

Legislative Council

Agenda

Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 11:30 am
(or immediately after the meeting for the Chief Executive's Question Time
to be held at 11:00 am that day)

I. Papers to be laid on the Table of the Council

10 items of subsidiary legislation/instruments and 6 other papers to be laid on the Table of the Council are set out in **Appendix 1**

II. Questions

Members to ask 22 questions (6 for oral replies and 16 for written replies)

Questions for oral replies to be asked by

Public officers to reply

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| 1. Hon Claudia MO
<u>(Mainland residents coming to Hong Kong for settlement)</u> | Secretary for Security |
| 2. Hon WU Chi-wai
<u>(Issuance of Permits for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macao)</u> | Secretary for Security |
| 3. Hon Wilson OR
<u>(The Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East)</u> | Secretary for Development
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing |
| 4. Hon LAU Kwok-fan
<u>(Mainland tourists visiting Hong Kong)</u> | Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development |
| 5. Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
<u>(The Belt and Road Office)</u> | Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development |
| 6. Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG
<u>(Emergency respite and emergency home care services for the elderly and persons with disabilities)</u> | Secretary for Labour and Welfare |

Contents of the 22 questions, the Members to ask such questions and the public officers to reply are set out in **Appendix 2**

III. Government Bills

First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)

1. Judicial Officers (Extension of Retirement Age) (Amendment) Bill 2019 : Chief Secretary for Administration
2. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions) Bill 2019 : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
3. Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019 : Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Second Reading (debate to resume), consideration by committee of the whole Council and Third Reading

Inland Revenue and MPF Schemes Legislation (Tax Deductions for Annuity Premiums and MPF Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Bill 2018 : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

IV. Government Motions

1. Proposed resolution under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance

Chief Secretary for Administration to move the motion in Appendix 3

2. Proposed resolution under the Coroners Ordinance

Chief Secretary for Administration to move the motion in Appendix 4

(The debate and voting arrangements for the above two proposed resolutions are set out in LC Paper No. CB(3) 461/18-19 issued on 18 March 2019)

3. Proposed resolution under the Public Finance Ordinance

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury to move the motion in Appendix 5

V. Member's Motion on Subsidiary Legislation/Instrument

Proposed resolution to extend the period for amending subsidiary legislation

Hon CHAN Hak-kan to move the motion in Appendix 6

VI. Members' Motions

1. Motion on “Proactively expanding development opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area”

Hon WONG Ting-kwong to move the motion in Appendix 7

8 Members (Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, Hon Christopher CHEUNG, Hon Tony TSE, Hon YIU Si-wing, Hon WU Chi-wai, Hon Martin LIAO, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki and Hon HO Kai-ming) to move amendments as set out in LC Paper No. CB(3) 456/18-19 issued on 15 March 2019

Public officers to attend : Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

2. Motion on “Reforming the immigration and admission policies”

Hon Gary FAN to move the motion in Appendix 8

5 Members (Hon Claudia MO, Hon Alvin YEUNG, Hon Steven HO, Hon CHU Hoi-dick and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG) to move amendments as set out in LC Paper No. CB(3) 457/18-19 issued on 15 March 2019

Public officers to attend : Secretary for Security
Under Secretary for Security

Clerk to the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 20 March 2019

Papers to be laid on the Table of the Council

Subsidiary legislation/instruments	Legal Notice No.
1. <u>Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles (Amendment) Regulation 2019</u>	26 of 2019
2. <u>Allowances to Jurors (Amendment) Order 2019</u>	27 of 2019
3. <u>Rating (Exemption) Order 2019</u>	28 of 2019
4. <u>Revenue (Reduction of Business Registration Fees and Branch Registration Fees) Order 2019</u>	29 of 2019
5. <u>Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulation 2019</u>	30 of 2019
6. <u>Non-Hong Kong Companies (Disclosure of Company Name, Place of Incorporation and Members' Limited Liability) Regulation</u>	31 of 2019
7. <u>Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 2018 (Commencement) Notice</u>	32 of 2019
8. <u>Companies Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 7) Notice 2019</u>	33 of 2019
9. <u>Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Notice 2019</u>	34 of 2019
10. <u>Patents (General) (Amendment) Rules 2019</u>	35 of 2019
Other papers	
11. <u>Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2020</u> <u>General Revenue Account</u> <u>— Consolidated Summary of Estimates</u> <u>— General Revenue Account — Summary</u> <u>— Revenue Analysis by Head</u> (to be presented by Financial Secretary)	

12. Hong Kong Arts Development Council
Annual Report 2017/18 (including Financial Report and Independent Auditor's
Report)
(to be presented by Chief Secretary for Administration)
13. The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
Annual Report 2017/18, Consolidated Financial Statements and Independent
Auditor's Report for the year ended 30th June 2018
(to be presented by Chief Secretary for Administration)
14. The Lord Wilson Heritage Trust
Annual Report 2017-2018 (including Financial Report and Honorary Auditor's
Report)
(to be presented by Secretary for Home Affairs)
15. Report No. 13/18-19 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary
Legislation and Other Instruments
(to be presented by Hon Starry LEE, Chairman of the House Committee)
16. Report of the Bills Committee on Inland Revenue and MPF Schemes Legislation
(Tax Deductions for Annuity Premiums and MPF Voluntary Contributions)
(Amendment) Bill 2018
(to be presented by Hon WONG Ting-kwong, Chairman of the Bills Committee)

