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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB01****(Question Serial No. S0053)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding the consultancy studies on youth policy commissioned by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the departments under its purview, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

a. the situation of funded consultancy studies on youth policy in the past 3 years:

Name of the consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Commencement date (month/year)	Progress of the study (in preparation/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	Follow-up action taken by the Government on the study report and its progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?

b. regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the HAB and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing the youth policy, are there any funds reserved for conducting consultancy studies in 2018-19? If so, what are the details?

Name of the consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Commencement date (month/year)	Progress of the study (in preparation/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	Follow-up action taken by the Government on the study report and its progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- c. has the Government also considered developing a programme for community organisations to submit applications for conducting youth-related research studies this year? If yes, what are the details? If no, what measures does the Government have to promote local youth development?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

The Working Group on Youth Studies and Development Policy under the former Commission on Youth (CoY) commissioned studies on various youth-related topics. A summary of studies completed in the past 3 years is at **Annex**.

The Youth Development Commission (YDC) has been established with effect from 1 April 2018 and the former CoY has been incorporated into the YDC. The new YDC strives to promote cross-bureau and cross-department collaboration and undertakes to address young people's concerns about education, career pursuit and home ownership, and encourage their participation in politics as well as public policy discussion and debate. The YDC will consider the need for conducting researches as necessary.

**Studies commissioned and completed by the Working Group on Youth Studies and Development Policy  
under the former Commission on Youth (CoY), 2015 to 2017**

<b>Name of the consultant</b>	<b>Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))</b>	<b>Title, content and objective of the study</b>	<b>Consultancy fee (\$)</b>	<b>Commencement date</b>	<b>Progress of the study (in preparation / in progress/ completed (completion month and year))</b>	<b>Follow-up action taken by the Government on the study report and its progress (if any)</b>	<b>For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If not, what are the reasons?</b>
Business, Economic and Public Policy Research Centre, Hong Kong Shue Yan University	Quotation	<u>Title</u> Youth Competitiveness Indicator System in Hong Kong  <u>Objective / Content</u> To define the concept of youth competitiveness, develop assessment approach and carry out the assessment accordingly.	880,000	September 2012	Completed in March 2015	The Government will make reference to the findings, analysis and recommendations of the report as appropriate when formulating policies.	The report has been uploaded on the website of CoY. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) issued a press release in March 2015 to announce the publication, and wrote to schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) about the publication.
Social Sciences Research Centre, The University of Hong Kong	Quotation	<u>Title</u> “Youth in Hong Kong – A Statistical Profile” cum “Trend Analysis of Data from Statistical	250,000	October 2015	Completed in November 2016	The Government will make reference to the findings, analysis and recommendations of the report as	The report has been uploaded on the website of CoY. Besides, HAB wrote to schools and NGOs about

Name of the consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the study	Consultancy fee (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of the study (in preparation / in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	Follow-up action taken by the Government on the study report and its progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If not, what are the reasons?
		<p>Profile” and Setting up of a Database for Youth-related Researches</p> <p><u>Objective / Content</u>            To provide an updated and comprehensive overview of the youth in Hong Kong based on the available data, and provide information about the trend of youth development in Hong Kong over the past 18 years; and</p> <p>To set up a database related to the youth researches during 2012-2015 to provide youth-related research reference for different stakeholders</p>				appropriate when formulating policies.	the publication.

Name of the consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the study	Consultancy fee (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of the study (in preparation / in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	Follow-up action taken by the Government on the study report and its progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If not, what are the reasons?
		in youth development.					
Department of Applied Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong	Quotation	<u>Title</u> Life Planning of Young People in Hong Kong  <u>Objective / Content</u> To explore the definition of life planning and the interaction among parents, peers and schools in influencing the life planning decisions of youth.	553,000	August 2016	Completed in August 2017	The Government will make reference to the findings, analysis and recommendations of the report as appropriate when formulating policies.	The report has been uploaded on the website of CoY.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB02**

**(Question Serial No. S0054)**

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2018-19 that the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will “work together with the Youth Development Commission to deepen and broaden both the international and Mainland youth internship and exchange opportunities”. However, under Matters Requiring Special Attention in the last financial year, it was to “work together with the Commission on Youth to explore new measures to support more international youth exchange opportunities”. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- 1) the outcomes of exploring “new support measures” in the last financial year;
- 2) the justifications for shifting its attention from supporting young people to participate in “international exchanges” to “international and Mainland internships and exchanges”;
- 3) the respective estimated numbers of participants under international youth exchange programmes and under the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange in the following format, in the light of the estimated increase in participants under international youth exchange programmes from 123 to 1 010, as shown in the performance indicators and according to the HAB, due to the implementation of a new Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange; and
- 4) the respective objectives of the HAB in organising international youth exchange programmes, the Summer Exchange Programme and the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange, as well as its methods for assessing the effectiveness of the 3 programmes/schemes?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin



Reply:

