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Questions scheduled for the Legislative Council meeting of 13 November 2013

Questions by:

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| (1) | Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan | (Oral reply) |
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| (3) | Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok | (Oral reply) (Original No: 6) |
| (4) | Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun | (Oral reply) (New question) |
| | <i>(Replacing his previous question)</i> | |
| (5) | Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai | (Oral reply) (New question) |
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| (6) | Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung | (Oral reply) (Original No: 3) |
| (7) | Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT | (Written reply) |
| (8) | Hon NG Leung-sing | (Written reply) |
| (9) | Hon SIN Chung-kai | (Written reply) |
| (10) | Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok | (Written reply) (New question) |
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question slot allocated to him)</i> | |
| (11) | Hon LEUNG Che-cheung | (Written reply) |
| (12) | Hon MA Fung-kwok | (Written reply) |
| (13) | Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan | (Written reply) |
| (14) | Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him | (Written reply) |
| (15) | Hon Charles Peter MOK | (Written reply) |
| (16) | Hon CHAN Hak-kan | (Written reply) |
| (17) | Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki | (Written reply) |
| (18) | Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che | (Written reply) |
| (19) | Hon CHAN Chi-chuen | (Written reply) |
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NOTE：

議員將採用這種語言提出質詢

Member will ask the question in this language

Proposed review of the operation, etc. of the Executive Council

(4) Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Oral reply)

Earlier on, the Chief Executive (“CE”) in Council rejected the application of Hong Kong Television Network Limited for a domestic free television programme service licence. The authorities have refused to further disclose the justifications for rejecting the application on grounds of the requirement to comply with the system of confidentiality of the Executive Council (“ExCo”). Subsequently, the former and incumbent Presidents of the Legislative Council, a former Chief Secretary for Administration and several former ExCo Members have respectively pointed out that there is a need for the Government to review the appointment to, and the functions and operation of ExCo, or that CE has merely used ExCo’s system of confidentiality as a shield to refuse further disclosure of the justifications for rejecting the application, and such a practice is neither appropriate nor in tune with public sentiment. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether it has examined why the licensing incident has fermented a political storm in which CE is being accused of making use of ExCo’s system of confidentiality to cover up the real reasons behind the refusal to grant the licence; of the improvement plans to avoid recurrence of the aforesaid situation;
- (b) how it will respond to and deal with the views on the appointment to, and the composition, operation and the confidentiality system of ExCo raised by the aforesaid persons who are familiar with ExCo’s operation; and
- (c) whether it has assessed the negative impact of the Government not responding directly to the aforesaid views and not reviewing the operation, role and representativeness of ExCo on the implementation of policies by the Government in future; if it has, of the assessment results; if not, whether it can conduct such an assessment immediately?

Measures to facilitate economic development

(5) Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Oral reply)

After chairing the third meeting of the Economic Development Commission (“EDC”) on 31 October this year, the Chief Executive told the media that the meeting discussed the land resources needed for the economic development of Hong Kong in future, the existing land use and how the future land use planning of Hong Kong will facilitate and support the development of various industries. The convenors of the four working groups under EDC also reported on the areas of “transportation”, “manufacturing industries, innovative technology, and cultural and creative industries”, “convention and exhibition industries and tourism”, and “professional services”. However, there are comments that EDC has yet to make any concrete proposal on the development of and support for the economy. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) in the face of insufficient supply of land in Hong Kong, whether the Government has assessed which industries should be given support in their development when it plans the land resources needed for the future economic development of Hong Kong; if it has, how it will allocate industrial and commercial sites to various industries, and of the areas and locations of such sites; if not, the reasons for that;
- (b) as the convenor of the Working Group on Professional Services of EDC has indicated that the Working Group hopes that the Government may strive to participate in the formulation of national policies, so as to prevent professional services from being neglected and bring opportunities to the local professional services sector, in particular in the striving for members of the sector to enjoy the same treatment as that enjoyed by Chinese nationals, of the areas in which the Government prepares to introduce mutual recognition of professional qualifications between the two places, and whether there are

specific targets and timetables; if there are, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and

- (c) as the convenor of the Working Group on Convention and Exhibition Industries and Tourism of EDC has indicated that the Working Group aspired to develop at the end of the old Kai Tak Airport runway a world-class and most appealing tourist attraction, of the completion date of such tourist attraction, as well as the number of tourists it may attract to Hong Kong, the amount of income it will generate for Hong Kong, and the number of jobs it may create annually as estimated by the Government; if it has not made such an estimation, the reasons for that?

Promotion and management of street performance activities

(10) Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Written reply)

Earlier on, some members of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council have proposed to reduce the number of days in a week for which the Mong Kok Pedestrian Precinct was implemented. In this regard, the Yau Tsim Mong District Office has commissioned a university to conduct a questionnaire survey to collect the views of the users. Street performers active in the district have relayed to me that implementing the aforesaid recommendation will smother the street performance culture in Hong Kong, and also aggravate the conflicts and confrontation among users of the pedestrian precinct. Regarding the policy on the promotion and management of street performance activities, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether the authorities have formulated any policy or measure at present regarding the promotion of street performance activities; if they have, of the details; if not, whether the authorities will consider formulating such a policy; if they will, of the details of such work; if not, the reasons for that;
- (b) given that some street performers have relayed to me that their performance venues are mainly at the pedestrian precincts in various districts, but most of the space thereof is often occupied for business promotional activities, whether the authorities have proactively liaised and coordinated with various users of the pedestrian precincts to ensure that various activities in the pedestrian precincts are carried out in a planned and orderly manner, thereby minimizing the impact of such activities on the residents of the districts concerned; if they have, of the details of the coordination work; if not, whether the authorities will carry out such coordination work; if they will, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (c) given that some of the street performers have suggested that the authorities consider introducing a licensing mechanism for the

reasonable planning and management of street performance activities and the demarcation of areas dedicated for street performances, whether the authorities will study the feasibility of the suggestion and comprehensively consult the street performers and the public; if they will, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?