22 questions to be asked at the Council meeting of 20 March 2019

	Subject matters	Public officers to reply	
Questions for oral replies			
1	Hon Claudia MO	<u>Mainland residents coming to Hong Kong for settlement</u>	Secretary for Security
2	Hon WU Chi-wai	<u>Issuance of Permits for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macao</u>	Secretary for Security
3	Hon Wilson OR	<u>The Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East</u>	Secretary for Development Under Secretary for Transport and Housing
4	Hon LAU Kwok-fan	<u>Mainland tourists visiting Hong Kong</u>	Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
5	Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan	<u>The Belt and Road Office</u>	Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
6	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG	<u>Emergency respite and emergency home care services for the elderly and persons with disabilities</u>	Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Questions for written replies			
7	Hon CHAN Hoi-yan	<u>Supply of housing</u>	Secretary for Transport and Housing
8	Hon Michael TIEN	<u>Noise emitted by motor vehicles</u>	Secretary for the Environment
9	Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG	<u>Civil servants' training on national studies and the Basic Law</u>	Secretary for the Civil Service
10	Hon CHAN Han-pan	<u>Construction of roadside bus stops with shelters</u>	Secretary for Transport and Housing
11	Dr Hon Pierre CHAN	<u>Seasonal influenza vaccination</u>	Secretary for Food and Health
12	Hon Alice MAK	<u>Provision of transitional housing</u>	Secretary for Transport and Housing
13	Hon CHAN Chi-chuen	<u>Repair of traffic signs</u>	Secretary for Transport and Housing
14	Hon YUNG Hoi-yan	<u>Conditions of and repair works for the surfaces of footpaths</u>	Secretary for Transport and Housing
15	Hon Mrs Regina IP	<u>Grade structure review for disciplined services grades</u>	Secretary for the Civil Service
16	Hon Kenneth LAU	<u>Vetting and approval of applications for construction or redevelopment of small houses</u>	Secretary for Development
17	Hon Dennis KWOK	<u>Management of water resources</u>	Secretary for Development
18	Hon SHIU Ka-chun	<u>Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment</u>	Secretary for Labour and Welfare
19	Hon LAM Cheuk-ting	<u>Wastage of the Administrative Officer and Executive Officer grades staff</u>	Secretary for the Civil Service
20	Hon Holden CHOW	<u>Implementation of the sanctions decided by the Security Council of the United Nations</u>	Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
21	Hon Tony TSE	<u>Enforcement of the smoking ban</u>	Secretary for Food and Health
22	Hon Charles Peter MOK	<u>Capability of children and youths to exercise self-control in using mobile phones and browsing social media</u>	Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question 1
(For oral reply)

(Translation)

Mainland residents coming to Hong Kong for settlement

Hon Claudia MO to ask:

Since 1997, a total of over a million Mainland residents have come to Hong Kong for settlement on Permits for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macao (commonly known as “One-way Permits”) (“OWPs”). Some members of the public have pointed out that a large number of Mainland residents settling in Hong Kong has put a heavy burden on Hong Kong’s public services such as social welfare, housing, education and healthcare. Recently, the representatives of some doctor groups have claimed that the public healthcare system is on the verge of collapse. They have therefore called for the cessation of OWP issuance. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) given that Mainland residents may apply for OWPs for the reason, apart from family reunion, that they must come to Hong Kong for settlement due to other special circumstances, and some of those who have come to Hong Kong on OWPs do not have any close relatives in Hong Kong, of the number of people who came to Hong Kong for settlement on OWPs each year since 1997, with a breakdown by the age group to which they belonged, their gender, and whether they were issued OWPs on grounds of family reunion; whether the Government assessed, in the past three years, the pressure on Hong Kong’s public resources brought about by people coming to Hong Kong for settlement on OWPs; if so, of the outcome;
- (2) whether the Government will, in order to alleviate the pressure on public services, set up an inter-departmental steering committee to be led by the Chief Secretary for Administration to study feasible options for reducing the OWP quota progressively; if so, of the details and timetable; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (3) whether it will discuss with the relevant Mainland departments the SAR Government’s participation by phases in, and its eventual assumption of full responsibility for, the vetting and approval of OWP applications, so as to prevent Mainland residents from coming to Hong Kong for settlement on OWPs obtained through bogus marriages; if so, of the details and timetable; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 2
(For oral reply)

(Translation)

Issuance of Permits for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macao

Hon WU Chi-wai to ask:

According to Article 22 of the Basic Law and the relevant Interpretation by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress in 1999 ("NPCSC's Interpretation"), Mainland residents who wish to enter the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") must apply for approval in accordance with the relevant laws, and must hold valid documents issued by the Mainland authorities (e.g. Permits for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macao which are commonly known as "One-way Permits" ("OWPs")) before they may enter HKSAR. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) given that the HKSAR Government currently may, of its own accord, vet and approve Mainland residents' applications for entry into Hong Kong under the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals and the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (including the setting of point-based tests and selection of applicants), if it has studied, from a legal perspective, whether the HKSAR Government's participation in the vetting and approval of OWP applications would not violate Article 22 of the Basic Law and NPCSC's Interpretation;
- (2) given that Mainland residents may apply for OWPs for the reason, apart from family reunion, that they must come to Hong Kong for settlement due to other special circumstances, of the circumstances that are included under "other special circumstances"; and
- (3) in each of the past 10 years,
 - (i) of the number of Mainland residents who came to Hong Kong for settlement on OWPs, broken down by the following categories of OWP holders:
 - holders of Certificate of Entitlement;
 - spouses separated for 10 years or more and their accompanying children;
 - persons of other categories (set out one by one); and
 - persons who must come to Hong Kong for settlement due to other special circumstances; and
 - (ii) whether there were unused quotas in respect of the OWPs applicable to different types of persons; if so, whether the

Government will request the Central Authorities to reduce the quotas concerned in accordance with the actual demand?

Question 3
(For oral reply)

(Translation)

The Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East

Hon Wilson OR to ask:

The Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East (“EFLS”) proposed by the Government is an elevated monorail which will start and end respectively at the Kowloon Bay Station and the Kwun Tong Station of the MTR Kwun Tong Line, run through the Kai Tak Development Area and connect the Kai Tak Station of the Shatin to Central Link. The Government is currently conducting the second-stage detailed feasibility study for EFLS. As the passenger throughput of the Kwun Tong Line during peak hours has reached the maximum capacity at present, some members of the public are worried that the Kwun Tong Line can hardly cope with the additional patronage to be brought about by EFLS upon its commissioning. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) whether it knows the estimated passenger throughput and passenger loading of the Kwun Tong Line during the peak hours between 2019 and 2021; whether it has requested the MTR Corporation Limited to conduct a study on increasing the carrying capacity of the Kwun Tong Line; if so, of the details of the study;
- (2) whether the study for the next stage to be conducted for EFLS will comprise simulation tests for estimating the capabilities of Kowloon Bay Station, Kai Tak Station and Kwun Tong Station in coping with additional passenger flows; and
- (3) of the respective expected dates for the completion of the study for the next stage, confirmation of the final proposal, works commencement and commissioning for EFLS; when it will submit the relevant funding applications to the Finance Committee of this Council?