- 1) The Financial Secretary announced in the 2017-18 Budget the allocation of an additional non-recurrent provision of \$100 million to provide more international exchange opportunities so as to encourage young people to increase their global exposure and broaden their international horizons. With the additional provision, the new Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange (IYEFS) was launched in June 2017, under which non-governmental organisations (NGOs) may apply for matching grants to organise international exchange programmes for young people. In 2017-18, the Scheme has sponsored 33 programmes covering 25 overseas countries.
- 2) It has all along been our objective to widen the exposure of our young people through the provision of more exchange and internship opportunities in the Mainland and overseas, with a view to enhancing their understanding of the prevailing economic, social and cultural landscape at the national and international levels and promoting their acceptance of different cultures through exchanges with young people from the Mainland and overseas. In particular, as stated in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address, more internship opportunities in the Mainland, the Belt and Road countries and other parts of the world will be provided for our young people, so as to enhance their understanding of the work culture and career prospects in different places, allow them to establish interpersonal networks, broaden their horizons and assist their future career planning.
- 3) In 2018, the estimated number of participants under the IYEFS and the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP) is 890 and 120 respectively.
- 4) All 3 programmes/schemes (IYEFS, IYEP and the Summer Exchange Programme (SEP)) aim at providing in-depth international exchange opportunities to our young people, with a view to broadening their horizons and international perspective, enhancing their understanding of the prevailing economic, social and cultural landscape at the international level, and promoting their acceptance of different cultures through exchanges with overseas young people. Under the IYEFS, NGOs are sponsored to organise international exchange activities for young people. Organisations which receive matching grants under the IYEFS are required to submit activity and financial reports, as well as surveys on participants' feedback to the HAB. Under the IYEP and the SEP, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) directly liaises with overseas partners to organise one-way or two-way youth exchange activities. Feedback from participants under the IYEP and SEP is solicited by way of a questionnaire. The HAB continuously keeps under review the effectiveness of these 3 programmes/schemes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB03****(Question Serial No. S0055)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2018-19 that the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will “work together with the Youth Development Commission to deepen and broaden both the international and Mainland youth internship and exchange opportunities”. At present, the HAB has organised many activities and funding programmes for our young people to attend exchange activities all over the world. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) regarding the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP) and the Summer Exchange Programme (SEP), what are the criteria of the Government for the selection of visiting countries?
- 2) please list the details of the IYEP and the SEP over the past 3 years using the tables below:

**IYEP 2017-18**

Name of the exchange programme and place of visit	Programme date (visiting and receiving (if applicable))	Number of participants	One-way/two-way exchange (please specify)	Expenditure of the programme (\$)	Organiser	Mode of award (open auction/tender /quotation/ others (please specify))

**IYEP 2016-17**

Name of the exchange programme and place of visit	Programme date (visiting and receiving (if applicable))	Number of participants	One-way/two-way exchange (please specify)	Expenditure of the programme (\$)	Organiser	Mode of award (open auction/tender /quotation/ others (please specify))

### IYEP 2015-16

Name of the exchange programme and place of visit	Programme date (visiting and receiving (if applicable))	Number of participants	One-way/two-way exchange (please specify)	Expenditure of the programme (\$)	Organiser	Mode of award (open auction/tender /quotation/ others (please specify))

### SEP 2017-18

Name of the exchange programme and place of visit	Programme date	Number of participants	One-way/two-way exchange (please specify)	Expenditure of the programme (\$)	Organiser	Mode of award (open auction/tender /quotation/ others (please specify))

### SEP 2016-17

Name of the exchange programme and place of visit	Programme date	Number of participants	One-way/two-way exchange (please specify)	Expenditure of the programme (\$)	Organiser	Mode of award (open auction/tender /quotation/ others (please specify))

### SEP 2015-16

Name of the exchange programme and place of visit	Programme date	Number of participants	One-way/two-way exchange (please specify)	Expenditure of the programme (\$)	Organiser	Mode of award (open auction/tender /quotation/ others (please specify))

3) Does the HAB maintain information in relation to a) a list of organisers and b) the mode of award as mentioned above? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

4) Please list the countries to be visited under the above 2 Programmes in 2018-19 using the tables below:

### IYEP 2018-19

Proposed destination for exchange	Estimated number of participants	One-way/two-way exchange (please specify)	Estimated expenditure (\$)	Mode of award adopted by the organiser (open auction/tender/ quotation/others (please specify))

## SEP 2018-19

Proposed destination for exchange	Estimated number of participants	One-way/two-way exchange (please specify)	Estimated expenditure (\$)	Mode of award adopted by the organiser (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

- 1) The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) is committed to exploring international exchange opportunities in different countries for our young people. The actual choice of destinations for the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP) and the Summer Exchange Programme (SEP) is contingent upon availability of overseas partners for collaboration as well as the track records and feedback from participants in respect of partners with whom we have collaborated in the past, etc.
- 2) Detailed information on the IYEP in the past 3 years and the SEP in 2015-16 and 2016-17 is set out at **Annex**. In 2017-18, the SEP was cancelled due to the withdrawal of the overseas partner concerned.
- 3) IYEP and SEP are both directly organised by the HAB. Various goods and services are procured to facilitate the implementation of both programmes and such procurement has all along been conducted in accordance with the prevailing government rules and procedures.
- 4) Planning for the exchange programmes in 2018-19 is currently underway and details are not yet available.

**International Youth Exchange Programme**

<b>Place of visit</b>	<b>Programme dates</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>One-way/ Two-way Exchange</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$)</b>
<u>2017-18</u> Japan, Ireland, Singapore, Australia, Korea, San Francisco and Austria	12 visits ranging from 7 to 10 days were conducted between July 2017 and February 2018	120	Apart from Japan, Korea and Austria, others are two-way exchange	3 million
<u>2016-17</u> Japan, Poland, Ireland, Singapore and Australia	9 visits ranging from 6 to 11 days were conducted between August 2016 and February 2017	110	Apart from Poland, others are two-way exchange	2 million
<u>2015-16</u> Japan, Poland, Ireland, Singapore and Russia	9 visits ranging from 5 to 11 days were conducted between May 2015 and February 2016	107	Apart from Japan and Poland, others are two-way exchange	2 million

**Summer Exchange Programme**

<b>Place of visit</b>	<b>Programme dates</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>One-way/ Two-way Exchange</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$)</b>
<u>2016-17</u> Surabaya, Indonesia	21-26 August 2016	36	One-way exchange	415,300
<u>2015-16</u> Singapore	11-16 August 2015	48	One-way exchange	472,700

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB04****(Question Serial No. S0056)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

