5 300	500

3. Since the launch of the Scheme and up to 19 March 2014, we had reimbursed the following amounts of revenue forgone to the public transport operators concerned:

Public transport operators	Reimbursement made as at 19 March 2014 (\$'000)
MTR Corporation Limited	234,372
Franchised bus operators	479,235
Ferry operators	17,161

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.

(Note 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.

(Note 2) The figures are based on passenger trips taken by elderly persons 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.

(Note 3) MTR Corporation Limited, most ferry operators 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.

(Note 4) Before the launch of the Scheme on franchised buses and ferries on 5 August 2012 and 3 March 2013 respectively, the franchised bus and ferry operators do not keep separate figures on passenger trips taken by persons with disabilities.

(Note 5) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

(Note 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.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1022

(Question Serial No. 4092)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.249):

Will the Administration advise this Committee :

1. the total number of rehabuses in Hong Kong in each of the past 3 years and their distribution by vehicle age (5 years or less, 6 to 10 years, 11 to 15 years, 16 to 20 years, 21 to 25 years, 26 years or above);
2. the total number of rebus drivers in Hong Kong in each of the past 3 years;
3. the daily average number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service in each of the past 3 years;
4. the turnover of rebus drivers in the past 3 years;
5. whether the Administration has any solution to the wastage of rebus drivers; and
6. whether it has been considered to expand the provision of rebus scheduled route (SR) services to other rehabilitation organisations. If yes, please provide details. If not, please provide the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

1. The total number of rehabuses operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) in the past 3 years, broken down by vehicle age, is tabulated below:

Year	2011	2012	2013
Vehicle Age (as at endDecember)			
5 years or less	82	92	98
6 to 10 years	27	31	31
11 to 12 years	10	0	0
Total	119	123	129

2. The total number of rebus drivers of HKSR as at end-December in the past 3 years from 2011 to 2013 were 127, 132 and 127 respectively.
3. The daily average number and percentage of rebus which were not in service (including routine repair and maintenance, cancellation of dial-a-ride orders, drivers on leave, and inclement weather, etc.) in the past 3 years from 2011 to 2013 were 24.6 (20.6%), 23.2 (18.9%) and 25.1 (19.5%) respectively.
4. The total number of rebus drivers retired and resigned from 2011 to 2013 were 13 and 68 respectively.
5. To alleviate the impact of driver turnover on rebus services, HKSR has taken a number of management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, arranging full-time drivers to work overtime as and when appropriate and encouraging service users to jointly use the Rebus services where applicable. These measures will continue to be adopted in order to fully utilise the Rebus fleet and provide services to more persons with disabilities in need.

Furthermore, the Administration will allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$4.2 million in 2014-15 to Rebus for meeting the recurrent cost of the 6 new rebus to be procured in the year and employing 9 additional drivers and 2 management staff with a view to further enhancing its service and management.

The Administration will continue to review from time to time the fleet size, routes and mode of operation of Rebus with a view to achieving sustainable improvement. The Administration will also continue to maintain close collaboration with the public transport operators to improve the accessibility of transport facilities to facilitate more convenient use of the public transport services by persons with disabilities.

6. The Rebus has all along been providing scheduled route services to other rehabilitation organisations, such as MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre and Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital, etc. Service users of the rehabilitation organisations may also make use of the transportation services provided by the centre buses of those organisations.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4093)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.250):

1. The Administration plans to add six rehabuses in 2013, but they will only be delivered in early 2015. This will waste two years of time, thus making users to suffer. Will the Administration have any improvement measures to reduce the lead-time for the procurement and modification of rehabuses; and what will be the estimated increase of daily passenger trips per rebus?
2. The information provided by the Administration indicates that there are 60 persons on the waiting list for rebus scheduled route (SR) services in 2013. How is the number of persons on the waiting list estimated?
3. Some persons with disabilities indicate that orders for rebus dial-a-ride (DAR) services are not entertained frequently. Will the Administration conduct an in-depth study for the solution? If yes, please provide the details. If not, please provide the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

1. Rebus provides 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 six additional rehabuses procured in 2013-14 have been in full operation since February 2014. It is estimated that each of the new rehabuses will bring about an additional 11.5 daily passenger trips for SR services and that of 6.7 for DAR services on average.

The Administration plans to procure another six additional rehabuses in 2014-15 which are expected to be in full operation in early 2015. Three of the six additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during off-peak periods.

2. The number of persons on the waiting list for SR services is estimated based on previous passenger demand and the additional resources to be deployed on the services.
3. Apart from the procurement of six additional rehabuses in 2014-15, the Administration will allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$4.2 million to Rebus for meeting the recurrent cost of these six new

rehabuses and employing nine additional drivers and two additional management staff with a view to further enhancing its service and management. If the demand for the SR and DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses to be procured in 2014-15 should be able to cater for all applicants currently on the waiting list for SR services and reduce the number of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained currently by 35%.