Question 4
(For oral reply)

(Translation)

Mainland tourists visiting Hong Kong

Hon LAU Kwok-fan to ask:

Under the Individual Visit Scheme (“IVS”), Mainland residents living in cities covered by IVS may visit Hong Kong after obtaining an endorsement for individual visit (i.e. “the G endorsement”) issued by the Mainland’s Public Security Bureau Office, while residents in other Mainland places visiting Hong Kong are required to obtain an endorsement for group visit (i.e. “the L endorsement”) and enter Hong Kong in tour groups. However, the Mainland authorities have not imposed a requirement on the minimum number of persons constituting an inbound Mainland tour group (“IMTG”), such that one person may also constitute a tour group. Besides, it has been reported that same as IVS visitors, Mainland residents with the L endorsement may now visit Hong Kong on their own and are no longer required to enter Hong Kong in tour groups (such as tour groups organized in Shenzhen on an ad hoc basis). The aforesaid arrangements have rendered the L endorsement tantamount to the G endorsement. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) whether it has assessed the pressure on the tourist facilities in Hong Kong brought about by the arrangements of not imposing a requirement on the minimum number of persons constituting an IMTG and allowing Mainland residents with the L endorsement to visit Hong Kong on their own; if so, of the outcome; if not, the reasons for that;
- (2) as the Government indicated in July last year that it would relay to the Mainland authorities concerns of Hong Kong people about such arrangements, of the replies received and follow-up actions taken by the Government; and
- (3) as the Government indicated in January this year that it had all along maintained close liaison with the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong to understand the situation of IMTG, of the details of the liaison work (including the frequency and scope); whether it will discuss with the Mainland authorities the setting up of a reciprocal notification mechanism between government departments so as to grasp right away the information relating to Mainland tourists visiting Hong Kong?

Question 5
(For oral reply)

(Translation)

The Belt and Road Office

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan to ask:

In order to help Hong Kong grasp the opportunities brought by the “Belt and Road” Initiative, the Government set up a Belt and Road Office (“the Office”) in 2016 to take forward the relevant work effectively and on a sustained basis. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) in respect of the Office, of its current staffing establishment, whether there will be any increase in its future manpower, its annual expenditure since establishment, and its future estimated expenditure;
- (2) whether it has assessed the effectiveness of the work of the Office since its establishment and if the anticipated results have been achieved; if it has assessed, of the outcome, including the achievements of the work of the Office on aspects such as liaising with mainland institutions and ministries, promoting Hong Kong to the countries along the Belt and Road, and seeking business opportunities that Hong Kong businessmen need; and
- (3) whether it has set the future work targets and plans for the Office; if so, of the details and timetable; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 6
(For oral reply)

(Translation)

Emergency respite and emergency home care services
for the elderly and persons with disabilities

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG to ask:

Some carers of the elderly and persons with disabilities (“PWDs”) have relayed to me that currently, there is a lack of emergency respite and emergency home care services for the elderly and PWDs, resulting in some carers who were taken ill during late hours having to give up receiving treatment in hospitals. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) whether it will examine the provision of subsidized emergency respite and emergency home care services for the elderly and PWDs (including persons with severe disabilities) to be operated round-the-clock in all districts in Hong Kong; if so, of the details (including the timetable); if not, the reasons for that; and
- (2) given that subsidized residential care homes (“RCHs”) often refuse, on grounds of their inability to provide medical care services, to provide respite care service for those who need intensive medical care or those who suffer from impaired consciousness (such as persons with severe dementia and vegetative persons), whether the Government will request the Hospital Authority to provide such service or help subsidized RCHs obtain the relevant resources to provide such service; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 7
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Supply of housing

Hon CHAN Hoi-yan to ask:

Regarding the supply of housing, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the respective numbers and vacancy rates of the various types of public and private residential units at present;
- (2) whether it knows, regarding the residential developments the acquisition of which respectively by (i) the Urban Renewal Authority (“URA”) and (ii) the Hong Kong Housing Society (“HKHS”) has been completed and are awaiting redevelopment at present, the number of years for which they have been left vacant, as well as the timetable for the relevant redevelopment projects and the number of units to be supplied;
- (3) whether it knows, regarding the vacated rental estates under HKHS which are awaiting redevelopment at present, the number of years for which they have been left vacant, as well as the timetable for the relevant redevelopment projects and the number of units to be supplied;
- (4) of the number of transitional housing projects successfully facilitated by the Task Force on Transitional Housing since its establishment and the number of such kind of projects currently receiving support from the Task Force, and set out their locations, site areas, number of units to be supplied, average floor area of such units, as well as the number of years for which the relevant lands may be used for transitional housing; and
- (5) whether it will form a working group with URA and HKHS to explore the provision of transitional housing by making use of vacant lands and vacant properties; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 8
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Noise emitted by motor vehicles

Hon Michael TIEN to ask:

At present, the Noise Control (Motor Vehicles) Regulation (Cap. 400 sub. leg. I) requires that every vehicle first registered must conform to the noise emission standards prescribed under the Regulation. Also, the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. A) require that every vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine must be fitted with a silencer maintained in good and efficient working order, and must not be altered or replaced in such a way that makes the noise greater. However, quite a number of members of the public have relayed that they often find vehicles, suspected of having been modified illegally, running on the expressways near their residences and emitting annoying noise. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether it will amend the legislation to empower the Police, where they suspect that the noise emitted by a moving vehicle has exceeded the prescribed standards, to stop the vehicle and have the vehicle towed to a vehicle examination centre for a noise test and, upon confirmation that the noise has exceeded the prescribed standards, to institute prosecution against, and issue a vehicle repair order to, the vehicle owner concerned; if so, of the work schedule; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 9
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Civil servants' training on national studies and the Basic Law

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG to ask:

According to the existing policy, bureaux and government departments ("B&Ds") should make arrangements for the middle-level civil servants (i.e. officers at Master Pay Scale ("MPS") Point 34 to 44 or equivalent) under the B/Ds to attend national studies programmes within six years from the time when they reach the relevant MPS Point/pay point threshold. Nevertheless, Report No. 71 of the Director of Audit ("the Report"), published in October last year, has pointed out that due to insufficient places for such programmes, it is unlikely that such training time schedule can be adhered to. Besides, the Report has recommended that the Government should enhance the tracking of the progress of civil servants' training on the Basic Law. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of (i) the number of training places and (ii) the number of participants for the national studies programmes, in each of the past three years; the projected number of places for such programmes in each of the coming three years;
- (2) whether it has, in accordance with the recommendations made in the Report, (i) reviewed the aforesaid training time schedule, (ii) discussed with those Mainland universities currently organizing such programmes to increase the number of places for the programmes, (iii) commissioned more Mainland universities to organize such programmes, and (iv) promoted B&Ds to nominate more middle-level civil servants to attend such programmes so as to fully utilize the training places; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that;
- (3) given that the Government has, since the latter half of last year, extended the national studies programmes to civil servants at MPS Point 28 to 33, of (i) the existing number of civil servants whose salaries are within this salary range, and (ii) the number of places to be made available for them to attend the national studies programmes in each of the coming three years; whether it has conducted a review on such training arrangement having regard to the comments made in the Report; if so, of the outcome; and
- (4) as the Government has indicated that it will strengthen the content of Basic Law training for civil servants so as to incorporate the relationship between the Constitution of the People's Republic of

China and the Basic Law, of the progress of the relevant work, including (i) the measures put in place for training civil servants to understand the Constitution and (ii) the number of training activities held so far; the new measures in the coming three years to strengthen the training in this respect?

Question 10
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Construction of roadside bus stops with shelters

Hon CHAN Han-pan to ask:

Quite a number of members of the public have pointed out to me that as currently a large number of quite heavily used roadside bus stops do not have any shelters, passengers waiting for buses there have to put up with the scorching heat of the sun or lashing rains. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the respective numbers and percentages of roadside bus stops with and without shelters at present, with a breakdown by District Council district;
- (2) whether it has issued guidelines to the franchised bus companies on the construction of bus stops with shelters; if so, of the details, and how the Government handles the situation where a bus company has breached such guidelines;
- (3) of the procedure for vetting and approval of applications for the construction of bus stops with shelters, including which government departments are involved, what items require approval, and the time taken in general;
- (4) as the construction of shelters for some bus stops is infeasible due to the presence of underground public utilities there, whether the Government has coordinated the public utilities companies concerned to make complementary arrangements, so that works for the construction of shelters can be carried out; and
- (5) of the current number of bus stops with shelters that are fitted with advertising lightboxes, and the percentage of such number in the total number of bus stops; the procedure for the franchised bus companies to apply for the construction of bus stops with shelters fitted with advertising lightboxes?

Question 11
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Seasonal influenza vaccination

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN to ask:

The Government provides eligible groups with free and subsidized seasonal influenza vaccination through the “Government Vaccination Programme” and the “Vaccination Subsidy Scheme” (“VSS”) respectively. In addition, the Department of Health (“DH”) introduced in October last year the “School Outreach Vaccination Pilot Programme” (“Pilot Programme”) as well as the “Enhanced Vaccination Subsidy Scheme Outreach Vaccination” (“Enhanced VSS”) under VSS, to enhance the seasonal influenza vaccination uptake rate among schoolchildren. Regarding the provision of seasonal influenza vaccination to members of the public, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the respective up-to-date numbers of primary schools which have (i) participated in and (ii) conducted vaccination activities under the Pilot Programme in the current school year; the average number of days between the submission of applications for joining the Programme and the conduct of vaccination activities at schools by healthcare workers;
- (2) of the respective up-to-date numbers of (a) primary schools and (b) kindergartens/child care centres which have (i) participated in and (ii) conducted vaccination activities under Enhanced VSS in the current school year; the average number of days between healthcare workers’ receiving invitations and their conducting vaccination activities at schools;
- (3) of (i) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government for procuring seasonal influenza vaccines (“SIV”) and (ii) the total amount of subsidy claimed by private doctors participating in VSS, in the past five years;
- (4) of the respective numbers of persons from the various groups set out in the table below who received injectable SIV and their uptake rates, in each of the past five years (set out separately in tables of the same format as the table below);

Year: _____

Group	Number of people receiving vaccinations	Uptake rate
Children between 6 months and 5 years old		
Children aged between 6 and 11		

Persons aged between 12 and 49		
Persons aged between 50 and 64		
Persons aged 65 or above		
Pregnant women		
Persons with chronic health problems		
Overall population		

- (5) of (i) the quantity of nasal SIV procured by DH and the amount of expenditure so incurred and (ii) the respective numbers of persons from the various groups set out in the aforesaid table who received such SIV, since April last year; whether it has compared the efficacy of injectable SIV with nasal SIV, and whether it will switch to using nasal SIV in providing influenza vaccination services for children;
- (6) of (i) the quantities, general expiry dates and the stock to date of the SIV procured and (ii) the quantities of expired or damaged SIV discarded, by DH and the Hospital Authority respectively in each of the past five years; and
- (7) whether it has stipulated in the procurement contracts for SIV that the Government has the rights to (i) return to the suppliers a certain quantity/percentage of unused vaccines and (ii) adjust the quantity of the vaccines procured on the basis of actual needs; if so, of the quantities concerned?

Question 12
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Provision of transitional housing

Hon Alice MAK to ask:

The Government has earlier set up a task force to provide one-stop support for various community-led transitional housing projects. In addition, the Financial Secretary has set aside \$2 billion in the Budget for the next financial year to support non-governmental organizations (“NGOs”) in taking forward transitional housing projects. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) whether it will set a specific target on the number of transitional housing projects commencing within the coming three years;
- (2) whether it will consider providing NGOs with loan guarantees to facilitate their raising funds for transitional housing projects;
- (3) whether it knows the current unit cost of and the time needed for converting the existing housing units into transitional housing; of the measures in place to assist NGOs in persuading more property owners to let their idle units be used as transitional housing and expediting the relevant conversion works;
- (4) whether it knows the current unit cost of modular transitional housing built by modular integrated construction methods; how the Government currently assists NGOs financially and technically in saving construction costs and expediting the works, and whether it will consider helping those NGOs jointly procure prefabricated parts in order to reduce costs;
- (5) how the Government financially supports the Hong Kong Housing Authority, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority to take forward transitional housing projects; whether the aforesaid task force will provide any assistance to such projects; and
- (6) whether it will formulate a long-term policy that regards transitional housing as a supplementary source of housing for the short and medium terms, and make relevant legislative amendments to provide for the technical standards for the construction, specifications and safety standards in respect of transitional housing?