With reference to Reply Serial No. HAB080, the Bureau has approved matching grants totalling \$9.85 million under the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange (the Exchange Scheme) for 33 non-governmental organisations to implement their international youth exchange activities. For 2018-19, the estimated cash flow of the Exchange Scheme is \$12 million. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) please list the details of the 33 programmes approved under the Exchange Scheme in the table below:

## The Exchange Scheme 2017-18

Organiser	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/others (please specify))	Name of the exchange programme and place of visit	Programme date (visiting and receiving (if applicable))	Number of participants	One-way /two-way exchange (please specify)	Expenditure of the programme (\$)

- 2) the criteria considered by the Bureau for vetting applications under the new Exchange Scheme;
- 3) the detailed functions of Examiners responsible for vetting programmes under the Exchange Scheme;
- 4) the number of meetings attended by Examiners responsible for vetting programmes and the lists of attendees and absentees for each meeting;
- 5) as the original Funding Scheme for Exchange in Belt and Road Countries will be incorporated in the Exchange Scheme, would the Bureau please elaborate on the number of programmes with visits to Belt and Road countries/regions and the amount of provision involved in the implementation of the 33 programmes approved?

- 6) as the cash flow of the Exchange Scheme is \$12 million in 2018-19, please provide information on the cash flow, the distribution of expenditure and the use of estimated expenditure for every subsequent financial year:

Name of the programme/ Staffing establishment	Estimated expenditure (\$)

- 7) as the new Exchange Scheme will operate for about 6 years, has the Bureau devised a timetable for the Exchange Scheme to determine its feasibility and sustainability? If yes, please provide in detail the review mechanism for the Exchange Scheme and the indicators for reviewing its effectiveness. If no, please provide the reasons.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

- 1) & 5) The Financial Secretary announced in 2017-18 Budget the allocation of an additional non-recurrent provision of \$100 million to provide more international exchange opportunities for young people to broaden their horizons. The results of the first round of applications for the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange (the Scheme)'s matching grants were announced in November 2017. Matching grants totalling \$9.85 million have been approved for 33 non-governmental organisations to implement their international youth exchange activities from November 2017 to August 2018. These projects cover a total of 25 overseas countries, including 10 Belt and Road countries. Details of these 33 sponsored projects are set out at Annex.
- 2) to 4) Applications received during the first round of the Scheme were assessed by an Assessment Panel comprising members from the Working Group on International Exchanges and Conferences under the former Commission on Youth and the Research, Development and Community Participation Sub-committee under the Committee on Promotion of Civic Education. Each application was assessed by 2 members of the Assessment Panel against the assessment criteria as stipulated in the "Pamphlet for the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange 2017-18", which include, among others, whether the proposed project can achieve the stated objective of in-depth exchange; cost-effectiveness of the proposed project; track record of the applicant in organising similar exchange activities in the past; the applicant's ability to forge collaboration with overseas partners in organising the exchange activities; etc. When making the assessment, members considered the merits of the applications on the basis of their written submissions, including the proposed itineraries and description of proposed activities, as well as track records.
- 6) For 2018-19, we estimate that the cash flow of the Scheme will be \$12 million. Estimated cash flow for subsequent years is not yet available. The work related to the implementation of the Scheme is being undertaken by a team including 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Executive Officer I and 1 Assistant Clerical Officer, among

their other duties. The staffing expenditure is absorbed within the overall provision of the Home Affairs Bureau and is not funded by the \$100 million additional provision earmarked for the Scheme.

- 7) The Scheme is currently at its initial stage of implementation and projects approved under the first round are underway. The Home Affairs Bureau will evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme at a suitable juncture, taking into account relevant factors such as number and quality of applications received, cost effectiveness, feedback of the participants, sustainability, complementarity with other funding schemes, etc.



**Projects Approved under the  
Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange 2017-18**

S/N	Name of Organisation#	Name of Programme#	Destination	Programme Dates	Belt and Road Country(ies)^	Bilateral Exchange Programme Dates	No. of Approved Places@	Amount of Approved Sponsorship* (\$)
1.	Hong Kong Life Extension Association	港灣發展的潛力—斯里蘭卡與香港	Sri Lanka	30/3-8/4/2018	✓	1/3-5/3/2018	25	226,748
2.	Hong Kong STEM Nurture Association	古今穿梭—文化古蹟保育行@泰國	Thailand	3/6-9/6/2018	✓	26/6-29/6/2018	25	162,546.9
3.	The Incorporated Management Committee of Chinese Y.M.C.A. College	美國創意思維世界賽體驗之旅	United States	17/5-28/5/2018		N.A.	30	400,000
4.	Hong Kong Young Leaders Development Association	國際青年領袖交流計劃2018	Germany, Belgium	31/5-13/6/2018		N.A.	25	400,000
5.	香港中華基督教青年會大學及學院青年會部	「拉美深度遊」—哥倫比亞、秘魯文化交流服務團	Colombia, Peru	16/6-1/7/2018		N.A.	20	400,000
6.	International Youth Legal Exchange Federation Limited	國際青年法律交流計劃2018	United Kingdom	25/3-7/4/2018		N.A.	25	400,000
7.	LxM Limited	玩具傳愛0距離—港緬青年交流服務團	Myanmar	30/3-8/4/2018	✓	N.A.	15	106,635.8
8.	基督教建民堂有限公司青少年外展服務部	柬埔寨服務體驗團	Cambodia	23/6-27/6/2018	✓	N.A.	30	107,405

