

Bills Committee on Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 2018

Follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 12 June 2018

The Government's response on the item raised by Members is set out as follows.

Living organ transplant cases of local and non-local residents in Hong Kong

2. In Hong Kong, organ transplants between living persons are regulated under the Human Organ Transplant Ordinance ("HOTO") (Cap. 465). The HOTO does not specify the nationalities of donors and recipients.

3. The priority for public healthcare services, which are heavily subsidised by the Government, is Eligible Persons who are primarily Hong Kong residents. The Hospital Authority ("HA") provides cadaveric and living organ transplant services. Unless in a life-threatening emergency situation, HA does not provide cadaveric organ transplant for non-local residents. HA may perform living organ transplants for non-local residents on a cost-recovery basis only if provision of such services will not affect the services to local residents. As for the pilot Paired Kidney Donation Programme, there is no plan at this stage to provide the service to non-local residents.

4. The statistics on living organ transplant cases, between local and non-local residents, approved by the Human Organ Transplant Board in the past five years are summarised in the table below.

Recipient ¹	Local Resident		Non-Local Resident	
	Local Resident	Non-Local Resident	Local Resident	Non-Local Resident
2013	9	3	0	4
2014	12	4	0	3
2015	10	8	0	3
2016	14	4	0	7
2017	10	8	0	2

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¹ Breakdown is based on the identification documents of the donors and recipients provided in the application.