Question 13
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Repair of traffic signs

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen to ask:

Some members of the public have relayed that quite a number of large traffic signs for giving route directions to motorists have not been repaired since they were damaged during the onslaught of super typhoon Mangkhut in Hong Kong in September last year, which causes inconvenience to motorists. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the number of traffic signs damaged during the onslaught of Mangkhut in Hong Kong and, among them, the number of those for which the repair works were not yet completed as at 16 February this year and the reasons for that; and
- (2) whether it has measures in place to shorten the time needed for repairing traffic signs?

Question 14
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Conditions of and repair works for the surfaces of footpaths

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan to ask:

I have received a number of complaints alleging that in Hong Kong, quite a number of footpaths have uneven surfaces and footpaths paved with paving blocks have paving blocks loosened and damaged, which make pedestrians (especially the elderly, children and persons with disabilities) prone to trip and fall. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of (i) the number of complaints or reports received by the Government about the surfaces of footpaths being uneven or damaged, (ii) the number of incidents with casualties arising from such situations, and (iii) the number of claims lodged by members of the public for compensation of such casualties and the amount of compensations involved, in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by District Council district;
- (2) of the Government's follow-up procedure and work upon receipt of the complaints or reports mentioned in (1), and the performance pledge it has set in this regard; the respective numbers of cases in the past three years in which the performance pledge was met and was not met, the reasons why the performance pledge was not met in some cases, and the improvement measures put in place;
- (3) of the (i) arrangements (including the numbers of scheduled and unscheduled inspections), (ii) staffing establishment and (iii) annual expenditure in respect of the inspections on the conditions of footpaths and the relevant repair works currently undertaken by the Highways Department; the respective dates on which the last and the next reviews of the relevant work arrangements was/will be conducted;
- (4) whether it will allocate additional resources and manpower in the coming three years to step up the inspections on the conditions of footpaths and the relevant repair works; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (5) whether it has examined the main causes for the uneven and damaged surfaces of footpaths, as well as the correlation between such situations and the workmanship of and materials used in the construction of footpaths; if so, of the outcome, and the specific improvement measures put in place; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 15
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Grade structure review for disciplined services grades

Hon Mrs Regina IP to ask:

Some trade unions of the disciplined services have relayed to me that as compared with civilian staff, disciplined services staff are required to have better physical fitness, have a higher sense of discipline and work shifts more frequently, while the work of disciplined services is more dangerous than that of civilian staff. However, the current remuneration packages for disciplined services staff have not sufficiently reflected such factors. For instance, the maximum pay point for Customs Officers is lower than that for Assistant Clerical Officers, whose entry requirement on academic qualifications is similar. Moreover, the pay difference between successive pay points in the pay scale for the former is smaller than that for the latter. Given that the Government is conducting a grade structure review for the disciplined services grades, will the Government inform this Council whether the review includes examining the raising of the pay levels for disciplined services staff (particularly for the rank and file), and widening the pay difference between successive pay points in their pay scales; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 16
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Vetting and approval of applications for construction
or redevelopment of small houses

Hon Kenneth LAU to ask:

Quite a number of villagers have relayed to me that the time taken for vetting and approval of their applications for construction or redevelopment of small houses, which they submitted to the Government in accordance with the New Territories Small House Policy, is rather long, taking seven to 10 years in general and in some cases even 20-odd years. As the construction costs have risen incessantly during the period when the applications are awaiting vetting and approval, the financial burden on those villagers has become increasingly heavy. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the respective numbers of applications for (i) construction and (ii) redevelopment of small houses which were (a) received, (b) approved, (c) being processed and (d) rejected by various District Lands Offices of the Lands Department in each of the past five years (set out in tables of the same format as the table below);

District Lands Office: _____

Year	(a)		(b)		(c)		(d)	
	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)
2014								
2015								
2016								
2017								
2018								

- (2) of the respective average, shortest and longest time taken to vet and approve those applications which were approved in each of the past five years; if such figures are not available, of the reasons for that, and whether it will consider compiling such statistics; and
- (3) whether the Government conducted in the past five years any study on streamlining the relevant vetting and approval procedure with a view to shortening the vetting and approval time needed; if so, of the outcome; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 17
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Management of water resources

Hon Dennis KWOK to ask:

At present, around 70% to 80% of Hong Kong's fresh water supply comes from Dongjiang while the remainder comes from local catchments. In reply to a question raised by a Member of this Council on 27 June last year, the Government said that the first stage of Tseung Kwan O ("TKO") desalination plant under construction was expected to be completed by 2022. The fresh water production capacity of the desalination plant will be 135 000 cubic metres per day (equivalent to around 5% of the fresh water consumption of Hong Kong) and can ultimately be increased to 270 000 cubic metres per day. However, the Government indicated that it had no plan to set a target percentage of the fresh water production capacity of desalination plants at 30% of Hong Kong's water consumption. Regarding the management of water resources, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) as there are views that pollution of water sources that may be caused and the additional demand for fresh water generated by the rapid development of the Mainland economy and climate change may lead to an unstable Dongjiang water supply, but seawater desalination as a sustainable source of water supply will not be affected by such problems, of the reasons why the Government has no plan to set a target percentage of the fresh water production capacity of desalination plants at 30% of Hong Kong's water consumption;
- (2) apart from TKO desalination plant, whether the Government has studied the implementation of other seawater desalination projects; if so, of the outcome (including fresh water production capacity); if not, the reasons for that;
- (3) as the Government indicated last year that it would supply in phases reclaimed water for toilet flushing in the northeast New Territories, and that it planned to launch a public consultation and commence the legislative amendment work on the supply of reclaimed water, of the progress of such work; whether it has studied the supply of reclaimed water to other districts; if so, of the outcome (including the timetable); if not, the reasons for that;
- (4) as the Government is taking forward the Inter-Reservoirs Transfer Scheme, under which a tunnel connecting the Kowloon Byewash Reservoir and the Lower Shing Mun Reservoir is to be built to

reduce overflow from the Kowloon Group of Reservoirs and increase water resources, of the progress of the Scheme; and

- (5) of the number of government buildings currently installed with a grey water reuse system or rainwater harvesting system, and set out by building name the volume of grey water used and rainwater harvested last year; if such statistics are unavailable, of the reasons for that; whether it has plans to install such systems in all government buildings; if so, of the details (including the timetable); if not, the reasons for that?