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9.	HKCT Group Limited Hong Kong College of Technology	春日遍遍日本文化之旅	Japan	7/3-12/3/2018		N.A.	20	136,600
10.	Association of International Education Exchange Hong Kong	「互聯中澳青年——傳播中華文化」國際青年交流計劃	Australia	28/3-8/4/2018		N.A.	30	371,000
11.	Scout Association of Hong Kong Kowloon Region	「背包同行.瑞士之旅」	Switzerland	28/7-9/8/2018		N.A.	30	400,000
12.	Myriad Virtues Society Limited	澳洲墨爾本大都會文化交流服務團	Australia	8/8-15/8/2018		N.A.	30	343,000
13.	Voltra Limited	天馬行「匈」義地小隊	Hungary	4/6-15/6/2018	✓	1/2-7/2/2018	20	337,450
14.	Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong Student Development Office	2018西歐文化交流之旅	Germany, Luxembourg, France, Netherlands	4/6-15/6/2018		N.A.	30	396,000
15.	Shatin Pui Ying College	大阪通識及文化交流計劃	Japan	26/1-30/1/2018		N.A.	30	159,400
16.	Future Star Federation of Student	「青春啟航•你好東歐——2018『未來之星』國際青年交流團」	Poland, Romania, Czech Republic	12/8-21/8/2018	✓	N.A.	26	372,000

S/N	Name of Organisation#	Name of Programme#	Destination	Programme Dates	Belt and Road Country(ies)^	Bilateral Exchange Programme Dates	No. of Approved Places@	Amount of Approved Sponsorship* (\$)
17.	The Hong Kong Association for Computer Education	STEM英國青年交流之旅	United Kingdom	23/6-7/7/2018		N.A.	30	400,000
18.	Hong Kong Life Planning Association	「一帶一路大使計劃」－直通尼泊爾2018	Nepal	4/8-12/8/2018	✓	N.A.	30	384,785
19.	OD3 Association Limited	環球多面睇・澳洲拍攝分享計劃	Australia	2/1-12/1/2018		N.A.	20	399,095
20.	Let's Start	出走南美－文化藝術及青年交流之旅	Argentina, Chile, Brazil	19/5-6/6/2018		N.A.	14	400,000
21.	Wing Han Educational Foundation Limited	國際青年交流－澳洲珀斯	Australia	8/4-17/4/2018		N.A.	25	315,000
22.	AIESEC Hong Kong Limited	Global Volunteer	Brazil	25/5-31/8/2018		N.A.	30	400,000
23.	香港紅十字會人道教育中心	柬埔寨人道探索青年交流之旅	Cambodia	23/6-29/6/2018	✓	N.A.	30	129,100
24.	Caritas Bianchi College of Careers Department of Social Sciences	「國際青年交流資助計劃」澳洲社會科學交流團	Australia	18/5-27/5/2018		N.A.	26	382,000
25.	House of Learning Limited	腦之家泰北地區愛心交流團	Thailand	31/3-6/4/2018	✓	N.A.	30	122,040
26.	The Incorporated Management Committee of Carmel Secondary School	"Go the extra mile" 未來領袖訓練計劃	Switzerland	28/6-9/7/2018		N.A.	19	206,137

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27.	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Exchange Unit	捷克新舊文化體驗之旅	Czech Republic	2/6-10/6/2018	✓	N.A.	30	298,000
28.	Catholic Ming Yuen Secondary School	「環保創新、共建和諧」社區傑出領袖英國十天深度交流之旅	United Kingdom	1/7-10/7/2018		15/7-21/7/2018	30	360,340
29.	Hong Kong Education Association	"珠峰精神,踐行有我"走進尼泊爾青年服務交流團	Nepal	25/7-5/8/2018	✓	N.A.	27	244,430
30.	Tin Shui Wai Residents Services Association Fund Committee Limited Tin Ching Estate Wong Wai Shun Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre	走進老撾-青年服務交流團	Laos	To be confirmed	✓	N.A.	27	192,640
31.	Hong Kong Youths Unified Association Limited	衝出國際 澳秘之旅	Australia	31/3-7/4/2018		N.A.	27	356,900
32.	Kowloon Federation of Associations Youths Affairs Committee	眼球放大·跳進悉尼	Australia	12/6-19/6/2018		N.A.	28	341,860

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Name of Organisation#</b>	<b>Name of Programme#</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Programme Dates</b>	<b>Belt and Road Country(ies)^</b>	<b>Bilateral Exchange Programme Dates</b>	<b>No. of Approved Places@</b>	<b>Amount of Approved Sponsorship* (\$)</b>
33.	Service International Kong China Education Unit Civil Hong Kong Global	Global Volunteering for Peace Exchange Program	Germany	To be confirmed		To be confirmed	15	195,610

# For some organisations and programmes, only Chinese names are available.

^ “Belt and Road countries” refer to those listed on the official website of the Belt and Road Initiative (<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/>). The Belt and Road Initiative is an open and inclusive concept, and hence other countries/regions may also be related to the Belt and Road Initiative.

@ Depending on the eventual take-up, the actual number of participants may be smaller than that of the approved places.

\* Sponsorship is provided on a reimbursement basis. Depending on the actual number of participants and the expenditure for the projects, the amount of sponsorship eventually paid to the NGOs may be reduced accordingly.