Other management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, arranging full-time drivers to work overtime as and when appropriate and encouraging service users to jointly use the Rehabus services where applicable, will continue to be adopted in order to fully utilise the Rehabus fleet and provide services to more persons with disabilities in need.

The Administration will continue to review from time to time the fleet size, routes and mode of operation of Rehabus with a view to achieving sustainable improvement and maintain close collaboration with the public transport operators to improve the accessibility of transport facilities to facilitate more convenient use of the public transport services by persons with disabilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1024****(Question Serial No. 5718)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead(No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport(Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion (Member Question No.330):

The number of rehabuses, number of applicants on the waiting list and average waiting time in the past five years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2013-14) respectively (please fill in the following table):

	Number of rehabuses		Number of applicants for SR services on the waiting list as at end-March of the financial year	Average waiting time for SR services
	Scheduled route (SR) services	Dial-a-ride (DAR) services		DAR services
2009-10				
2010-11				
2011-12				
2012-13				
2013-14 (as at January 2014)				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-cheReply:

There are at present 135 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 requested information on Rebus 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		
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	84	36	31	About 2 months
2013-14 (as at February 2014)	87	39	34	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. It is therefore difficult to give a precise estimate on the number of days required in advance to secure the provision of DAR services.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6658)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.387):

How many booking orders for the rehabus dial-a-ride (DAR) services were not entertained in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively? Are there any improvement measures? What is their expected effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Rehabus provides 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 number of booking orders for the Rehabus dial-a-ride (DAR) services that were not entertained in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (up to January 2014) was 14 198 and 11 238 respectively.

The Administration plans to procure six additional rehabuses in 2014-15. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on scheduled route (SR) services and the remaining three on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods. The Administration will allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$4.2 million in 2014-15 to Rehabus for meeting the recurrent cost of the 6 new rehabuses and employing 9 additional drivers and 2 management staff with a view to further enhancing its service and management. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, it is expected the number of booking orders that cannot be entertained currently will be reduced by about 35%.

Other management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, arranging full-time drivers to work overtime as and when appropriate and encouraging service users to jointly use the Rehabus services where applicable, will continue to be adopted in order to fully utilise the Rehabus fleet and provide services to more persons with disabilities in need.

The Administration will continue to review from time to time the fleet size, routes and mode of operation of Rehabus with a view to achieving sustainable improvement and maintain close collaboration with the public transport operators to improve the accessibility of transport facilities to facilitate more convenient use of the public transport services by persons with disabilities.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6659)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No.268):

How many additional rehabuses and replacement rehabuses will be procured in 2014-15? 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 were the passenger number and utilisation rate of services in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

There are at present 135 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 and replace seven rehabuses in 2014-15. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods.

The average waiting time for SR services was about two months in 2013-14 (up to January 2014). 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. It is therefore difficult to give a precise estimate on the number of days required in advance to secure the provision of DAR services.

The Administration will allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$4.2 million in 2014-15 to Rebus for meeting the recurrent cost of the six new rehabuses and employing nine additional drivers and two additional management staff with a view to further enhancing its service and management. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, it is anticipated that the number of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained currently can be reduced by about 35%.

The total passenger trips for SR and DAR services in 2013-14 (up to January 2014) were about 292 262 and 363 339 respectively.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5148)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 (Mrs. Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 53):

In 2014-15, the Transport Department will extend the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to children aged below 12 with 100% disabilities receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or Disability Allowance (DA) and green minibuses (GMBs) in phases. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the specific arrangements, timetable and estimates of expenditure of the work?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

For the extension of the Scheme to eligible children with disabilities aged below 12^(Note), the Administration is working proactively with the public transport operators concerned and Octopus Cards Limited (OCL) with a view to rolling it out in May/June 2014.

There are currently over 150 GMB operators involving more than 480 routes and 3 000 vehicles. Many of these operators are small in business scale with different financial positions and accounting arrangements. The Transport Department (TD) is exploring with the GMB trade and OCL to resolve the technical, operational, accounting and auditing issues involved in our proposed extension of the Scheme to GMBs, in phases, starting from the first quarter of 2015. TD will also need to separately discuss and agree with individual operators on the detailed arrangements. . The exact number of GMB operators / GMB routes to be included in different phases of the extension will be decided when there is a clear picture about the degree of technical readiness of the GMB operators.

^(Note) Recipients under the CSSA Scheme aged below 12 with 100% disabilities and recipients of DA in the same age group.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1028****(Question Serial No. 4424)**

Head: Lotteries Fund

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms. Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question (Member Question No. 279):

In the past three years, 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 of air-conditioners. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on the specific costs for the installation of air-conditioners.