Question 18
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons
with Mild Impairment

Hon SHIU Ka-chun to ask:

In December 2017, the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) launched a three-year Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (“the Pilot Scheme”) to provide, on a co-payment basis, home care and support services to the elderly persons on the waiting list for the Integrated Home Care Services (“IHCS”) (Ordinary Cases). The Pilot Scheme offers 4 000 service places. SWD has commissioned a consultant to formulate a standardized assessment tool for use by the IHCS teams to conduct assessments on elderly persons, with a view to identifying elderly persons eligible for taking part in the Pilot Scheme. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the reasons for limiting the number of service places for the Pilot Scheme at 4 000;
- (2) as SWD has commissioned a consultant to conduct a review on the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme, of (i) the number, name list and qualifications of the members in the consultant team responsible for such task, (ii) the consultant fees involved, and (iii) the timetable for the review and whether the review will include public engagement activities;
- (3) regarding the Pilot Scheme, of (i) the cumulative total amount of expenditure to date and the details of the various expenditure items, (ii) the expenditures for the previous and the current financial years, and (iii) the estimated expenditure for the next financial year; the cumulative total amount of funds allocated to date to service providers taking part in the Pilot Scheme, as well as the average cost per service session for each item of the services provided under the Pilot Scheme;
- (4) of the details of the assessment tool, including the criteria adopted and a list of the items in the tool (with the whole assessment tool attached);
- (5) of (i) the number of runs and (ii) the dates of the training programme on the use of the assessment tool conducted by SWD for members of the IHCS teams;
- (6) of the respective numbers of elderly persons, since the introduction of the Pilot Scheme, who have (i) applied for joining the Scheme,

- (ii) undergone assessment, (iii) been assessed as being eligible for joining the Scheme, (iv) used the services provided under the Scheme (with a breakdown by the co-payment category to which they belonged), and (v) withdrawn from the Scheme, together with a tabulated breakdown by District Council district; the respective numbers of persons currently on the waiting lists for the various items of the services provided under the Scheme;
- (7) of a breakdown of the number of elderly persons who have withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme by the reasons for withdrawal as set out in Table 1;

Table 1

Reason for withdrawal	Number of persons
(i) No suitable service providers/service packages	
(ii) Expiry of the service period	
(iii) To be/Having been admitted to subsidized community care services or subsidized/private residential care services, or to receive/receiving such services	
(iv) Deceased	
(v) Having carers such as family members or domestic helpers	
(vi) Others (including hospitalization and having left Hong Kong)	
Total:	

- (8) in respect of each item of services provided under the Pilot Scheme, of (i) the number of elderly persons who are currently using the service, (ii) the percentage of such number in the total number of users of the various services under the Pilot Scheme, (iii) the average monthly number of users for the service, and (iv) the number of user-times to date for the service (set out in Table 2);

Table 2

Service item	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
a. Escort service (for going out/medical appointments)				
b. Meal service (meal delivery)				
c. Personal care				
d. Simple nursing care				
e. Physical exercise				
f. Home-making				
g. Home safety assessment and health management				
h. Purchase and delivery of daily necessities				
i. Other services (e.g. support for carers)				
Total user-times:				

- (9) of (i) the average waiting time for the various items of services provided under the Pilot Scheme and (ii) the average time per person for which they are used; and
- (10) of the criteria adopted by SWD for setting the charges for meal service and other services provided under the Pilot Scheme at \$54 per meal and \$131 per hour respectively?

Question 19
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Wastage of the Administrative Officer and
Executive Officer grades staff

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting to ask:

Regarding the wastage of the Administrative Officer (“AO”) and Executive Officer (“EO”) grades staff, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the wastage of (a) directorate and (b) non-directorate officers in the two grades in the past three financial years, with a breakdown by reason for departure (i.e. retirement and other reasons) (set out in the table below); and

Financial Year	AO grade						EO grade					
	Retirement		Other reasons		Total		Retirement		Other reasons		Total	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
2015-2016												
2016-2017												
2017-2018												

- (2) of the measures in place to reduce the wastage of staff in the two grades?

Question 20
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Implementation of the sanctions decided by
the Security Council of the United Nations

Hon Holden CHOW to ask:

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development indicated in reply to a question raised by a Member of this Council on 23 January this year that the Government had all along been implementing and enforcing the sanctions or restrictions imposed by the United Nations Security Council against 14 places and two organizations through the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) and the regulations made under that Ordinance by the Chief Executive. In the past five years, the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) and the Customs and Excise Department (“C&ED”) investigated 201 and 99 suspected cases of sanctions violations respectively. The manpower responsible for the relevant law enforcement work includes 69 staff members from the relevant investigation division of HKPF and 47 staff members from the Trade Controls Branch of C&ED. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of a breakdown of the aforesaid cases by the places/organizations under sanction they involved (set out in a table);
- (2) whether it has assessed the adequacy of the current law enforcement manpower; if so, of the outcome; whether it has plans to increase the manpower; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (3) whether the current deployment of law enforcement manpower is based on the places/organizations under sanction; if so, of the details, and whether it has deployed law enforcement manpower based on the risk of the occurrence of sanctions violations; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Question 21
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Enforcement of the smoking ban

Hon Tony TSE to ask:

Although the legislation banning smoking in the indoor areas of restaurants has come into operation for over one decade, some members of the public currently still find, from time to time at present, patrons blatantly smoking in the indoor areas of restaurants. This, coupled with the fact that there are often patrons and staff members of restaurants smoking in the open-air areas of restaurants and in the areas outside restaurant entrances, has caused nuisances to other patrons. Regarding the enforcement of the smoking ban, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the number of staff members in the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office (“TACO”) under the Department of Health who are currently responsible for the enforcement of the smoking ban; whether there are plans to increase such manpower;
- (2) of the respective numbers of (i) complaints received in the past five years and (ii) prosecutions instituted last year, by the authorities in respect of smoking offences, with a breakdown by type of no smoking areas;
- (3) whether TACO has proactively deployed staff to conduct inspections at restaurants; if so, set out by year the respective numbers of routine and surprise inspections conducted during daytime and night-time in the past five years;
- (4) whether the authorities received complaints in the past five years about law enforcement officers in TACO suspected of being absent from duty without authorization; if so, of the number of such complaints and, among them, the number of those found to be substantiated, as well as the penalties imposed on the officers concerned;
- (5) whether it has uncovered cases of restaurant operators condoning or giving tacit consent to patrons smoking in the indoor areas of restaurants; if so, of the measures to deal with the situation; and
- (6) whether it will consider designating the following areas as statutory no smoking areas: (i) areas within a reasonable distance outside the entrances of restaurants and (ii) open-air areas of restaurants which are within a reasonable distance from the indoor areas of the restaurants; whether, in the long run, it will, by drawing reference from the anti-smoking policies adopted in certain overseas

countries, switch from the current practice of designating statutory no smoking areas to imposing a total ban on smoking in open-air public areas (except designated smoking areas)?