N.A. Not applicable.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB05****(Question Serial No. S0057)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Bureau mentioned last year that, regarding the additional provision of \$100 million to the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP), the cash flow requirement in 2017-18 was \$3 million. However, the Bureau has adjusted the revised estimated expenditure for that year to \$2 million. In this connection, would the Bureau please inform us of the following:

- 1) the names (including staffing establishment) and the total commitment of the expenditure items involving the amount of \$2 million:

Name of the item	Total commitment (\$)	Revised estimated expenditure in 2017-18 (\$)

- 2) the reasons for adjusting the estimated expenditure by the Bureau;
- 3) please provide information on the cash flow, the distribution of expenditure and the use of estimated expenditure for every subsequent financial year:

Name of the item	Estimated expenditure (\$)

- 4) with reference to Reply Serial No. HAB080, the Bureau has approved matching grants totalling \$9.85 million under the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange (the Scheme) for 33 non-governmental organisations to implement their international youth exchange activities. For 2018-19, the estimated cash flow of the Scheme is \$12 million. As the revised estimated expenditure for the IYEP has been adjusted to \$2 million, would the Bureau please clarify whether the grants approved under the Scheme come from Item 808 "IYEP" under Subhead 700? If yes, please inform us of other sources of the grants. If no, please provide the sources of the grants under the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2017-18 Budget the allocation of an additional non-recurrent provision of \$100 million to provide more international exchange opportunities for young people to broaden their horizons. At that time, we estimated that \$3 million out of this provision would be spent in 2017-18.

With the additional provision, the new Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange (the Scheme) was launched in June 2017. The results of the first round of applications for the Scheme's matching grants were announced in November 2017. Matching grants totalling \$9.85 million have been approved for 33 non-governmental organisations to implement their international youth exchange activities from November 2017 to August 2018. Actual disbursement of the grants is expected to straddle across financial years. In light of the funding outcome, we are in a better position to estimate the cash flow for the 5 months of November 2017 to March 2018. The estimated expenditure in 2017-18 has thus been revised from \$3 million to \$2 million.

For 2018-19, taking into account the estimated expenditure on matching grants for projects from the first and second rounds, we estimate that the cash flow of the Scheme will be \$12 million. Estimated cash flow for subsequent years is not yet available.

All matching grants approved under the Scheme are funded by Item 808 "International Youth Exchange Programme" under Subhead 700.

The work related to the implementation of the Scheme is being undertaken by a team including 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Executive Officer I and 1 Assistant Clerical Officer, among their other duties. The staffing expenditure is absorbed within the overall provision of the Home Affairs Bureau and is not funded under Subhead 700.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB06**

**(Question Serial No. S0058)**

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Bureau estimated that the number of “participants under the International Youth Exchange Programme” would be 400 in 2017, but the actual number was 123. However, the Bureau estimates that the number of participants will reach 1 010 in 2018. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- 1) the estimated and the actual numbers of participants in exchanges provided through the celebration programmes for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2017;
- 2) the reasons for an increase in the actual number of “participants under the International Youth Exchange Programme” from 110 in 2016 to only 123 in 2017;
- 3) the reasons based and the criteria adopted for the Bureau to estimate that the number of participants will reach 1 010 in 2018.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

- 1) The estimated and the actual numbers of participants in exchanges provided through the celebration programmes for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2017 were 140 and 123 respectively.
- 2) The increase in the actual number of participants under the International Youth Exchange Programme in 2017 as compared with 2016 was due to the provision of more opportunities for international youth exchange through the celebration programmes for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
- 3) The increase in the estimated number of participants is mainly due to the implementation of a new Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange in June



2017. The estimation is based on the total number of participants sponsored / estimated to be sponsored under the 2017-18 and 2018-19 exercises of the International Youth Exchange Programme and the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange and who will undertake the international exchange activities during the 2018 calendar year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB07****(Question Serial No. S0059)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding Item 991 "Operations Consultancy for the Kai Tak Sports Park" under Subhead 700, please advise this Committee of the following:

1) the details and progress of the consultancy study:

Name of the consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Commencement date (month/year)	Progress of the study (in preparation/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	Follow-up action taken by the Government on the study report and its progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

1) The details and progress of the Operations Consultancy for the Kai Tak Sports Park are as follows –

Name of the consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Commencement date (month/year)	Progress of the study (in preparation/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	Follow-up action taken by the Government on the study report and its progress (if any)	For completed projects, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Joint venture of KPMG Transaction Advisory Services Limited and Advisian Limited	Tender	<p>Operations Consultancy for the Kai Tak Sports Park</p> <p>The objective is to provide expert advice on user requirements, business planning, financial projections, performance measurements, and monitoring framework on the future operation of the Sports Park. The consultant is tasked, among others, to review the procurement approach for the project, study turf options, assist in consulting stakeholders including the sports sector and other potential users and assist in evaluating the tenders received.</p>	40 million	July 2015	In progress	Not applicable (because the project is in progress)	While the consultancy study is in progress, the stakeholder engagement report, public engagement report and information on different financial/ procurement options explored for the project have been uploaded onto the project website at “ <a href="http://www.KaiTakSportsPark.hk">www.KaiTakSportsPark.hk</a> ”

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB08**

**(Question Serial No. S0069)**

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture; (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the Art Development Matching Grants Pilot Scheme (the Pilot Scheme) introduced by the Government in 2016 and the Matching Fund Scheme launched by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council itself, it is mentioned in the Budget (paragraph 158) that an additional \$500 million will be injected into the Pilot Scheme and the relaxation of its matching parameters will be considered. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- 1) the details of Government's initiative to consider relaxing the matching parameters of the Pilot Scheme and the completion date of the initiative;
- 2) the reasons for the grant amount approved for the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society far more than that received by other applicants as shown in Reply Serial No. HAB009.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

- 1) The Government plans to relax the matching parameters of the Art Development Matching Grants Pilot Scheme (the Scheme), including possible change to the matching ratio, and floor and ceiling requirements, etc. to encourage donations/sponsorships from the business and private sectors in support of the development of arts groups. Following consultation with the Advisory Committee on Arts Development, we target to adopt the new parameters for the third launch of the Scheme around mid-2018.
- 2) The amount of matching grants received by individual arts groups depends on the amount of donations/ sponsorships that an arts group could raise in a given period. Since Hong Kong Arts Festival Society was able to solicit more eligible donations/ sponsorships than other applicants in the first round of the Scheme, it received a

matching grant of \$23.37 million according to the prevailing parameters of the Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB09**

**(Question Serial No. S0070)**

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture; (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With reference to Reply Serial No. HAB009 about the Art Development Matching Grants Pilot Scheme (the Pilot Scheme) introduced by the Government in 2016 and the Matching Fund Scheme (MFS) launched by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) itself, please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) the number of projects involving emerging artists among all the projects receiving a matching grant in the first round of the Pilot Scheme;
- 2) as matching grants are disbursed to applicants for the amount of donations/sponsorship they raise at a 1:1 ratio, instead of being awarded by project, it is evident that the award of grants under the Pilot Scheme highly depends on the applicant's own ability to raise donations/sponsorship. In the first round of the Pilot Scheme, an amount of just \$3.96 million was approved for the HKADC to provide funding for applications from small and medium-sized arts groups. Has the Bureau taken any corresponding publicity measures to encourage donations/sponsorship when the Pilot Scheme was introduced? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? Will the Bureau consider introducing such measures?
- 3) when will a review of the Pilot Scheme be conducted as planned by the Bureau? In the review, will the Bureau consider adjusting the proportion of grants to be provided to the 4 categories of eligible arts groups/artists, i.e. the HKADC, the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society, the 9 major performing arts groups and the graduated Springboard grantees?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

- 1) Under the Art Development Matching Grants Pilot Scheme (the Scheme), eligible applicants may apply for matching grants if they are able to secure donations/sponsorships. The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) is one of the eligible applicants.

With the matching grants received from the Government, the HKADC has launched its own Matching Fund Scheme (MFS). Under the MFS, eligible small and medium-sized groups can apply for matching fund from the HKADC for donations/sponsorships solicited by them. The HKADC will then co-ordinate and seek from the Government for matching grants on behalf of the small and medium-sized groups in one go. Details of the MFS recipients under first round of the Scheme are available at HKADC's website:

[http://www.hkadc.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/Grant\\_Matching\\_Grant/mfs\\_rcpt\\_list\\_1609.pdf](http://www.hkadc.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/Grant_Matching_Grant/mfs_rcpt_list_1609.pdf)

The Government does not have any record of the number of emerging artists who are engaged in the MFS projects of HKADC.

- 2) The matching grants received by the HKADC, covering small and medium sized arts groups, was \$3.96 million in the first round of the Scheme. Since the implementation of its own MFS, the HKADC has introduced various measures to facilitate the participation of small and medium-sized arts groups. Examples include briefing sessions to explain to the arts groups the details of the MFS and application procedures, experience sharing seminar on fund-raising, and workshops on building of fund-raising capacity. We understand from the HKADC that the estimated amount of donations/sponsorships obtained by the small and medium-sized arts groups under its MFS will be increased from \$3.96 million in the first round of the Scheme to \$9.04 million in the second round of the Scheme.

The Home Affairs Bureau would continue to support the HKADC to introduce measures to facilitate arts groups in Hong Kong to build up their capacity in solicitation of donations/ sponsorships.

- 3) Under the Scheme, the Government does not assign a fixed proportion of matching grants for the 4 categories of eligible applicants mentioned in the question. The Government plans to relax the matching parameters of the Scheme, including possible change to the matching ratio, and floor and ceiling requirements, etc. to encourage donations/sponsorships from the business and private sectors in support of the development of arts groups. Following consultation with the Advisory Committee on Arts Development, we target to adopt the new parameters for the third launch of the Scheme around mid-2018.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB10****(Question Serial No. S0074)**

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government announced last month (28 March 2018) the establishment of the Youth Development Commission (YDC). Among its 34 non-official members, 3 of them have joined the YDC through the Pilot Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (the Self-recommendation Scheme) and their average age is 35. However, there have been voices in the community that the work of the task forces (namely, the Task Force on Youth Exchange and Internship, the Task Force on Youth Development Fund and Programmes and the Task Force on Youth Outreach and Engagement) under the YDC is limited to development only and does not involve participation in politics, rendering themselves useless in helping young people participate in politics or engage in public policy discussions and debates. Furthermore, a member of the YDC mentioned that voices from young people in the YDC were not diversified and only a very limited number of people could join the Self-recommendation Scheme. Therefore, it is proposed to set up a youth council.

According to Government information, there were still 5 youth councils with totally 134 members in Hong Kong in 2001. Members aged 15-20 made up the majority, accounting for 113 people (84.3%), where 107 (79.8%) out of them were students by occupation, representing 80% of the total number of members. As shown from the statistics above, the memberships of the then youth councils were much younger and had a stronger representation than those in the current YDC. Young people were also given more opportunities to participate in politics. At present, the Government has been emphasising youth education, career pursuit and home ownership as well as the participation of young people in politics and their engagement in public policy discussions and debates. In recent years, there have been different voices suggesting the re-establishment of a youth council under the Government, with a view to nurturing more young people with political awareness and formulating policies through a bottom-up approach. Would the Government consider re-establishing a youth council to increase the opportunities for young people to participate in politics and engage in public policy discussions and debates? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun



Reply:

Youth matters span across a wide spectrum and involve cross-bureau and cross-department collaboration. The newly-established Youth Development Commission (YDC) will enhance policy co-ordination within the Government and enable holistic and more effective examination of and discussion on issues of concern to young people. The 35 non-official members of YDC are drawn from diverse backgrounds, including community leaders as well as experts and stakeholders involved in youth development work. More than half of them are young members aged 35 or below. The average age of non-official members is 35.