Question 22
(For written reply)

(Translation)

Capability of children and youths to exercise self-control
in using mobile phones and browsing social media

Hon Charles Peter MOK to ask:

The findings of some surveys indicate that children and youths generally have lower self-control over the use of mobile phones, and they are prone to developing depression and anxiety once they have become addicted to browsing the Internet. Some concern groups have pointed out that prolonged use of mobile phones and browsing social media by children and youths may affect their work and rest routines, physical and mental health as well as interpersonal relationships, and they also have a higher chance of encountering cyber frauds and bullying as well as being exposed to harmful and false information. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the number of requests for assistance received in the past three years by the Education Bureau and subvented social welfare organizations concerning the addiction of children and youths to browsing the Internet or social media, with a breakdown by the age group to which they belonged;
- (2) whether, in the past three years, it (i) conducted statistical surveys on the habits of children and youths on using mobile phones and browsing social media as well as the impacts of such habits on their physical and mental well-being, and (ii) formulated, in collaboration with the various stakeholders, guidelines to assist parents in strengthening their children's capability to exercise self-control in using mobile phones and browsing social media; and
- (3) whether it will allocate additional resources to (i) offer counselling to children and youths and (ii) provide support to teachers, parents and community organizations in order to help children and youths strengthen their capability to exercise self-control in using mobile phones and browsing social media; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Criminal Procedure Ordinance

Resolution

(Under section 9B of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221))

Resolved that the Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2019, made by the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee on 19 February 2019, be approved.

**Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances)
(Amendment) Rules 2019**

(Made by the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee under section 9B of the
Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) with the approval of the
Legislative Council)

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Chief Justice by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules amended

The Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. B) are amended as set out in rules 3, 4 and 5.

3. Rule 3 amended (allowances for professional witnesses)

(1) Rule 3(1)—

Repeal

“\$2,770”

Substitute

“\$3,065”.

(2) Rule 3(2)—

Repeal

“\$1,385”

Substitute

“\$1,530”.

4. Rule 4 amended (allowances for expert witnesses)

(1) Rule 4(1)—

Repeal

“\$2,770”

Substitute

“\$3,065”.

(2) Rule 4(2)—

Repeal

“\$1,385”

Substitute

“\$1,530”.

5. Rule 5 amended (allowances for loss of remuneration or expenses incurred)

(1) Rule 5(1)—

Repeal

“\$515”

Substitute

“\$575”.

(2) Rule 5(2)—

Repeal

“\$255”

Substitute

“\$285”.

Made this 19th day of February 2019.

The Hon. Mr. Justice YEUNG
Chief Judge of the High Court
(Acting)

The Hon. Mr. Justice MACRAE, V.P.

The Hon. Mrs. Justice BARNES

Andy HO
Senior Deputy Registrar, High Court

Charlotte DRAYCOTT, S.C.

Eric T M CHEUNG

Jonathan MAN

Ms Juliana OY CHAN

Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. B) to increase the maximum rates of allowances for the following classes of witnesses in criminal proceedings before any court—

- (a) witnesses practising specific professions and attending to give professional evidence;
- (b) expert witnesses attending to give expert evidence;
- (c) witnesses attending to give evidence (other than professional or expert evidence) and losing remuneration or incurring expenses as a result.

Coroners Ordinance

Resolution

(Under section 54 of the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504))

Resolved that the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2019, made by the Chief Justice on 19 February 2019, be approved.

Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2019

(Made by the Chief Justice under section 54 of the Coroners Ordinance
(Cap. 504) subject to the approval of the Legislative Council)

1. **Commencement**
These Rules come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Chief Justice by notice published in the Gazette.
2. **Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules amended**
The Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) are amended as set out in rules 3, 4 and 5.
3. **Rule 3 amended (allowances for professional witnesses)**
 - (1) Rule 3(1)—
Repeal
"\$2,770"
Substitute
"\$3,065".
 - (2) Rule 3(2)—
Repeal
"\$1,385"
Substitute
"\$1,530".
4. **Rule 4 amended (allowances for expert witnesses)**
 - (1) Rule 4(1)—
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 5. **Rule 5 amended (allowances for loss of remuneration or expenses incurred)**
 - (1) Rule 5(1)—
Repeal
"\$515"
Substitute
"\$575".
 - (2) Rule 5(2)—
Repeal
"\$255"
Substitute
"\$285".



Chief Justice

19 February 2019

Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) to increase the maximum rates of allowances for the following classes of witnesses at inquests under the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504)—

- (a) witnesses practising specific professions and attending to give professional evidence;
- (b) expert witnesses attending to give expert evidence;
- (c) witnesses attending to give evidence (other than professional or expert evidence) and losing remuneration or incurring expenses as a result.

Public Finance Ordinance

Resolution

(Under section 7(1) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2))

Resolved that—

1. Authority is given for a sum not exceeding \$131,081,699,000 to be charged on the general revenue for expenditure on the services of the Government in respect of the financial year commencing on 1 April 2019.
2. Subject to this Resolution, the sum so charged may be expended against the heads of expenditure as shown in the Estimates of Expenditure 2019–20 laid before the Legislative Council on 27 February 2019 or, if the Estimates are changed under the provisions of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) as applied by section 7(2) of that Ordinance, as shown in the Estimates as so changed.
3. Expenditure in respect of any head of expenditure must not exceed the aggregate of the amounts authorized by paragraph 4 to be expended in respect of the subheads in that head of expenditure.
4. Expenditure in respect of each subhead in a head of expenditure must not exceed—
 - (a) for an Operating Account Recurrent subhead of expenditure, an amount equivalent to—

- (i) except if the subhead is listed in Schedule 1 to this Resolution, 20% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead; or
 - (ii) if the subhead is listed in Schedule 1 to this Resolution, the percentage of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead that is specified in that Schedule in relation to that subhead; and
- (b) for an Operating Account Non-Recurrent subhead of expenditure or a Capital Account subhead of expenditure, an amount equivalent to—
 - (i) except if the subhead is listed in Schedule 2 to this Resolution, 100% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead; or
 - (ii) if the subhead is listed in Schedule 2 to this Resolution, the amount that is specified in that Schedule in relation to that subhead,

or such other amount, not exceeding an amount equivalent to 100% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead, as may in any case be approved by the Financial Secretary.