To more effectively take account of and incorporate the views of young people during the policy formulation process, a Task Force on Youth Outreach and Engagement has been set up under YDC to keep in touch with young people through different channels and means. This could better enable the Government and YDC to gauge young people's pulse, understand their views and adopt their suggestions. Besides, YDC will liaise closely with relevant bureaux/departments and advisory bodies, so that the views of young people and stakeholders involved in youth development work would be taken into account during the process of formulating policies and measures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB11**

**(Question Serial No. S0052)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Further to Reply Serial No. HAB129, (a) what are the respective numbers of contract staff in each District Council Secretariat and District Office (DO) in the 18 districts in 2018-19? (b) How many of these positions have been created for more than 4 years? Do the DOs have any measure to convert these contract positions to permanent posts so as to reduce the number of contract staff?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

- (a) As the number of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff to be employed by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2018-19 will depend on actual operational and service needs during the period, we do not have information on the number of NCSC staff to be employed in the 18 districts at this juncture. In 2017-18 (as at 31 March 2018), 254 NCSC staff were employed by the District Council (DC) Secretariats and 129 by the District Offices (DOs) in 18 districts.
- (b) In 2017-18 (as at 31 March 2018), out of the total of 383 NCSC positions mentioned in (a) above, 50 have been created for more than 4 years.

For NCSC staff employed to support the DC Secretariat, having regard to a new DC term every 4 years, and that individual DCs of each term will allocate DC funds with regard to respective local needs, it is the established mechanism of the department to employ NCSC staff to supplement the civil service posts in the DC Secretariat to allow flexible deployment of staff to meet the changing service needs at different times.

As for NCSC staff employed by the DOs, HAD has followed the established mechanism of the Government to keep our NCSC positions under regular review, and where appropriate, seek necessary resources to replace them with civil service posts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB12**

**(Question Serial No. S0068)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Further to Reply Serial No. HAB121, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the criteria and rationale for granting honoraria to non-official members of advisory and statutory bodies?
- (b) When did the Government last review the honoraria system concerned? Has the Government any timetable for review? If yes, please provide details of the review mechanism and the indicators for assessing the effectiveness of the review. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

As a follow-up to Reply Serial No. HAB121, the relevant information on the honoraria of District Council (DC) is set out below.

The honoraria of DC members are publicly funded and there is no employment relationship between DC members and the Government. The objective of the remuneration package is to attract a broad spectrum of individuals from different sectors and all walks of life to be DC members to serve the public.

According to the existing mechanism, the Government will review regularly DC members' honoraria. Apart from the annual adjustment made according to the Consumer Price Index (A), the Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the District Councils of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Commission) also conducts regular reviews on the arrangements of DC members' remuneration to ensure that they meet the needs of changing circumstances and continue to fulfil the objective stated above. In its last review in 2014, the Commission recommended and the Government agreed to an

increase of the DC members' honoraria by 15% with effect from 1 January 2016. The Commission is currently conducting a review of the remuneration of DC members. In line with past practice, the Commission will complete the review around 1 year prior to the next DC election.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB13****(Question Serial No. S0071)**Head: (74) Information Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public InformationControlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Miss Cathy CHU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Further to the Reply Serial No. HAB149, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. please tabulate (i) the names of unsuccessful online-only media and (ii) the reasons for rejecting their applications;

Names of online-only media	Reasons for rejections

2. how does the Government determine whether the applicants are “the publications and websites that are communications outreach or advocacy publications”? Whether the Government has sought legal advice on this issue? If yes, of the advice; if no, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hinReply:

There are 2 applications which have been declined, as they are not considered as mass news media organisations (MNMOs) whose principal business is the regular reporting of original news for dissemination to the general public.

In the absence of the consent of the 2 organisations, the Information Services Department (ISD) cannot disclose their names.

There is currently no commonly accepted objective definition of MNMOs. It generally refers to those media organisations whose principal business is the regular reporting of original news for general dissemination to the public. Eligible MNMOs will receive press

releases and media invitations through the GNMIS. However, not all information dissemination organisations can be registered as GNMIS users. For example, the publications and websites that are communications outreach or advocacy publications of non-governmental or non-profit organisations, think tanks or interest groups are not qualified. The ISD has been applying the above criteria to both traditional MNMOs and online-only media for assessing applications for registration with GNMIS.

In devising the arrangements for the admission of MNMOs to Government media events and the criteria for registration with GNMIS, the ISD has made reference to the practices and procedures for handling online-only media in other places and international organisations, including the United Nations and the European Commission. These include requirements for online-only media to cover and update news on a regular basis, and that the majority of the website content must cover original news, commentary or analysis.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB14**

**(Question Serial No. S0064)**

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Miss Cathy CHU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government's reply indicated that, as at 8 March 2018, the Information Services Department (ISD) had received 20 applications from online-only media for registration with the ISD's Government News and Media Information System, of which 16 applications have been approved. Please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the names of the 4 unsuccessful online-only media; and
2. the reasons for rejections of these 4 online-only media.

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter

Reply:

There are 2 applications which have been declined, as they are not considered as mass news media organisations whose principal business is the regular reporting of original news for dissemination to the general public.

Besides, there are 2 other applications the vetting of which has not been completed, as the Information Services Department (ISD) is still awaiting their submission of the required documents.

In the absence of the consent of the above organisations, the ISD cannot disclose their names.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB15****(Question Serial No. S0072)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding the withdrawal of library materials by public libraries, please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) Please tabulate the details of library materials withdrawn in each of the past 5 years with a breakdown by type of materials and reason for withdrawal.

(Year)

	(Type of materials) E.g. printed books	E.g. audio-visual materials	E.g. microforms
Worn out/damaged			
Information contained is outdated			
Total			

- 2) Please tabulate the quantity of “surplus” materials donated to community organisations, non-profit-making organisations and educational bodies in the past 5 years and list out (i) the names of recipient organisations and (ii) the quantity of the types of materials received.

Year	Recipient organisation	(Quantity of various types of materials received) E.g. printed books	E.g. audio-visual materials

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin



Reply:

- 1) The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) writes off library materials that are worn out/damaged or contain outdated information in accordance with established guidelines and procedures. The total number of library materials withdrawn in the past 5 years with breakdown by type of materials is set out in the table below. Breakdown of library materials by reasons for withdrawal is not readily available.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Numbers of books withdrawn (’000 items)</b>	<b>Number of non-print materials withdrawn (’000 items)</b>
2013-14	598	66
2014-15	402	51
2015-16	363	33
2016-17	534	37
2017-18 (as at 28 February 2018)	138	8

- 2) The HKPL issued invitations to non-profit-making community organisations joining the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”, for donating the library books regarded as surplus. A total of 412 printed books have been donated to 20 community libraries and 2 schools since 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB16****(Question Serial No. S0073)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Further to Reply Serial No. HAB188, please inform this Committee of the following:

For each of the nine e-book collections subscribed by public libraries, please tabulate (i) the top 10 titles of e-book collections in terms of number of browses/views and (ii) the number of browses/views.

(Title of e-book collections)

Title of e-book collections with the highest number of browses/views	Number of browses/views

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hinReply:

As at 31 December 2017, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) acquired or subscribed to 9 e-book collections with about 273 000 items. These e-book collections are hosted by different service providers and licensed for library use at individual service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence. These platforms adopt different systems to suit their specific mode of service. The information on the top 10 titles of e-book collections in terms of number of browses/views is not readily available as some platforms do not maintain usage statistics by title whilst others will need more time to compile relevant statistics upon request.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-HAB17****(Question Serial No. SV019)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

A follow-up question to Reply Serial No. HAB199:

- (i) Please list out by year the number of books withdrawn by public libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in recent years, the number of brand-new books that have never been borrowed and the categories of these books.
- (ii) How will the Government step up scrutinising the book acquisition process?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, MichaelReply:

- (i) All library books acquired are put to circulation in the public libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) writes off unserviceable library books that are worn out/damaged or contain outdated information in accordance with established guidelines and procedures. Details on the borrowing records of the write-off items are not readily available. The numbers of library books withdrawn in the past 3 years are set out in table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Numbers of library books withdrawn (’000 items)</b>
2015-16	363
2016-17	534
2017-18 (as at 28 February 2018)	138

- (ii) The HKPL follows the principles laid down in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Public Library Manifesto in developing a diversified library collection to meet the community's needs for

information and research, to support continuous education and profitable use of leisure, and to promote literary arts. Every year, the HKPL formulates a collection development plan and consults the Public Libraries Advisory Committee. In the process, the HKPL takes into account the overall status of its collection, emerging trends and the usage patterns of library materials. In selecting suitable library materials for acquisition, due regard will be given to the annual collection development plan, the demands and interests of users (including book suggestions by users of the HKPL), the quality of library materials, latest publication information, book reviews and bibliographies, etc.

The HKPL is exploring the redevelopment of its information systems, which would facilitate the use of data analytics with a view to informing and supporting the acquisition and development of library collection.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB18**

**(Question Serial No. SV021)**

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide the number of soccer pitches that have not been converted into third generation artificial turf pitches and the timetable for the conversion works.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai

Reply:

Currently, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages 42 natural turf pitches and 39 artificial turf pitches (ATPs) including 4 first / second generation and 35 third generation (3G) ATPs. Among the 35 3G ATPs, 9 were converted from first / second generation pitches and another 15 were converted from natural turf pitches over the past 15 years. LCSD is planning to convert 1 natural pitch in Hin Tin Playground into 3G ATP in 2018-19. As regards the 4 first / second generation ATPs, they are being used for both football and hockey activities such as local leagues and local international events for the sport of hockey. Since there is currently no 3G ATP system in the prevailing market that can fulfil the competition requirements for both football and hockey, LCSD has no plan to convert the 4 first / second generation ATPs into 3G ATPs for the time being.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-HAB19**

**(Question Serial No. SV020)**

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums, (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

A follow-up question on Reply Serial No. HAB172:

Regarding the \$20 billion the Government set aside for the improvement and development of cultural facilities, what are the areas of application (list of items), principles of use and schedule of implementation?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing

Reply:

- (a) According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill.
- (b) Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund do not form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are not relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.

The Government will set aside \$20 billion for the improvement and development of cultural facilities. We have planned to seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) for the pre-construction activities of the following 2 projects after consultation with the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs in 2017-18 legislative session –

(a) New Territories East Cultural Centre (NTECC)

We propose to construct the NTECC as a cross-district cultural centre with multi-purpose facilities for performances and rehearsals in the New Territories East region. Subject to the FC's funding approval, the pre-construction activities are scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2018 for completion in 2022. After completion of the pre-construction activities which cover site investigation works, feasibility studies, design for the project, etc., we will work out the estimated costs, manpower requirements and the schedule of the main construction works for seeking the necessary funding approval for the project.

(b) Construction of the Heritage Conservation and Resource Centre (HCRC)

We propose to construct the HCRC as a dedicated storage and conservation facility to meet the long-term preservation need of the growing collections of the museums and heritage centres under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Subject to the FC's funding approval, the pre-construction activities are scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2018 for completion in 2021. After completion of the pre-construction activities which cover site investigation works, feasibility studies, design for the project, etc., we will work out the estimated costs, manpower requirements and the schedule of the main construction works for seeking the necessary funding approval for the project.

As regards other projects such as the expansion of the Hong Kong Science Museum, Hong Kong Museum of History and Hong Kong City Hall, and the renovation of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, which aim to provide additional facilities and/or upgrade major facilities to meet modern day needs, they are at different planning stages. We will finalise the details and consult relevant stakeholders when ready. Details on the estimated capital and recurrent costs and implementation schedule of the projects are being worked out.

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