Schedule 1

				[para. 4(a)]
				Percentage of provision shown in Estimates
Head of Expenditure		Subhead		
59	Government Logistics Department	225	Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme—levies	100
90	Labour Department	280	Contribution to the Occupational Safety and Health Council	30
		295	Contribution to the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board	30
120	Pensions	026	Employees' compensation, injury, incapacity and death related payments and expenses	40
152	Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	000	Operational expenses	25

				Percentage of provision shown in Estimates
Head of Expenditure		Subhead		
155	Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission	000	Operational expenses	25
170	Social Welfare Department	157	Assistance for patients and their families	100
		176	Criminal and law enforcement injuries compensation	25
		177	Emergency relief	100
		179	Comprehensive social security assistance scheme	30
		180	Social security allowance scheme	30

Schedule 2

				[para. 4(b)]
Head of Expenditure		Subhead		Amount
				\$
106	Miscellaneous Services	689	Additional commitments	0
		789	Additional commitments	1,000,000,000
184	Transfers to Funds	987	Payment to the Capital Investment Fund	0
		988	Payment to the Loan Fund	0

Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

Resolution

(Under section 34(4) of the Interpretation and
General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

Resolved that in relation to the Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2019, published in the Gazette as Legal Notice No. 14 of 2019, and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 20 February 2019, the period for amending subsidiary legislation referred to in section 34(2) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) be extended under section 34(4) of that Ordinance to the meeting of 17 April 2019.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Proactively expanding development opportunities in the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area”
to be moved by Hon WONG Ting-kwong**

Wording of the Motion

That the Central Government has promulgated the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (‘the Plan’), the contents of which have taken on board the views of Hong Kong, Macao and the major cities in the Greater Bay Area, setting out the directions for future development of the Greater Bay Area, putting forward specific economic development objectives for Hong Kong and proposing a number of measures to facilitate Hong Kong people in living and working on the Mainland; in order to enable Hong Kong to properly perform the role of a core engine for regional development, grasp new opportunities of future development and improve people’s livelihood, this Council urges the SAR Government to formulate policies and allocate more resources to develop pillar industries, innovation and technology and other emerging industries, and to adopt more proactive measures to facilitate the daily living and travel of members of the public in Hong Kong, so as to offer appropriate channels of business expansion in the Greater Bay Area to enterprises of different sizes (micro, small, medium and large), create more new development and employment opportunities for Hong Kong people, particularly young people, and provide Hong Kong people with living space of better quality.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Reforming the immigration and admission policies”
to be moved by Hon Gary FAN**

Wording of the Motion

That between mid-1997 and end 2017, there had been an annual average entry of 48 300 One-way Permit (‘OWP’) holders into Hong Kong, giving a cumulative inflow of 990 000 people; moreover, between 2013 and 2017, an annual average of some 53 500 non-local professionals were allowed to work and settle in Hong Kong under three major talent admission schemes; as there have been strong views in the Hong Kong community in recent years, expressing concern that the persistent increase in Hong Kong’s population has created a heavy burden on public services and facilities in Hong Kong, and that some of the entrants have committed immigration frauds (including concealing overseas assets, using false identities, forging documents, engaging in bogus marriages) to obtain right of abode and social welfare, this Council urges the SAR Government to reform the immigration and admission policies by adhering to the principle of ‘putting Hong Kong people first’ and taking into account the local carrying capacity; specific measures include:

- (1) establishing a dual vetting and approval mechanism for OWP in accordance with Articles 22 and 154 of the Basic Law and the Immigration Ordinance whereby the SAR Government can exercise the power to vet and approve entry for immigration and taking back the initiative in the policy on OWP, so as to serve properly the gatekeeping role on the population policy of Hong Kong;
- (2) striving for reducing OWP quota by half to 75 per day and reviewing the quota for various talent admission schemes, so as to alleviate the burden on public healthcare services, subsidized housing, social welfare and educational resources posed by an increasing number of immigrants and entrants in the future, so that priority can be accorded to meeting the needs of the Hong Kong people in the allocation of public resources in Hong Kong;
- (3) reforming the OWP application system to make it on a par with the dependents system of various talent admission schemes by incorporating the approval conditions on financial means, to be complemented by a points system, so as to make early identification and selection of

immigrants having long-term means to live at a standard well above the subsistence level to settle in Hong Kong;

- (4) negotiating with the relevant departments of Mainland China in respect of the OWP system for a study on the introduction of a 'return mechanism' to allow people coming to Hong Kong on OWPs to temporarily retain their household registration in the Mainland and return to Mainland China for resettlement if they cannot adapt to the life in Hong Kong;
- (5) regarding people who are granted the right of abode in Hong Kong through various talent admission schemes and the OWP system, stepping up investigation into their overseas assets if they apply for social welfare and subsidized housing in Hong Kong, so as to plug the loopholes in the existing policy;
- (6) stepping up efforts in combating cross-boundary bogus marriages by, among others, drawing reference from the practice of the United Kingdom, extending the period for the issue of a Certificate of Registrar of Marriages if the Registrar of Marriages has reasonable suspicions of non-local people planning to get married in Hong Kong engaging in bogus marriages, so that government departments can have more time to conduct investigations and take enforcement actions to prevent fraudsters from obtaining through bogus marriages the requisite documents to apply for settlement in Hong Kong, and the Immigration Department should compile statistics on the number of bogus marriages in Hong Kong annually; and
- (7) stepping up efforts against immigration frauds at the local and international levels by, drawing reference from the practices of the United Kingdom and Australia, establishing an inter-departmental dedicated team to tackle organized immigration crime to carry out, focusing on applications suspected of using false identities, forging documents, making false statements, etc., strict verification of supporting documents, and participating in the global cooperation on immigration fraud prevention.